

MATCH DAY PROGRAMME

Chairman David Lee and everyone at Selsey Football Club would like to welcome you all to the Seal Bay Stadium for today's Southern Combination Division One game against Copthorne FC.

Please enjoy our facilities today and we hope you are treated to a good game which is played in the right spirit.



REPORT

For our last game we travelled away for our furthest trip of the season to visit Seaford fc.

On a blustery afternoon and a difficult, bumpy surface, the lads adapted incredibly well, starting with good intentions and not giving our hosts too much time on the ball pressing well all over the pitch and not letting Seaford settle into the stride and pattern. With both teams in the top half of the table it was always going to be Important the first goal and it came from us courtesy of a great Ryan Morey strike from outside the box, after collecting a through ball he took a touch before smashing it past the home goalkeeper giving us a 1-0 lead.

The second wasn't far behind after a good corner routine, a Callum Fewell header was met by Ollie Humphries, who's goal bound effort was saved on the line by the Seaford defender! Penalty and a red card followed before Corey Burns slotted home the penalty calmly to give us a 2-0 lead and with our host being reduced to 10 men for the rest of the game.

However when we were looking comfortable moving towards half time and great strike from the Seaford forward gave Syd Davies no chance with the ball nestling in the top corner from distance, therefore reducing the scoreline just before half time.

The second half we were pretty much in control although we did have to be aware of our hosts direct style of play and the occasional set piece delivery into our box but with the lads defending well and reducing Seaford to minimal chances we didn't need to chase the game and came out 2-1 winners. A good solid hard working away performance and a pleasing victory on the road.

Daren Pearce





SELSEY FC CLUB HISTORY

Selsey Football Club was formed in 1903 and played at various grounds before setting up home at the High Street Ground in the late 1940s. Selsey were a formidable force in the West Sussex Football League and dominated the league in the 1950s. Their record in the West Sussex Football League before applying for promotion to the Sussex County Football League was the envy of many. They won Division One on six occasions in 1937/38, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59 and 1960/61, together with the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup on four occasions in 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58 and 1958/59.

They also added the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup trophy to their haul in 1958/59. Selsey made the step up to the Sussex County League in 1961 and made an immediate impact in Division Two, finishing runners-up to champions Shoreham in their first season. Selsey gained promotion to Division One in 1963/64, ending the season as champions and were also winners of the Division Two Invitation Cup. The club remained in the top division for five years before being relegated in 1969. The highlight of their early existence in the County scene was when they appeared at the Goldstone Ground, Brighton and were narrowly beaten by Eastbourne Utd 1-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup in season 1962/63.

A return to the top flight was achieved in season 1975/76, again as champions, but within two seasons the club once again found itself back in Division Two. They then endured a further nine seasons in the lower division until they gained promotion back to Division One for the third time in 1986/87, as runners-up to Pagham. Their two chances of cup glory during that time came in 1984/85 when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup losing to local rivals Chichester City 2-1 and in 1986/87 when they were eventual winners. Once back in Division One Selsey managed to survive for four seasons, until finishing bottom in 1991 with just 12 points. They had another chance of silverware in 1989/90 but again failed in the final when they lost to Langney Sports in the John O'Hara League Cup. They made amends by winning the County League five a side tournament at the Brighton Centre under Manager Joe Laidlaw. The club then had a period of success when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup in 1994/95 and then winners the following season, together with winning promotion to Division One again in 1995/96.

The club then enjoyed its longest spell in Division One, a period of eight years. It also had its most successful time, when Danny Hinshelwood took control of the club in 2000. Season 2001/02 saw them win the SCFA RUR Cup and the following year saw them lift the John O'Hara League Cup. In 2000/01 and 2001/02 the club finished 4th on both occasions, their highest finish to date. Problems behind the scenes at the club, however, saw them start the 2003/04 amongst the favourites for relegation. The annual curtain-raiser - The Norman Wingate Trophy - did little to dispel those feelings, as Whitehawk thumped a woeful Selsey side 6-1. The remainder of the season followed suit as Selsey were relegated to Division Two.

Following two seasons of rebuilding and re-structuring, and with Danny Hinshelwood back in charge the 2005/06 campaign saw Selsey back to something like their best. They gained promotion back to Division One and in 2006/07, they finished in 8th place. They also won their way through to the SCFA RUR Cup final again in season 2007/08, but could not record their second triumph, losing to Three Bridges. A 15th place finish kept them in Division One. Another cup final appearance was to come Selsey's way in 2011/12 when they played Rye Utd in the SCFA RUR Cup, but again could not record a win and lost 2-0. In 2011 the club made improvements to the ground in line with the FA ground grading requirements and now has a ground worthy of its County League status.

Selsey's 2012/13 season saw some highs and lows. League wins at Hassocks and Redhill were the pick of the bunch and an emphatic 4-0 thumping of Rye Utd avenged the cup final defeat from the previous season. A total of eleven league wins and twelve draws saw Selsey finish 18th in the league, only avoiding relegation by four points.

The following season started with great enthusiasm and optimism. Ex Brighton and Hove Albion favourite Adam Hinshelwood was in charge of the side and things looked good for the new campaign. However, a far from bright start saw Selsey draw their first game and lose their next three before beating local rivals Chichester 2-1 at home in the league. Early exits were recorded in the FA Cup and FA Vase and their league form was inconsistent. This form led to Hinshelwood resigning as Manager when they lost away to 2nd Division outfit Broadbridge Heath in the SCFA RUR Cup. Ryan Pharo took over the hot-seat and stabilized the ship, recording notable victories against Pagham and Hassocks. Pharo's rein at the Club however was short-lived and he was removed from his post in March. The Club decided to take on a Youth policy and the need to promote from within. Steve Bailey was promoted to the position of Manager and with half the first team squad leaving the Club it was a difficult end to the season. They lost seven of their last eight matches only winning the last game of the season at home to Lingfield 3-2 to secure their place in Division One for another term.

The 2014-15 Season proved to be a very difficult time for the Club. The first team struggled in the league and never looked like holding onto their position in Division One. They ended the season in bottom place with only eleven points and were relegated to the newly formed Southern Combination Football League. Their cup exploits did not fare any better with defeats in the first round of each competition.

The 2015-16 season again proved to be tough for Steve Baileys' side. It took until the second week in October before they recorded their first league victory. Early Cup wins in the Peter Bentley Cup and Division One Cup were an improvement on the previous term, but unfortunately the side went out of these competitions before any silverware came their way. For the third season running Selsey were needing a result on the last day of the season to prevent relegation. A 1-1 draw at home to Southwick was sufficient for the team to retain its Division One status and plan for the season ahead.

2016-17 saw an improvement in the league and Selsey finished in a respectable 7th position with 53 points. Again, there were early exits in the cup competitions but some good performances throughout the season, suggested the Club was heading in the right direction.

Much was expected in season 2017-18, but Selsey were unable to improve upon the previous season's finish. They maintained a mid-table position when they finished 9th on 47 points. The side fared no better in the cup competitions and the season ended up a bit of a disappointment. It was at the end of this season that a managerial change was made. Steve Bailey was replaced by explayer Daren Pearce, who had previously been in charge at near-neighbours Sidlesham FC.

2018-19 saw an immediate improvement and the 1st team ended up in 5th position with 66 points. The National and County cup competitions were not favourable to Selsey and interest in these, was again, lost in the early rounds. However, the U18s were dominant in the league. They not only won the U18 West Division, but they also won the SCFL Champions of Champions final. Things looked very bright for the club moving forward.

The next two seasons were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Season 2019-20 was terminated in March 2020 and, whilst season 2020-21 got under way, it, also, was not concluded.

Fortunately, a lot of the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted for the commencement of the 2021-22 season and this started on Saturday 31st July. Selsey finished in a mid-table position with 55 points. The emphasis of the Club was now on developing young players and a plan was put in place to try to achieve this. The cup competitions were, again, not successful.

2022-23 saw Daren Pearce remain in charge with the remit to keep developing youngsters and to improve upon the previous season. A strong finish to the season saw the 1st Team qualify for the last play-off place. They then had to visit Epsom and Ewell in an attempt to reach the paly-off final, but they lost out on a penalty shoot-out after holding their hosts to a 0-0 draw. However, they had delivered on the remit for the season and the Club continued to develop. An U18 side was added to the list of teams within the Club, together with the fully associated Selsey FC Womens teams.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION: WORTHING UNITED



Wigmore Athletic joined the Sussex County League in 1952 as founder members of Division Two. They won the division at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division One. The club finished second-from-bottom of Division One for three consecutive seasons between 1954–55 and 1956–57, but avoided relegation. In 1959–60 they won the league's Invitation Cup. After finishing bottom of Division One in 1965–66 the club were relegated to Division Two.

Wigmore were Division Two runners-up in 1967–68 and were promoted back to Division One, also winning the Division Two Cup. However, they finished bottom of Division One again the following season and were relegated to Division Two. In 1973–74 the club were Division One champions, resulting in promotion back to Division One. They finished third in Division One the following season, their highest-ever league finish, as well as winning the John O'Hara League Challenge Cup. However, they were relegated back to Division Two at the end of the 1977–78 season after a last-placed finish. After finishing second-from-bottom of Division Two in 1987–88 and being relegated to Division Three the club merged with Southdown to form Worthing United.

Worthing United were Division Three champions in 1989–90, resulting in promotion to Division Two. The club remained in Division Two until finishing as runners-up in 2003–04, after which they were promoted to Division One. After finishing bottom of Division One in 2008–09 they were relegated back to Division Two. A third-place finish in Division Two in 2010–11 saw them return to Division One. After finishing bottom of Division One by avoiding relegation in 2012–13, they finished last again the following season and were relegated back to Division Two.

The 2014–15 season saw Worthing United win both the Division Two Cup and the Division Two title, earning promotion to the renamed Southern Combination Premier Division. In August 2015 two of the club's players, Matthew Grimstone and Jacob Schilt, were among those killed when an aircraft crashed on the A27 road near Shoreham Airport. They were driving to the Robert Albon Memorial ground to participate in a match against Loxwood, which was consequently called off. The club were relegated to Division One at the end of the 2017–18 season after finishing second-from-bottom of the Premier Division.

Source: Wikipedia

LEAGUE STANDINGS SOUTHERN COMBINATIONS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

		AVON							
POS	Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Roffey	25	19	3	3	83	24	59	60
2	Worthing United	25	15	5	5	50	25	25	50
3	Dorking Wanderers B	26	15	4	7	61	30	31	49
4	Godalming Town	28	12	10	6	46	31	15	46
5	Wick	24	13	6	5	58	40	18	45
6	Selsey	23	12	6	5	37	31	6	42
7	Seaford Town	24	13	2	9	65	44	21	41
8	Chessington & Hook United	24	9	9	6	43	44	-1	36
9	Montpelier Villa	26	10	5	11	51	53	-2	35
10	Arundel	24	10	6	8	48	36	12	33 *
11	Alfold	26	9	4	13	42	61	-19	31
12	Forest Row	24	9	3	12	46	50	-4	30
13	Mile Oak	26	6	7	13	32	58	-26	25
14	Banstead Athletic	25	6	6	13	39	53	-14	24
15	Copthorne	25	7	3	15	54	89	-35	24
16	Billingshurst	24	6	5	13	51	60	-9	23
17	East Preston	26	5	4	17	30	72	-42	19
18	Oakwood	23	4	0	19	21	56	-35	12



SELSEY FC WOMEN

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Manager Rhys Griffiths

Assistant Manager Craig Seacombe



Next Fixture:





Sunday 3rd March Seal Bay Stadium

SELSEY FC U18S

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Matthias Budd
Will Banham
Ethan Turner
Ty Couzens
Marcel Tourmentin
Henry Waller

Tobie Appleby Jamie Simpson Oscar Lee

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Charlie Banham

Forwards

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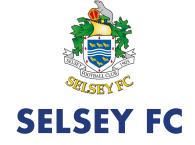






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