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A positive week for the Lingers in which we hosted 2 league fixtures at the Lair since the best part of 11 months, a painful wait but it's good to be back.

Last Saturday we faced Loxwood who it's safe to say struggled in the league last year, however they had opened up with a narrow defeat away to Saltdean and then a dominant 4-1 victory over East Preston so it was never going to be easy. A first half brace from Rhys White put us in a commanding position at the interval and then a worldie from Loxwood's Luke Brodie made it a nervy last ten but we saw the game out. Our first 3 points on the board which were much needed if truth be told. An MOM performance from Rhys and if he can stay injury-free then will have a big season ahead of him.

Tuesday night saw us welcome our good friends Little Common to Godstone Road. LC are probably the team we have faced most over the last 4 years. Our record against them is quite good but we know they hold a threat especially from setpieces. Fortunately for us, their main threat going forward Lewis Hole was suspended and other attacking players such as Jamie Crone, Sam Cruttwell and Wes Tate have all seemed to have moved on. We dominated the game for large parts and posed a threat going forward in the first half without managing to find the

breakthrough. LC tightened things up defensively and got most of the team behind the ball and managed to secure the draw they came for. It's obvious we are lacking a little something in the final third and the management will need to sort this sooner rather than later. A quick mention to Reece Anderson, a young left back who impressed on his debut and picked up MOM.

Today we welcome Forest Hill Park in the FA Vase. We were due to be playing away but we agreed to reverse the fixture when asked by FHP. Truth be told we don't know much about the opposition but expect a physically demanding game and one we should win.

It's great to see so much support, please continue backing the lads.... up the Lingers!



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Lingfield FC was formed in 1893, initially competing in the now defunct Edenbridge & District League for the first 20 years of its history. Throughout virtually all their history the club has retained its distinctive red and yellow colours, albeit in a variety of guises.

After much success in junior and local intermediate football the club applied to join the Sussex County League (and senior football) in 1980, but were turned down after the ground was deemed inadequate. However, Lingfield had more success with the Combined Counties League, which they joined the following season (1980/81). In 1981/82 Lingfield finished as runners-up in Division Two of the Eastern Division.

Lingfield installed floodlights for the first time in 1983 and they were christened with a match on 2nd March against Brighton, a game that drew a crowd of 1,200. With floodlights in place, the club was finally accepted into Division Two of the County League, with the promise of less traveling and more local derbies to look forward to. After three seasons however, they were relegated to Division Three, and intermediate football once more.

In 1993/94 Lingfield returned to senior football as runners-up to Bosham, but it proved to be a brief return, with relegation following the next season. In 1997/98 however, the club was promoted once more. this time as champions of Division Three, but again struggled to maintain senior status. In 2000 they finished bottom but avoided the drop, but were not as lucky with an identical finish the following year. 2001/02 saw Lingfield close to dropping out of the League altogether after they finished bottom of Division Three, only to be saved by the merger of Ansty Rangers and St. Francis Hospital to form St. Francis Rangers. The following two seasons however, saw a steady improvement, finishing 3rd in the table (albeit 8 points behind second-placed Bexhill United) in 2004/05. The club also reached the final of the Division 3 Challenge Cup, but lost 1-3 to Rustington. In 2005/06 the Club fulfilled its promise of the previous season by going one better and returning to senior football after an absence of five years as runners -up to champions Peacehaven & Telscombe. Lingfield

finished five points clear of third-placed Rustington, but the West Sussex club was once again to prove their nemesis in the Challenge Cup, beating Lingfield 12-11 on penalties after the two sides had drawn 1-1 in normal time. Astonishingly, the shoot-out saw no fewer than 32 spot kicks taken!

In 2006/07 the club finished in 10th position but in 2007/08 under manager Steve Perkins Jnr, secured promotion to Division 1 for the first time in their history by finishing as runners-up to East Grinstead Town. In their first season in Div 1 in season 2008/09 the club finished in a highly respectable 8th position, under manager Steve Perkins Jnr.

In 2009-10 season Lingfield finished in 10th position in Div 1

In 2010-11 season Lingfield finished in 11th position in Div 1

In 2011-12 season Lingfield finished in 7th position in Div 1 $\,$

In 2012-13 season Lingfield finished in 6th position in

In 2013-14 season Lingfield finished in 15th position in Div 1

In 2014-15 season Lingfield finished in 17th position in the SECL

In 2015-16 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in Div. 1

In 2016-17 season Lingfield finished in 5th position in Div 1 $\,$

In 2017-18 season Lingfield finished in 3rd position in Div 1 and promoted to the Prem Division

In 2018-19 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in the Prem and also won the Surrey FA Premier County Cup

In 2019/20 season Lingfield's season was abandoned and was null and void due to Covid-19



LEAGUE HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Division Two:

Runners-up: 2007-08

Sussex County Football League Division Three:

Champions: 1997-98

Runners-up: 1993-94, 2005-06

Combined Counties Football League East Div.:

Runners-up: 1981-82

Redhill and District Football League Division

One: Runners-up: 1958-59

Mid-Sussex Football League Premier Division:

Champions: 1992-93

Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'A':

Champions: 1977-78, 1978-79

Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'B':

Champions: 1976–77 Surrey Junior League: Champions: 1913–14

Edenbridge and Caterham League:

Champions: 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37,

1952-53

Runners-up: 1948–49 East Grinstead League: Champions: 1932–33 Edenbridge League:

Champions: 1905–06, 1908–09, 1909–10, 1911–12, 1912–13, 1913–14, 1922–23,

1929–30

CUP HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Div. Three Cup:

Runners-up: 2004-05, 2005-06

Redhill and District FL Alderman Daniels Cup:

Runners-up: 1968-69

Surrey County Centenary Cup: Winners: 1977–78

Surrey FA Premier County Cup:

Winners: 2018-19 Surrey Intermediate League Cup: Winners: 1977–78, 1978–79 East Surrey Charity Cup:

Winners: 1977–78 Runners-up: 1960–61 Edenbridge Charity Cup:

Winners: 1971-72, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1989-

90, 1990–91, 1992–93 Runners-up: 1961–62, 1978–79

Edenbridge and Caterham Challenge Cup:

Winners: 1961-62

Runners-up: 1960-61, 1962-63

Oxted and Limpsfield Cup:

Runners-up: 1956-57, 1958-59, 1964-65

Caterham and Purley Cup: Runners-up: 1960–61 Edenbridge Hospital Cup:

Horley Hospital Cup: Winners: 1935–36 East Grinstead Shield: Winners: 1932–33 Oxted Hospital Cup: Runners-up: 1960–61 Oxted Charity Cup: Winners: 1971–72

Winners: 1922-23

Keith Hinckley Memorial Cup: Winners: 1991–92, 1992–93 Kenny Brown Memorial Trophy:

Winners: 1991-92



Forest Hill Park FC was officially formed in 1992. A group of keen young footballers (Dean Dennis, Peter Stephens & Clayton Walters) - residing in the Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park areas in South East London – decided to form a team, register with the Football Association, that could compete in a structured football league, a progression from the weekly matches in Honor Oak Park.

The club name derives from the area links between Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park, SE23 in the London borough of Lewisham. The club badge was designed around each elevated arrowed tree stands for each founder member and the Oak tree of Honor, in One Tree Hill SE23, which is a woodland nature Reserve offering superb views over south London and beyond.

We joined forces with local side Lewisham Steelers and entry into the Crystal Palace and District Sunday league in 1992 proved to be a positive step. Many of the players were playing a higher level of football on Saturdays, and due to the success of FHP, it was decided that Saturday football was the next step. Entry into the Bromley & District League was achieved. Our home ground was at Burbage Road in Dulwich for a few seasons but it was agreed to move back into Lewisham borough. Another move developed as we applied to and competed in the South London Federation League for two seasons. In that spell with we were runners up in the league cup.

We then transferred over to the South London Alliance league 2001 playing at Catford Wanderers Sports ground. The committee members of the sports club saw our potential and requested that we play under the name of Catford Wanderers FC 'FIRST TEAM'. We obliged for two seasons but it was felt, by the committee members, that Forest Hill Park FC must retain their identity and consequently reinstated their name with the league. A new dawn ensued as FHPFC, with the club name back and also securing a new home ground in the heart of the borough at Ladywell Arena. Progression through the South London Alliance League followed, after being crowned as Division one

champions 2005/06 and runners up in the premier division for the two following consecutive seasons. Entry into the Vandanel

Kent County Football league in 2008 was gained. In the second season FHP were crowned Division 2 West Champions and gained promotion to Division 1 West. The formation of a new Step 6 league in Kent was on the horizon, open to clubs of suitable standings. FHP fitted the membership criteria and applied to join the new league, but, bizarrely a ruling from the FA deemed the application unsuccessful. In spite of the disappointing news of Step 6, that 2011 season saw FHP win the West Kent Challenge Shield. A slow building process by joining links with other clubs in Lewisham, allowed younger players a pathway into adult county level football. FHPFC have always strived for progression and enjoyment of grass roots football by forming partnerships with other groups, gaining the prestigious charter Standard accreditation in 2010, The FA intermediate status, Lewisham Football Partnership and newly formed reserve side for season 2011/12. Slow building followed, Season 2014/15, FHP were Hospitals Charity Cup finalists and successful in their renewed application to become members of the National League System Step 6 Kent Invicta League for 2015/16.

The league was rebranded the next season, to become part of the existing Southern Counties East Football League, and Forest Hill were placed in Division One for the 2016/17 season. The club would finish in 12th place for that season but then slide to 16th for the following campaign.

2018-19 was a great year for the club as they finished in a record 7th place while the 2019/20 season was abandoned due to Coronovirus.



DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	KO/RES
01 Sept	Newhaven	Α	FAC EP	D 1-1 *
05 Sept	Lancing	Α	SCFL	L 1-6
09 Sept	Langney Wanderers	Н	SCFL	D 0-0
12 Sept	Loxwood	Н	SCFL	W 2-1
15 Sept	Little Common	Н	SCFL	D 0-0
19 Sept	Forest Park	Н	FAV 1Q	3pm
26 Sept	Broadbridge Heath	Α	SCFL	3pm
29 Sept	Eastbourne Town	Н	SCFL	7:45pm

STARTING XI

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Nairne	Hodge	Shepherd	Mayhew	Horn	Johnston	Luba
Nairne	Hodge	Field	Naylor	Turner	Shepherd	Luba
Thurbin	Naylor	Hodge	Fuller	Johnston	Baker	Luba
Thurbin	Shepherd	Hodge	Fuller	Johnston	Mayhew	White
Thurbin	Hodge	Anderson	Horn	Johnston	Mayhew	White

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Hill Horlock Turner Mayhew, Johnston, White White, Loveridge, Turner Horn, Toovey, Loveridge Loveridge, Horlock, Baker SUBS UNUSED

Stead, Field, Burnett Thurbin Mayhew, Burnett, Alfalahi Burnett Fuller, Nairne * Lost 4-2 on Pens





		Р	w	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Eastbourne United	4	3	0	1	6	6	0	9
2	AFC Uckfield Town	4	2	2	0	7	3	4	8
3	Saltdean United	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
4	Lancing	3	2	0	1	10	5	5	6
5	Crawley Down Gatwick	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
6	Pagham	3	1	2	0	8	3	5	5
7	Newhaven	3	1	2	0	6	1	5	5
8	Alfold	3	1	2	0	7	5	2	5
9	Lingfield	4	1	2	1	3	7	-4	5
10	Horley Town	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
11	Loxwood	4	1	1	2	6	5	1	4
12	Eastbourne Town	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
13	Peacehaven & Telscombe	4	1	0	3	7	7	0	3
14	Little Common	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	3
15	Steyning Town	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
16	Hassocks	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3
17	Horsham YMCA	4	1	0	3	4	11	-7	3
18	East Preston	4	0	2	2	5	9	-4	2
19	Langney Wanderers	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1
20	Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0





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So, where were we?

It's been six long months since the 2019/20 season came to an end which saw most Non-League clubs have their campaigns abandoned with roughly half a dozen weeks remaining.

Football is on its way back thick and fast now with the preliminary round of the FA Cup taking place today while some leagues are already several fixtures in.

Steps 3 and 4 get underway next weekend (19th) while the National League will begin on October 3.

There has never been a more challenging time for Non-League clubs and their volunteers, having to implement important Covid-19 regulations and adapt financially.

We've seen over pre-season how well clubs have managed the situation and it is crucial football, particularly Non-League, can continue to prove it is capable of staging matches safely.

At the time of writing, the National League is still waiting for the green light to admit fans – it is thought they will be allowed to in time for the season's start.

Below Steps 1 and 2, clubs can allow up to 30 per cent of ground grading capacity at the level.

For most teams, this isn't an issue but league chiefs at Steps 3 and 4 are pushing for the limit to be changed to 30 per cent of ground capacity to benefit the more well-supported clubs.

At this stage, the season getting underway, fingers crossed, won't be too much of an

issue. Bigger problems, perhaps, lie in wait should we experience a second wave of the virus or local areas go into lockdown.

The way this year is going, it wouldn't be a surprise to see a disastrous spell of weather over the winter too!

Only time will tell as to whether Non-League will have to deal with those challenges but for now we should enjoy being back to what we enjoy most, even if the environment has changed somewhat.

Thank you to our loyal readers for supporting The Non-League Paper throughout the summer!

Even though football came to a halt, we continued to make sure the paper was still on newsstands every Sunday and Monday morning throughout the summer.

We interviewed the likes of Chris Wilder, Les Ferdinand, Stuart Peace and Chris Waddle while doing our best to keep you updated on the latest news – as we have done for the last 20 years!

We're massively grateful to all the players, managers, clubs, leagues and everyone else for answering their phones to talk to us!

But, crucially, we wouldn't have been able to do it without the backing of our readers – thank you!

The Non-League Paper is on sale every Sunday and Monday featuring match action, fixtures, results and tables from Steps 1-7

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This is particularly relevant in our behaviour towards match officials. Everyone who partakes in the game at this level does so because they love and enjoy it, whatever side of the fence they are on. Spectators, officials and players have disagreed with match officials since football began and regularly make their views known. However this should not degenerate into personal abuse towards match officials who are doing their job.

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- · Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
 - Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
 - Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- · Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

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