

## 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.

MANAGER'S

REPORT

"Hard work pays off for the lads"

Saturdays game against Billingshurst fc was won 3-2 by a performance of hard work and togetherness. After a midweek cup defeat at high flying Steyning fc of the Premier division, Saturday we returned home to face a Billingshurst side who have recently changed their manager and have began hitting some good form. We knew we would be in for a tough afternoon but when you give a side 2 goals it makes your task even harder to get a result. But to there credit the lads put in the hard work and determination which in some weeks has deserted us a little. Saturday it was nice to see that determination, drive and desire return and with 3 good goals it saw us gain all 3 points.

James Henton was to give us the lead early on with a good header from a Shane Brazil cross and then Brazil himself got the second after a delightful through ball from Ryan Morey in-between these goals we gifted Billingshurst a first then a second therefore going in 2-2 at the break. A few home truths at half time and a second half showing of determination and positive football we created more chances and it was Brazil who set up the. winner, Ollie Hambleton won the ball back high up the pitch, he released Brazil who tormented his full back again before pulling the ball back to Bradley Higgins-Pearce on the edge of the box who's first shot was blocked but his follow up slotted into the bottom corner to give us the lead 3-2and although Billingshurst broke a couple of times after this to try a gain the equaliser we defended better in the second half and saw the game out and took all 3 points. A good win and a pleasing performance going forward but we will need to defend better as a unit in the coming weeks to maintain the levels we've set ourselves.

**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: EAST PRESTON FC



East Preston F.C. was originally formed in 1947, but unfortunately folded within ten years. However it was reformed, as the present club, in 1966 when it was elected to the Worthing League.

East Preston then moved on to the West Sussex League for the start of the 1968-69 season before becoming a founder member of the newly formed Sussex County League Division Three in 1983/84, having won a number of honours in the seasons leading up to that. The club won Division Three at the first attempt but were unable to take their place in senior football as the ground and facilities were not up to the required standard.

The club remained in Division Three until 1090/91 when they gained promotion once again, this time as runners up to Ifield. However they lasted just one season before being relegated back the following year. After a couple of near misses they finally achieved promotion again at the end of the 1994/95 season. In that promotion season they achieved a memorable treble also winning the Division Three Cup and the Sussex Intermediate Cup.

In 1997/98 promotion to Division One was achieved for the first time in the club's history. The club aquitted itself well for two seasons, finishing fourth in 1999/2000, before a season of crisis saw them relegated in 2000/01. Recovery however, was swift and East Preston were immediately promoted back to the top flight. Following a season of consolidation, 2003/04 saw East Preston once again a force in the top division, finishing third behind Chichester City United, and just missing out on the runners up spot on goal difference to Rye and Iden United.

2004/05 saw the club reach the third qualifying round of the F.A. Cup, eventually bowing out to Billericay Town.

For the start of the 2011-12 season Dominic Di Paola was appointed manager, to start the most successful period in the clubs history.

The club ran away with the Division Two title in the 2011/12 season, securing promotion before any other senior side in the country, and also claiming the League and Cup double, beating local rivals Littlehampton 5-1 in the Division Two Cup final.

In the 2012/13 season East Preston finished third in Division One, an in 2013/14 won the Division One title by 17 points, but were denied entrance into the Ryman League due to not meeting the ground grading requirements. In October 2014/15 Dominic Di Paola left for Hastings United and the successful team broke up. A period of upheaval followed and the team finished 11th in the League.

Promotion back to the Premier Division was achieved the following season, a fitting way to celebrate the clubs 50th Anniversary after being reformed.

Recent seasons have seen East Preston hold their Premier status, albeit with a reprieve from relegation following the curtailment of the 2020/21 season however the team were relegated to Division One at the end of the 2022/23 season.

In recent years the club have developed a large Youth section and have firmly established themselves at the heart of the village. For the first time in the club's history, in 2023/24 East Preston will be fielding womens teams.

East Preston achieved Charter Standard in the summer of 2020.

# LEAGUE STANDINGS SOUTHERN COMBINATIONS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

| POS | Team                      | Р  | W  | D | L  | F  | Α  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Roffey                    | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1  | 53 | 13 | 40  | 35  |
| 2   | Dorking Wanderers B       | 16 | 10 | 4 | 2  | 43 | 17 | 26  | 34  |
| 3   | Godalming Town            | 16 | 8  | 4 | 4  | 28 | 16 | 12  | 28  |
| 4   | Chessington & Hook United | 17 | 7  | 7 | 3  | 34 | 35 | -1  | 28  |
| 5   | Montpelier Villa          | 17 | 8  | 2 | 7  | 34 | 35 | -1  | 26  |
| 6   | Arundel                   | 15 | 7  | 4 | 4  | 33 | 18 | 15  | 25  |
| 7   | Worthing United           | 13 | 7  | 4 | 2  | 25 | 12 | 13  | 25  |
| 8   | Seaford Town              | 13 | 8  | 0 | 5  | 42 | 24 | 18  | 24  |
| 9   | Selsey                    | 15 | 6  | 5 | 4  | 24 | 25 | -1  | 23  |
| 10  | Wick                      | 14 | 6  | 3 | 5  | 33 | 31 | 2   | 21  |
| 11  | Forest Row                | 15 | 6  | 1 | 8  | 29 | 29 | 0   | 19  |
| 12  | Banstead Athletic         | 13 | 6  | 1 | 6  | 23 | 27 | -4  | 19  |
| 13  | Alfold                    | 15 | 5  | 1 | 9  | 24 | 39 | -15 | 16  |
| 14  | Mile Oak                  | 15 | 3  | 5 | 7  | 17 | 32 | -15 | 14  |
| 15  | Copthorne                 | 17 | 4  | 2 | 11 | 37 | 65 | -28 | 14  |
| 16  | Billingshurst             | 15 | 3  | 3 | 9  | 31 | 39 | -8  | 12  |
| 17  | East Preston              | 15 | 3  | 2 | 10 | 18 | 45 | -27 | 11  |
| 18  | Oakwood                   | 15 | 2  | 0 | 13 | 12 | 38 | -26 | 6   |



## SELSEY FC WOMEN

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**Manager** Rhys Griffiths

**Assistant Manager** Craig Seacombe



**Next Fixture:** 





Sunday 3rd December Seal Bay Stadium

### SELSEY FC U18S

**Goalkeepers** Alfie Lee Ryan Matlock

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

Tobie Appleby Jamie Simpson Oscar Lee

Midfield

Lennon Ayling Matthew Horsefield

Charlie Banham

#### **Forwards**

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Coach

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