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## Words from the Chairman

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

Welcome to the Belmont everyone, I trust the Phoenix supporters and committee have had a safe trip to the coast and enjoy the few hours they have with us.

I don't know about you, but my head is still banging from the sound of the Hastings drum! But I must admit... it did create an atmosphere that I haven't experienced at the Belmont too often, to the point it almost felt like a cup match! We are working on creating an atmosphere to get behind the players (something that was evident at Faversham away) Starting with a walk out song so listen in just before kick-off it might just get your feet tapping!

We do have a vacancy within the club as the Kit Manager for the First Team, this is a vital role that if you would like to volunteer for please feel free to approach me and we can discuss the duties over a drink.

Let's get behind Lloyd and the boys and get three points to put us back in the playoff picture!!

LLOYD BLACKMAN'S RED ARMY

Yours in sport

*Steve*

Chairman



## Blacky's Blog

Good afternoon and welcome to the Belmont for this isthmian league fixture against Pheonix Sports.

That welcome is extended to all the players, staff and directors of our opponents today.

Tuesday night we entertained league leaders Hastings United and unfortunately on the end of 3-1 defeat. It was a strange game to be honest. We expected them to play in a completely different way and spent the days before preparing the players for a certain style, but Hastings threw a complete curve ball at us and played a very, very direct style. When we look back at the 3 goals, we conceded they could've all been avoided and were all from set pieces which was very frustrating. There's no doubt in my mind they will go on to win the league with the personnel they have and they're certainly the benchmark with how they went about the 90minutes.

There was a spell we had 20 minutes before the second half and got ourselves back into the game straight after the restart when we were able to work higher up the pitch and press them to limit the long balls they tried putting in behind us. I thought we dealt with it fairly well and our young players certainly gave them tough evening....as could be seen by the celebrations of the away team on the pitch and in the bar afterwards.

For us it's about consistency. The demands I ask of my players is extremely high and there's no doubt they have the quality...what is important is they continue to learn and have the confidence to express themselves.

The workload and number of games with the squad size we have makes things challenging but the players are working tirelessly, and I know will get their rewards if they continue with the same work ethic.

Your support is amazing...as always and I hope we can repay that with 3 points today.

Up the Oysters

*Blacky*



## Biggsie's Banter

Good afternoon to you all visiting the Belmont today. I welcome the Players, Management Team, Club Officials and supporters and hope you all have had a safe journey here and a safe one on your way home.

We entertained Hastings United here last Tuesday; they certainly look favourites for promotion at the end of the season. A well-balanced side. They come out the blocks fast, but after the first fifteen minutes we really got into the game. Early in the second half we levelled the scores, but they went and spoil it by getting two quick goals. All in all, I do not think we done too badly, and could have come away with a point.

Unfortunately, I will not be at the match this afternoon as I am under orders from the boss to go and visit our son and his family down in Wiltshire. So, you will have to make do without my photos. I will be keeping a close watch on the scores on my phone.

There are still some Christmas Draw tickets available so get your order in before they all go.

Here's hoping you have an entertaining match to watch this afternoon and we get the three points. As usual give the team all your vocal support, it gives them the boost to perform at their best.

#COME ON YOU REDS#

*Les*

**Next home game at the Belmont is a  
BetVictor South East Division match  
v Ashford United  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. December 2019  
Kick Off 3:00 pm**



## WHO'S WHO AT THE CLUB 2019/2020

The Belmont Ground, Belmont Road  
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### Ownership - FA Rule 2.13

WTFC Ltd is registered with Companies House as Company Number 11754078.  
WTFC Ltd was incorporated on 7th January 2019 as a company limited by guarantee.

On the 1st June 2019 WTFC Ltd took over all the assets and liabilities of Whitstable Town Football Club which was previously a members club.

As a company limited by guarantee WTFC Ltd does not have any share capital and no one person, or persons, has a controlling interest. Under the Articles of Association, the management of WTFC Ltd is in the hands of a Board of Directors.

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## Whitstable Town Juniors Under 16's a

Under 16s a

After snatching a draw against Monkton last week, the whole team was looking forward to putting things right against a Snowdon team that have had a few decent results lately.

For the first time this season, Whitstable started the game very well, playing some lovely short passing moves and restricting Snowdon to a few half chances from corners.

Around 10 minutes in, Whitstable won a free kick just on the edge of the box and after scoring the equaliser from a free kick in our last game, Ben Stokes was the only real choice for this one. He put the ball down, took a few steps back and buried it in the top left corner, giving the keeper no chance.

Getting the first goal really gave the team confidence to play and the passing combinations just got better and better. Jacob Luton was quick to take advantage of this good passage of play as he picked the ball up around the halfway line and went on a mazy run towards the opposition goal. Just as it looked like he'd done too much, he let fly with an absolute screamer of a shot from about 20 yards to the top right corner, WHAT. A. GOAL!

Although the score was 2-0, Snowdon were still dangerous with their long balls over the top, which meant that the Whitstable defence and goalkeeper Oscar were kept on their toes. It was while dealing with one of the Snowdon attacks that the next Whitstable goal was created. Morgan Harris won the ball on the left and passed to Dylan Keeble at CB who, under pressure, played the ball calmly into midfield. The ball eventually ended up at the feet of Jack Sayer who sliced the defence apart with a ball through to Mehmet Rencber, the goalkeeper looked to have gathered the ball but not for the first time Mehmet put enough pressure on him to force a mistake and then tapped into an empty net. 3-0.

The first half finished with a flourish when Harvey Keeble, on loan from the first team, was put through 1 on 1 with the keeper and smashed the ball low into the far corner. 4-0. Half time.

It was always going to be hard for the boys to keep up the tempo as the second half started, but they kept it simple, stuck to the game plan and let the ball do the work. They were rewarded for this good work with another goal not long into the half when Tom Bishop drove into the box from the right hand side. He had Whitstable players queuing up in the middle for the square ball, but Tom took a decisive shot and slotted past the keeper to make it 5-0.

The rest of the half was fairly quiet, with tired legs making for some sloppy play and a few late tackles. With 10 minutes to go Snowdon had one last push and won 2 free kicks in quick succession both in dangerous positions. Being 5 goals up the win wasn't in doubt. However, Whitstable were targeting their first clean sheet and a goal at this stage would have really dampened the mood. Oscar made 2 amazing saves from both free kicks, the first high to the middle of the goal and the second a spectacular dive low to his right to push the ball round the post and secure the clean sheet!

Man of the match was a VERY difficult decision with so many 10 out of 10 performances all over the pitch. But based on his tireless running, hard tackling and goal of the season contender.... Jacob Luton has it this week. Also worth a mention is Ben Harvey, who has won the captaincy for the next game with a commanding performance at CB.

Well done to all the boys and onto next week!

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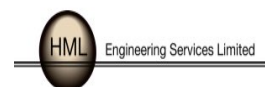
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		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Hastings United	13	8	5	0	21	7	14	29
2	Cray Valley PM	14	8	4	2	20	11	9	28
3	Whitehawk	13	8	2	3	28	16	12	26
4	Ashford United	14	8	1	5	33	26	7	25
5	Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	26	17	9	24
6	Whyteleafe	13	7	3	3	28	21	7	24
7	VCD Athletic	14	6	5	3	29	22	7	23
8	Guernsey	14	6	5	3	26	24	2	23
9	Herne Bay	13	6	2	5	25	27	-2	20
10	Phoenix Sports	14	6	1	7	28	25	3	19
11	Chichester City	10	5	3	2	16	12	4	18
12	Whitstable Town	14	4	4	6	17	21	-4	16
13	Faversham Town	13	5	1	7	13	19	-6	16
14	Sittingbourne	13	4	3	6	15	17	-2	15
15	Haywards Heath Town	10	3	5	2	15	13	2	14
16	Burgess Hill Town	14	4	1	9	27	34	-7	13
17	Hythe Town	15	3	3	9	13	26	-13	12
18	Three Bridges	15	3	1	11	18	34	-16	10
19	Ramsgate	13	2	3	8	15	26	-11	9
20	East Grinstead Town	13	0	5	8	13	28	-15	5

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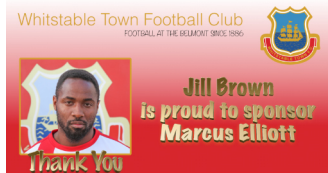
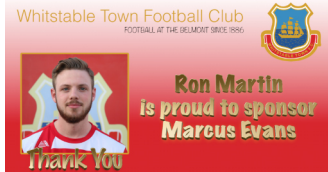
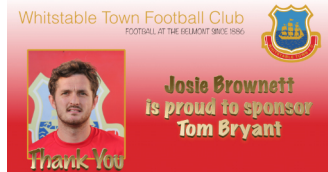
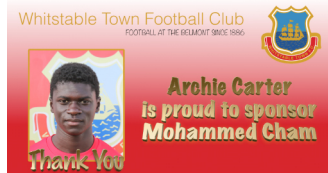
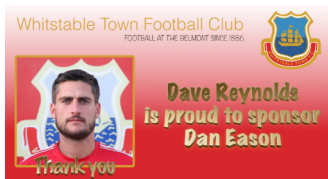
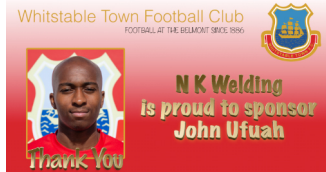
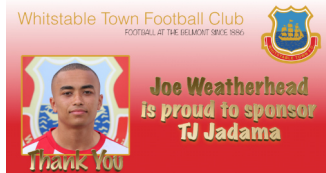
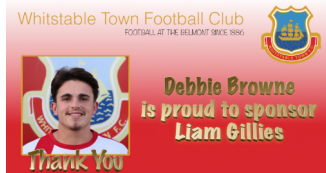
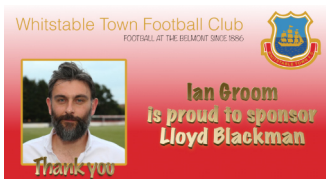
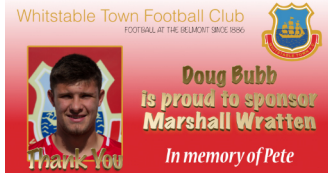
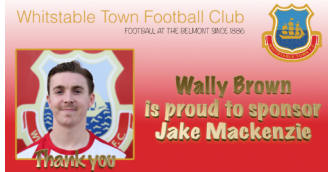
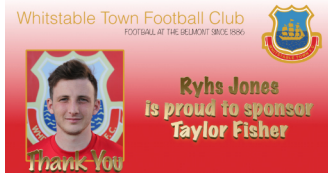
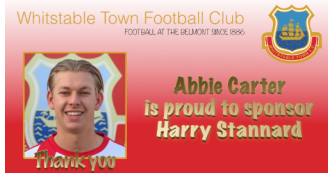
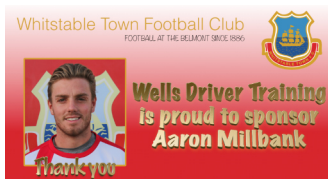
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Players available for sponsorship as follows: -

Liam Dickson Luke Girt

Leo Mazzone Josh Spencer

Mark Lane Paul Murray

See Ron, Mike or Les and give them your choice.

£50.00 for the whole season.

## Whitstable Town FC – Player Records 2019-20

	League			Cup			Career		
Player	Starts	Sub	Goals	Starts	Sub	Goals	Apps	Goals	Debut
Alex Anderson	0	3	0	2	1	1	6	1	17/08/2019
James Brown	8	0	0	9	0	0	29	0	19/11/2011
Tom Bryant	7	0	0	7	0	0	131	12	27/12/2016
Liam Dickson	8	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	26/08/2019
Dan Eason	12	0	0	10	0	0	205	1	27/10/2015
Marcus Elliott	7	4	3	4	6	2	21	5	17/08/2019
Charles Etumnu	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23/11/2019
Marcus Evans	5	0	0	2	1	0	8	0	17/08/2019
Taylor Fisher	0	1	0	1	3	0	19	0	19/01/2019
Liam Gillies	9	3	1	7	2	0	21	1	17/08/2019
Luke Girt	9	2	0	7	1	0	67	0	09/08/2014
Jez Hammond	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	12/11/2019
Tarik Ibrahim	0	3	0	1	1	0	5	0	17/08/2019
Tijan Jadama	10	0	2	8	0	1	20	4	04/11/2017
Jake Mackenzie	12	0	0	8	1	0	127	7	18/08/2012
Leo Mazzone	2	4	1	2	3	0	11	1	21/09/2019
Aaron Millbank	12	0	4	8	1	3	21	7	17/08/2019
Freddie Parker*	1	1	1	3	0	0	5	1	19/10/2019
Danny Patterson	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	20/08/2019
Osman Proni*	2	2	0	1	1	0	6	0	17/08/2019
Connor Sanders	6	1	0	5	1	0	23	1	09/03/2019
Josh Spencer	5	3	1	6	1	0	15	1	26/08/2019
Harry Stannard	1	3	0	3	3	4	29	11	28/11/2015
John Ufuah	7	1	0	6	0	2	14	2	14/09/2019
John Walker	4	0	1	3	0	0	67	1	04/11/2017
Marshall Wratten*	4	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	14/09/2019

All players above have been appeared for Whitstable Town at some point this season.

\* No longer registered for Whitstable Town

Up to 23 November 2019

## WHITSTABLE TOWN FC PLAYER PROFILES

**Jake Mackenzie** Age 25 Preferred position Right Back. Previous clubs Gillingham, Ramsgate  
Best memory The FA Cup run last season for Ramsgate

**Liam Gillies** Age 20 Preferred position Central midfield. Previous clubs Dartford, Rochester Utd  
Best memory Making my first team debut for Dartford in the Kent Cup at 17

**John Ufuah** Age 20 Preferred position attacking winger. Previous clubs Leatherhead and Dartford.

**Dan Eason** Age 31 Preferred position Goalkeeper. Previous clubs Herne Bay, Hythe Town  
Best memory, Reaching the FA Vase semi-final was my most successful sporting achievement.

**Liam Dickson** Age 31 Preferred position Centre Back. Previous clubs Folkestone, Ramsgate.  
Best memory Won the play-offs with Folkestone Invicta.

**Marcus Evans** Age 23 Preferred position Centre Back. Previous clubs Corinthian,  
Cray Wanderers. Best memory winning the league with Cray Wanderers.

**Tom Bryant** Age 31 Preferred position Centre Back. Previous clubs Gillingham,  
Folkestone (loan), Halesowen Town, Herne Bay Tunbridge Wells. Best memory Turning pro at  
17 with Gillingham

**Luke Girt (Girty)** Age 25 Preferred position anywhere in midfield. Previous clubs Sheppey  
Ramsgate, Sittingbourne. Best memory scoring to put us ahead in a FA Cup replay away to  
Northwood in extra time. I was once made to eat grass whilst celebrating when i scored on my  
debut for Sittingbourne.

**Tijan Jadama (TJ)** Age 20 Preferred position Centre midfield box to box. Previous club Ramsgate.  
Best memory winning the Kent Cup Final with the under 18's. I played with a fractured neck  
last season but now back to full strength and ready for the new season.

**Aaron Millbank** Age 24 Preferred position Striker. Previous clubs Gillingham, Ramsgate.  
Best memory Making my debut for Gillingham first team in 2014.  
Interesting fact West Ham won the Cup.

**Connor Sanders** Age 28 Preferred position Centre Midfield/Centre Back. Previous clubs  
Carshalton, Herne Bay, Hythe Town, Ramsgate.

**Harry Stannard** Age 21 Preferred position Forward. Previous clubs Gillingham, Hastings, Margate,  
Ramsgate. Interesting fact Being able to play in a full-time environment.

**Marcus Elliott** Age 33 Preferred position Striker. Previous clubs Erith and Belvedere, Chipstead,  
Sevenoaks, East Grinstead, Lewes. I continue to enjoy the game and help you out and to get players.

**Josh Spencer** Age 19 Preferred position Centre Back. Previous clubs Dover Ath. Academy, Sheppey Utd.  
Herne Bay, Sittingbourne, Dover Ath. First team. Highlight Playing a professional standard of football  
And scoring on my debut for Dover Athletic FC.

**Muhammed Cham** Age 17 Preferred position Wing or centre forward. Previous club Margate Sport.  
My highlight so far is having a trial with Fleetwood Town FC.

**James Brown** Age 26 Preferred position Midfield. Previous clubs Faversham and Herne Bay.

**Leo Mazzone** Age 22 Preferred position advanced central midfielder. Previous clubs Ebbsfleet Utd.  
And East Grinstead. Debut in the Kent cup final for Ebbsfleet at Priestfield in front of 3000 people.

**Charles Etumnu**

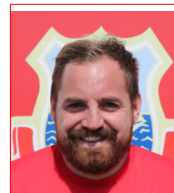
**Marshall Wratten**

**Caleb Afoke**

**Lewis Mitchell**



Jake MacKenzie



Liam Dickson



TJ Jadama



James Brown



Leo Mazzone



Liam Gillies



Marcus Evans



Connor Sanders



Marcus Elliott



Marshall Wratten



John Ufuah



Tom Bryant



Aaron Millbank



Josh Spencer



Dan Eason



Luke Girt



Harry Stannard



Muhammed Cham

## Whitstable Town Reserves

### Division Two Central & East

POSTEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	G D	P T S
1 Deal Town Rangers	9	6	2	1	21	11	10	20
2 Tenterden Town	8	5	1	2	33	17	16	16
3 Sturry	6	4	1	1	31	7	24	13
4 Bearsted Reserves	6	4	1	1	20	9	11	13
5 West Farleigh	9	4	1	4	28	20	8	13
6 Whitstable Town Reserves	9	4	1	4	22	16	6	10 *
7 Cuxton 1991 Reserves	7	3	0	4	20	22	-2	9
8 Larkfield And New Hythe Wanderers	8	2	0	6	17	38	-21	6
9 Rochester City Reserves	10	2	0	8	20	65	-45	6
10 Southborough	6	1	1	4	9	16	-7	4

\* Adjustment Made 3 points deducted

### Latest Results

	DATE	HOME	RESULT	AWAY
League	30/11/2019	Cuxton 1991 Reserves	4 2	Larkfield And New Hythe Wanderers
League	30/11/2019	Sturry	9 0	Rochester City Reserves
League	30/11/2019	West Farleigh	1 1	Southborough
League	30/11/2019	Whitstable Town Reserves	1 2	Deal Town Rangers
KJCA	23/11/2019	Cinque Ports	2 9	Sturry
League	23/11/2019	Larkfield And New Hythe Wanderers	3 2	Tenterden Town
League	23/11/2019	Rochester City Reserves	3 5	West Farleigh
League	16/11/2019	Cuxton 1991 Reserves	2 3	Deal Town Rangers
League	16/11/2019	West Farleigh	10 0	Larkfield And New Hythe Wanderers
League	16/11/2019	Whitstable Town Reserves	7 1	Rochester City Reserves

## KENT INTERMEDIATE CUP DRAW

BY RON MARTIN

Whitstable Reserves drawn at home in quarter finals

Whitstable Town Reserves have been drawn at home in the quarter final of the Kent Intermediate Cup, although they will have to wait until December 19th to discover their opponents.

The full draw is as follows:

Cray Valley PM Development U23 v Hollands and Blair Reserves

Lordswood Reserves v Tunbridge Wells U21

Snodland Town Reserves v Rusthall Reserves

**Whitstable Town Reserves v Sittingbourne U23 or Ramsgate Development**

## Whitstable Town Juniors Under 12's

Rising Stars 0 - Whitstable 3. Under 12s

First ever competitive match against our local rivals and we produced one of our finest performances to date on our journey. On a tight pitch, we knew we had to battle hard against Rising Stars who had been on a great run of form. They've beaten everyone's favourites to win the league, Margate in the cup and Kennington in the league, so we knew we were facing a top, top team that would ask us many questions. This was compounded by losing our 2 top scorers this season prior to kick off through sickness so we had a bare 9.

The game started a little scrappy, however we settled first due to Isaiah's hard work up top which allowed the midfield to press further up the pitch. Although Isaiah would not go on to score, Isaiah produced his best performance to date; he would be a constant handful all game and they couldn't launch attacks from deep due to his work and presence, whilst his strength and power was a constant worry to our opposition.

With us now pressing in their half it wasn't long before we caught them with the ball. Jacob dispossessed one of the defenders and smashed a stunning strike across the keeper and it went in off the far post: 1 up. Great individual goal.

We spoke before the game that it was important we condensed their play for the full game and not just for sections of it as they have some top players; at least 4 of them are district players and they will make you pay if you don't apply this. We stood firm and even managed to hit the cross bar through a fine Felix header.

Good teams don't just play well with the ball, they make you make mistakes and feel like they have more players on the pitch - for me, we did this today to Rising Stars and (in my opinion) we deservedly added a second before half time. A clearance from them found Miles (who is playing the best football I have ever seen him play lately), who passed to Charlie, who found Jacob, Jacob switched the play and Sam came in and finished brilliantly from 15 yards. Fine team goal. Jacob was in top form again today, some of the takes out of the air (and Sam as well in all honesty) were unbelievable and was instrumental in the opening and key goals.

Half time came and we spoke about it was only a job half done. We knew their management team would fire them up so we had to be resilient from the off. There's always a negative in any performance, for me as a manager, that's a good thing as we embrace it and work on it. Today's was we nearly got caught out within the first minute of the second half with a great cross from one of their attackers and great run from one of their midfielders, but unfortunately for them he was unable to convert. I think we all looked at each other and knew at that point that had they scored, it could have been such a different game. On the other hand, the reaction to this was the big positive from the game, as we became so tight after this that, I think it's fair to say, we never gave them another sniff of scoring. Joe, Miles and Charlie were immense from that point on. The few moments they would go on to breach our defence were quickly mopped up by Ben - I feel I write week after week the same thing lately: impeccable decision making, kicking, handling and concentration, no different today.

With 7 minutes on the clock in the second half and with us in the ascendancy, Paige added the 3rd and killer goal through a thunderbolt. On Thursday we had worked on getting early strikes off, not letting the keeper get set, and me and her even spoke about this before kick-off, so to say I was ecstatic when the ball came to her 20 yards out and she rattled it in, is a complete understatement.

With just over 20 to go now, I felt only one team would add to the score sheet; Paige had at least 2 fantastic headers that went close from Sam's superb deliveries from corners today, Isaiah got in a few times, Sam went close at the back post (his movement to find space there is top drawer) and Felix was constantly threatening to break pass the back line. We continued to break up play and condense their work, however we don't get beyond ourselves - we need to recognise that Rising Stars are a great little side; we know today we had the better of them but we also know they'll come back strong at us next time.

I couldn't pick a MOTM as the whole team performed exceptionally and it wouldn't be fair to recognise individuals above the team today so today they all won it.



DATE	OPPONENTS	V	COMP	SCORE	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	
17-Aug	Sittingbourne	H	BetVictor	D	1 1	318	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
20-Aug	Hythe Town	A	BetVictor	L	0 2	263	17	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
24-Aug	Newhaven	H	FA Cup	W	3 1	219	17	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
26-Aug	Herne Bay	H	BetVictor	W	3 0	532	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker 1	Dickson
31-Aug	Sevenoaks Town	A	BetVictor	L	0 4	143	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Dickson
07-Sep	Folkestone Invicta	H	FA Cup	L	0 4	503	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Dickson
10-Sep	Hythe Town	A	Velocity Cup	D	2 2	157	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
14-Sep	Haywards Heath Town	H	BetVictor	D	1 1	242	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
17-Sep	Cray Valley PM	H	BetVictor	D	1 1	141	14	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
21-Sep	Burgess Hill Town	A	BetVictor	L	2 3	346	15	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
28-Sep	Chalfont St. Peter	A	FA Trophy	W	1 0	84	15	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
01-Oct	Cray Valley PM	A	KSC	W	2 1	54	15	Eason	Walker	Brown	Sanders
05-Oct	Three Bridges	H	BetVictor	W	2 0	239	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
12-Oct	Ware	H	FA Trophy	D	2 2	282	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Mazzone
12-Oct	Ware	A	FA Trophy	L	0 1	145	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
19-Oct	East Grinstead Town	A	BetVictor	W	3 0	116	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
22-Oct	Ashford United	H	Velocity Cup	W	3 1	159	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Mazzone
26-Oct	VCD Athletic	H	BetVictor	D	1 1	270	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
05-Nov	Ramsgate	A	Velocity Cup	L	2 0	114	12	Eason	Gillies	Brown	Sanders
12-Nov	Herne Bay	H	Velocity Cup	L	1 4	254	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
16-Nov	Whitehawk	A	BetVictor	L	0 3	273	14	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
23-Nov	Whyteleafe	H	BetVictor	L	0 3	215	15	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Mazzone
26-Nov	Faversham Town	H	Velocity Cup	D	0 0	104	15	Eason	Girt	Brown	Mazzone
30-Nov	Faversham Town	A	BetVictor	W	2 0	323	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
03-Dec	Hastings United	H	BetVictor	L	1 3	162	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
07-Dec	Phoenix Sports	H	BetVictor								
11-Dec	Guernsey	A	BetVictor								
14-Dec	Ramsgate	A	BetVictor								
26-Dec	Ashford United	H	BetVictor								
01-Jan	Herne Bay	A	BetVictor								
04-Jan	Sevenoaks Town	H	BetVictor								
07-Jan	Welling	A	KSC								
11-Jan	Chichester City	A	BetVictor								
18-Jan	East Grinstead Town	H	BetVictor								
25-Jan	Three Bridges	A	BetVictor								
01-Feb	Burgess Hill Town	H	BetVictor								
04-Feb	Cray Valley PM	A	BetVictor								
08-Feb	Ramsgate	H	BetVictor								
15-Feb	Phoenix Sports	A	BetVictor								
22-Feb	VCD Athletic	A	BetVictor								
29-Feb	Guernsey	H	BetVictor								
07-Mar	Hastings United	A	BetVictor								
14-Mar	Whitehawk	H	BetVictor								
21-Mar	Haywards Heath Town	A	BetVictor								
28-Mar	Chichester City	H	BetVictor								
04-Apr	Sittingbourne	A	BetVictor								
11-Apr	Hythe Town	H	BetVictor								
13-Apr	Ashford United	A	BetVictor								
18-Apr	Whyteleafe	A	BetVictor								
25-Apr	Faversham Town	H	BetVictor								

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## The Footy Quiz

### FA Cup

1. Which Second Division team were beaten by Ryman Leaguers Canvey Island in the 2000-1 FA Cup
2. Who scored twice for Man.Utd. In their 1963 FA Cup victory over Leicester City
3. Who scored Ipswich Town's winning Cup final goal against Arsenal
4. Which London League club was put out of the FA Cup 4 times non Non League teams between 1958 and 1965
5. For which three clubs did Ian Callaghan play in the FA Cup
6. For which club did Jeff Astle score in every round in 1968

## Answers

1. Port Vale 2. David Herd 3. Roger Osbourne  
4. Millwall 5. Liverpool 6. Swansea City and Crewe Alexandra

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Attendances		Home						Away					
	:	P	Total	Avg	Max	Min	:	P	Total	Avg	Max	Min	
Isthmian South East	:						:						
Guernsey	:	2	1447	724	812	635	:	10	1703	170	333	55	
Hastings United	:	6	2641	440	553	347	:	5	801	160	236	119	
Herne Bay	:	6	1913	319	411	249	:	6	1393	232	532	56	
Burgess Hill Town	:	6	1871	312	348	252	:	7	1271	182	407	73	
Whitstable Town	:	7	1957	280	532	141	:	5	1141	228	346	116	
Ashford United	:	5	1125	225	272	182	:	6	937	156	355	80	
Whitehawk	:	6	1340	223	280	150	:	6	1280	213	405	107	
Faversham Town	:	6	1314	219	312	127	:	6	997	166	428	62	
Haywards Heath	:	5	1091	218	407	144	:	4	821	205	280	117	
Hythe Town	:	6	1264	211	263	160	:	8	1865	233	411	61	
Chichester City	:	4	749	187	256	105	:	6	926	182	407	55	
Ramsgate	:	7	1304	186	218	144	:	4	473	118	164	81	
Sittingbourne	:	6	1045	174	217	138	:	5	1319	264	318	208	
Sevenoaks Town	:	6	923	154	164	143	:	7	1967	281	635	81	
Whyteleafe	:	6	870	145	194	80	:	5	1171	234	400	144	
East Grinstead Town	:	8	961	120	166	91	:	5	833	167	249	51	
Cray Valley PM	:	7	662	95	150	56	:	6	1307	218	281	141	
Three Bridges	:	8	716	90	119	56	:	6	817	136	239	62	
VCD Athletic	:	5	443	89	130	65	:	8	2006	251	812	92	
Phoenix Sports	:	8	702	88	165	51	:	5	1310	262	553	84	

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### Geoffrey's Memories

When in the early 1950s I was becoming aware of football and footballers' names I soon heard of Gordon Nutt, remembering that he played for Cardiff City, then in the topflight 1954-55, and Arsenal 1955-60. For the Bluebirds he scored 4 goals in 17 appearances and for the Gunners 10 goals in 49 appearances. There followed a season each with Southend United and Dutch side PSV Eindhoven. Prior to Cardiff he had been with Coventry City. After PSV he emigrated to Australia where he finished his career and died in Tasmania in February 2014 aged 81.

His position was right-winger and a popular member of the Coventry set-up, but they sold him to Cardiff because they needed the money from the transfer. He is praised for giving much back to the game in his later life, including using his contacts in England to open up opportunities for Australian and particularly young Tasmanian players to have a chance of coming to England.

The name Nutt does in fact connect with nut. People were named Nutt either because they were gatherers or growers of nuts or because they were said to look like a nut, that is they had a round head and were of a browning complexion. So, its name that may refer to what a person did for a living, or it is a nickname.



## WHITSTABLE'S MEMORABLE FA TROPHY RUN.

(Compiled by Bernie Thompson, Club Historian)

It is always good to see former players and managers return to the Belmont either with the opposition or just to drop in, say 'hello' and renew past acquaintances.

Recently Peter Wedgewood returned as a member of the Whyteleafe team then former Town player and manager, Nicky Southall visited us for the Hastings match along with his Dover colleagues, manager Andy Hessenthaler and joint first team coach, Darren Hare.

You may recall that Nicky joined Whitstable Town as a player in 2010 when Justin Lutchford was our manager and when Justin left the Club Nicky became manager in November 2012.



(Photo by Leslie Biggs)

### **Nicky Southall**

Former Whitstable Town player and manager who played in all top eight tiers of English football from the Premier League to the Isthmian League.

The former Football League player played for a number of clubs, including Grimsby Town, Bolton Wanderers, Nottingham Forest and Gillingham and was at the helm leading 'The Oystermen' to the First Round proper of the FA Trophy in 2013-14 season. A memorable cup run, which saw Sittingbourne beaten 5-1 away in the Preliminary Round. In the first qualifying round Town were rewarded with a home tie against Potters Bar Town and a close encounter at the Belmont finished all square at 2-2. In the replay at Potters Bar 'The Oystermen' earned their passage into the next round winning 2-1 after being a goal down. In the second qualifying round at Hythe Town another 2-2 draw was recorded with Craig Thompson scoring a brace against his former club. The replay at Whitstable was won 2-1 to send Town into the third

qualifying round against Ryman Premier Division opposition, Carshalton away. It was the furthest that Whitstable Town had ever progressed in the FA Trophy and it also marked the nostalgic return for defender Ian Cox, the former Crystal Palace, Burnley, Bournemouth and Gillingham player who had started his career with 'The Robins'. At Carshalton's Colston Avenue ground Whitstable created a great moment in history. Carshalton opened the scoring in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute but Town fought back with John Guest scoring in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute and Craig Thompson finding the net with the winning goal 6 minute from time.

In the first round proper of the FA Trophy Whitstable again faced Ryman Premier League opponents and were given an away tie with Hendon, played on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. As in previous rounds Whitstable went a goal down but this time late in the game with a little over 20 minutes remaining. With the dream looking to be over Town sensationally levelled the scores when Laurence Harvey headed home a Steve Hafner free kick. Then four minutes later substitute Charlie Smith scored what proved to be the winning goal to make it 2-1 to send Whitstable through and the players, Club officials and supporters into rapturous celebrations.

The second round draw matched Whitstable with Conference League club Ebbsfleet United at the Belmont. On a very heavy pitch 'The Oystermen' went down fighting, losing 2-1 with 'The Fleet' scoring in the last minute.



Photo Les Biggs

### **FA TROPHY CARSHALTON v. WHITSTABLE TOWN**

Third qualifying round 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The manager Nicky Southall and players celebrate at the final whistle.



# PHOENIX SPORTS CLUB

Formed in 1935, Phoenix Sports Club originally started out as St. Johns Welling, later changing its name to Lakeside, before renaming to Phoenix following the Second World War as it was seen to rise from the ashes of the previous two clubs amidst the destruction caused by the blitz.

Over the years the club has played at various locations in the local area, including Danson Park until 1950 when the local council offered them a piece of waste land in Mayplace Road East, Bexleyheath. Over time it evolved into the ground that we all know now as The Club. Both football and cricket have been played at Mayplace Road East, with many members, both past and present, representing the club in both sports. However, with the growth of junior football, cricket has now moved away.

After entering various leagues, including the Sidcup League, Kent Amateur League and the Dartford League, the club settled in the Kent County League Division One West, finishing as runners up twice in the 1950's and once in the 70's.

In 1982 Phoenix were forced to form a Limited Company and adopt the name PHOENIX SPORTS CLUB (1982) LTD.

In the 1986/7 season, the club entered the Spartan League and competed there for six seasons. They then returned to the Kent County League - Division One - West, winning the Challenge Cup in 1993-94. In 1999/2000 we won the league, gaining promotion to the Premier Division, however after two relegations ended up in Division Two West, finally returning to the First Division in 2004/05, and then back to the Premier Division in 2007/08.

In recent years, we have seen a steady improvement in the standard of senior football played here at Phoenix, especially after the introduction of our Saturday morning soccer school academy for juniors and a new Management Team at Senior level.

CLUB SUCCESSES: These changes resulted in the first team winning the Kent County Football League Division Two title, The West Kent Challenge Shield, The Hospitals Charity Cup and the Kent Junior Cup, in the 2004/05 season. The team maintained steady progress to win the Division One Championship and promotion to the Premier Division, and also the West Kent Challenge Shield and Hospitals Charity Cup again, followed by a win in the Kent FA Intermediate Challenge Shield.

After three seasons in the Premier Division, the first team became founder members of the Kent Invicta League at step 6 of the National League System - the highest level of football the club has ever played at. We went on to finish runners up, missing out by only two points to eventual champions Bly Spartans as well as reaching the League Cup Final, again losing out to Bly Spartans.

The reserves also had a good season that year, winning Division Two of the Kent Hurliman League and were finalists in the Kent Intermediate Cup.

At this time we formed our third senior team (The A Team) who gained entry into the Kent County League, winning Reserve Division West and reaching the final of the KCFA Junior Cup group A and the Hospitals Charity Cup.

Unfortunately, the First Team and Reserve Team Management both decided to resign for personal reasons at the end of season 2011-2012. After an exhaustive process we appointed Steve O'Boyle and Tony Beckingham as Joint 1st Team Managers, and John Hope as Manager for the Reserves assisted by Brian Magenis and John Barry. Whilst off the pitch we installed floodlights and a 108 seat stand.

PHOENIX RISING: After a successful first campaign under the new management structure and after losing only two league games all season, Phoenix won the Kent Invicta league and gained promotion to the Kent League (now renamed the Southern Counties East Football League) to play at step 5 of the National League System.

After finishing in sixth place in our inaugural season, we made some more ground improvements and received confirmation of an F Grade.

We aspired to a higher finish, hoping for maybe 4th spot, for the next season. We had a very good start to the season but unfortunately lost in our first ever appearance in the FA Cup, losing on penalties after a replay.

We then began an unbelievable run in both the League and FA Vase. The Vase journey was fantastic culminating in us reaching the 4th Round Proper, losing to the eventual winners North Shields.

In the League we managed to lose only one game all season and accumulating 30 clean sheets, topping the table quite comfortably. These achievements meant that we also had to work miracles off the pitch, but we eventually managed to get all the necessary works done in time to gain D Grade and promotion to The Ryman League North Division.

After a long first season in 2015/16, we managed to finish in 14th place of 24 teams. This can only be classed as a great result for the club. The next season we done even better, finishing 8<sup>th</sup>.

After a decent start to the season and sitting in the play-off spots for a while, we were rocked by the departure of First Team Manager Steve O'Boyle. This coincided with a blip in form, but new Manager Paul Bryon steadied the ship and we finished in a creditable 11th place. This was bettered last year by finishing 9<sup>th</sup> and now we go into 2019/20 hoping to continue our progression as a club.

PHOENIX FAMILY: Alongside the 1st Team and the Reserves, we presently have a total of 28 teams playing in Phoenix colours, making us one of the biggest clubs in the area. Phoenix are also a FA Charter Standard Community Club - the highest level of youth recognition from the Football Association.

Mini-soccer is played at the Mayplace Ground and Sundays are always busy with parents cheering on the young players wearing the green shirt.

## WHITSTABLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB YOUTH TEAMS

Team	League	Manager	Email
Whitstable Town FC Youth U7s	FDYL	Jordan Tomsett / Kai Josland-Cotter	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
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Whitstable Town FC Youth U8 Girls	KGLFL	Abbie Carter	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U9 Girls	KGLFL	Hannah Wrench	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U9s	FDYL	Tony Sibley / Chris Garrett	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
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Whitstable Town FC Youth U10s B	EKYL	David Johnson / Justin Hall	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U10 Girls	KGLFL	Julie Harrison	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U11s	EKYL	Gary Carter / Bailey Collin	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U11s A	EKYL	Sarah Couzens	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U12s A	EKYL	Darryl Farley	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U12s	EKYL	Matt Barman / Dave McGovarin	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U13s	EKYL	Richard Hosking	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
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Whitstable Town FC Youth U18s	EKYL	Andy Luton / Louis Whittington / Adam Reveley	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>
Whitstable Town FC Youth U18s	EKYL	Rob Cleary / Richard Mears / Andy Chrascina	<a href="mailto:enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club">enquiries@whitstabletownfc.club</a>



Phoenix Sports

Meet The Team!



### Paul Bryon

The Manager – Paul was thrust into the Phoenix hot seat in October 2017 and led the side to an impressive 11<sup>th</sup> place finish that season. In the last campaign that was improved further to 9<sup>th</sup> position and similar progression is sought once more. His backroom staff include Tony Rossiter, Del Oldfield, Bill Sullivan and Emily Sawyer.

### Steve Phillips

Steve has been at the club for the last 6 years and is one of the most popular people around the place. 'Frenchie' is one of the best keepers in the League, is solid, reliable and is regularly pulling off eye-catching saves. Vice-Captain.

### Ryan Andrews

Our longest serving first team player. Ryan can regularly be seen flying up and down the right wing, whipping in crosses or tracking back to make a last-gasp tackle. After 7 years at the Mayplace Ryan is part of the furniture and has progressed with the club through the Leagues to our new home in the Isthmian South East Division.

### Jack Barry

Jack is a no-nonsense Centre-Back who is enjoying his second spell at Phoenix. He can count Romford, Thamesmead Town and Aveley as former clubs. He may take pride in the team keeping clean sheets but you will also regularly see his name on the scoresheet.

### Danny Young

Danny is a very experienced Centre-Back that also likes to claim the odd goal. After a few seasons at Greenwich Borough he made the short move to the Mayplace in 2017 and has also played for Cray Wanderers in the past.

### Ashley Proberts

Vastly experienced left-back who started off his footballing life at Arsenal. The 35-year-old played League football for Rochdale before having spells with Welling, Barnet, Thamesmead Town and VCD Athletic among others. Dangerous from set-pieces Ashley is our Mr Reliable and quite possibly the most recognisable face at the club.

### Lewis Clark

Lewis made the left wing-back position his own last season and has impressed us all with his consistent displays. He worked his way through the Greenwich Borough system before joining us with his highlight being a stunning goal against Hastings back in January.

### Jack Hopkins

A born winner 'Hoppo' is an inspiration to the rest of our team. He is a very experienced Centre Midfielder that has a keen eye for goal. Made Captain for this year he is hoping to lead Phoenix to their best season yet.

### Zak Bryon

A young and versatile midfielder that is comfortable in holding and attacking roles. Has earned his place in the side with some strong performances over the last two years and it would now be strange to see a Phoenix side without Zak in it.

### Mahmoud Juma

All action midfielder that only joined Phoenix in the summer. Was very impressive throughout pre-season and now big things are expected from our new man.

### Jeff Duah-Kessie

Forward and target man Jeff joined Phoenix from SCEFL side Croydon FC. The big man has great hold up play and was top scorer for our Club last season. Defenders know they have been in a game when they play against him.

### Lauris Chin

One of the newer members of the team after joining from Whyteleafe in the summer. Lauris has incredible pace and energy and is sure to form a lethal partnership with Jeff as the season progresses.

### Kenny Aileru

Young prospect who stepped up from the Reserve side and is now playing a key role for the First Team. Kenny is going to be a vital for Phoenix this season and can fit into many attacking and midfield positions.

### Lee Bird

Key squad player that is ready to fit in anywhere along the back line or midfield. Is sure to get more game time as the games mount up for the club and is solid and dependable when he gets his chance.

### George Whitelock

An aggressive left-winger that can often change a game with his deliveries from out wide. Far from shy George likes to get stuck in and by the end of the match the referee will usually have him on first name terms.

### Ryan Solan

Pacy young forward that can be a defender's worst nightmare. Got his chance in the First Team after a good Reserves season and now needs to show that same form as he gets his opportunities in the Isthmian League.

### Andrew Dythe

Progressed from the Reserves after some outstanding performances last year. This young left-back has his future ahead of him and it will be great to see him get even more First Team minutes this season.

### Ollie Andrews

Another that came through last season's Reserve Team to get game time for the First at the back end of the last campaign. This centre-midfielder is composed, tough-tackling and has the eye to spot the perfect pass.

### Connor McGrady

Young centre-back that is new to the club this summer. Previously at Bromley Connor will be trying to impress when he gets the opportunity this year.

### Fred Agyemang

This centre-forward will be trying to force his way into the First team squad this year by scoring goals for the Reserves in the midweek league. He has plenty of SCEFL experience but is now trying to make it in the Step above.





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**Ricky Freeman scores away at Phoenix on 15<sup>th</sup>. September 2018**



**Ricky Freeman scores again but is injured away at Phoenix 15<sup>th</sup>. September 2018**



**Harry Brown hits a free kick against Phoenix at home on 13<sup>th</sup>. April 2019**

## THREE HEADERS TAKE HASTINGS TOP

BY RON MARTIN

**Whitstable unable to end the unbeaten run of the visitor**

### WHITSTABLE TOWN 1 HASTINGS UNITED 3

BetVictor Isthmian League South East Division

Tuesday 3 December 2019 19.45

Hastings climbed to the top of the league table, after maintaining their unbeaten start to the season with a hard-fought win at the Belmont Ground. An early goal by Davide Rodari was a reward for their bright start, but Whitstable gradually got themselves into the game and trailed by just the single goal at half time. Harry Stannard equalised soon after the restart, only for Whitstable to concede two goals to Gary Elphick headers from set pieces and ensure that Hastings returned to the south coast with maximum points.

Whitstable kept the same team and substitutes that had won at Faversham on Saturday. Hastings made one change to the starting eleven that returned from Guernsey with a 2-2 draw, with Sam Adams replacing Ben Pope. Hastings had won all six of their home league games, whilst away from the Pilot Field, they had won one and drawn five. Former Whitstable manager Nicky Southall was joined by Andy Henthall and Darren Hare at the Belmont for the evening, as the Dover Athletic management team presumably wanted to watch Marshall Wratten, recently loaned to Whitstable for the rest of the season. There were also scouts at the game from several English Football League clubs, no doubt with an eye on Davide Rodari, who scored eight goals for Hastings against East Grinstead in the Velocity Trophy the previous week.

The game kicked off on a chilly evening in front of the second lowest league gate at the Belmont this season and Hastings made the more positive start. It was Whitstable however that had the first goal attempt in the 5th minute when Aaron Millbank tested goalkeeper Louis Rogers with a well struck shot from a narrow angle after being found by John Ufua on the right. Hastings took the lead shortly afterwards when they won a corner that Dan Eason elected to punch away, but the ball was chipped back in by Lanre Azeze from the edge of the box and Rodari rose above the rest to find the net with a powerful header. Rodari then made a promising run towards the box, until being halted unceremoniously by a firm challenge, but the resulting free kick was cleared. Ufua used his pace to run half the length of the pitch before hitting a firm shot that was held by Rogers. Next it was the turn of Daniel Ajakaiye to work himself a good position and his shot from 20 yards was well tipped over the bar by Eason. Ryan Worrall took the corner which was cleared back out to him and he sent the ball into the box again, but the assistant spotted an offside and although play continued with the ball eventually ending up in the net off Connor Sanders as he tried to get back to clear, it was ruled out following a long discussion between the officials.

Whitstable won their second corner in the 23rd minute that was touched away by Rogers, before the game entered a period of stalemate, with neither team really threatening to find the net despite plenty of effort in midfield. The home team began to look more comfortable and the last few minutes of the half saw a bit more action at both ends. Ajakaiye's pace created an opening, but he lifted his shot way over the bar. Ufua had won a couple of corners that Hastings dealt with, but in the 43rd minute Sanders collected the ball on the left and sent over a cross that was met by an advancing Tijan Jadama, but he headed the ball over the bar. Whitstable made a fast break from a Hastings corner, but could not find a way through the defence and trailed 0-1 at the interval.

Whitstable did level the scores in the 48th minute when Stannard sent over a cross from the right that went out to the left edge of the penalty area where it was collected by Ufua who cut inside and struck the underside of the bar with his shot, with the ball falling nicely for the former Hastings player Stannard to finish by the far post. It seemed as though Whitstable might be able to get something from the game and Liam Gillies hit a long shot way over the top, then Ufua made a threatening run, but they found themselves behind again in the 54th minute. Both teams had a player to deliver long throws and this time Ollie Black found the head of the unmarked Elphick who powered the ball past Eason. Gillies tried another shot that was blocked and then Eason almost gifted Hastings a goal when his kick out from the tricky surface went straight to Ajakaiye, but the Whitstable goalkeeper recovered well to save his shot and also from Rodari who had a chance from the rebound. Another goal did arrive from the corner though and it was once again the experienced defender Elphick who made himself enough space to meet Worrall's delivery with a stooping header that went just inside the far post.



On 69 minutes a foul by Jake Mackenzie sparked an angry reaction by some of the Hastings players and earned the Whitstable right back the only yellow card of the game once things had calmed down. Hastings were generally happy to see the game out from this point and both teams made substitutions. Whitstable almost pulled a goal back on 86 minutes when a long throw by Sanders was twice headed on and Marcus Elliott found himself in a bit of space, but his header from a few yards out went just wide. Whitstable substitute Wratten appeared to be fouled in the box as the clock ticked down, but to the surprise of most in the ground, the referee waved away the penalty appeals and Hastings raced away on the break, but Worrall was denied by Eason and his follow up header was cleared off the line by James Brown. A Wratten free kick was curled into a packed box, but came to nothing and Hastings took the three points their overall performance deserved with a 3-1 win.

The Whitstable manager Lloyd Blackman would have been disappointed to lose to three headers from set pieces. Whitstable next face Phoenix Sports on Saturday in their last home fixture before Christmas and then have to deal with an awkward midweek trip to Guernsey.

Whitstable	Data	Hastings
3	Shots on target	8
4	Shots off target	1
1	Shots blocked	0
4	Corners	8
4	Fouls conceded	11
1	Offside	4
0	Penalties	0

**Whitstable Town**

Dan Eason, Jake Mackenzie, James Brown, Luke Girt, Connor Sanders, Tom Bryant (c), Harry Stannard (Marshall Wratten 71), Liam Gillies (Marcus Elliott 74), Aaron Millbank, Tijan Jadama, John Ufuah.  
Subs (unused): Liam Dickson, Leo Mazzone, Josh Spencer.  
Goal: Harry Stannard 48  
Yellow card: Jake Mackenzie 69

**Hastings United**

Louis Rogers, Ollie Black, Gary Elphick, Craig Stone, Jake Elliott, Davide Rodari (Ben Pope 80), Daniel Ajakaiye (Kenny Pogue 85), Sam Adams (c), Ryan Worrall, Adam Lovatt, Lanre Azeez (Sam Beale 76).  
Subs (unused): Daniel Hull, James Pool.  
Goals: Davide Rodari 6, Gary Elphick 54, 66.

Attendance: 162  
Referee: Louise Saunders  
Assistants: Kennedy Kikulwe & James Goodman



Dan Eason rises to punch clear a dangerous attempt from Hastings



Tom Bryant on the attack upon the Hastings goal during the first half

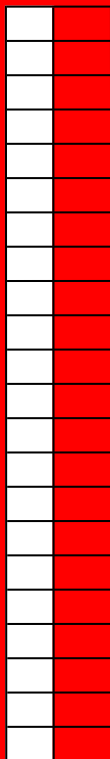


Harry Stannard pounces on the loose ball to score against Hastings



## WHITSTABLE TOWN

**Manager:** Lloyd Blackman



**Caleb Afoke**  
**James Brown**  
**Tom Bryant (Capt)**  
**Muhammed Cham**  
**Liam Dickson**  
**Dan Eason (GK)**  
**Marcus Elliott**  
**Charles Etumnu**  
**Marcus Evans**  
**Liam Gillies**  
**Luke Girt**  
**Tijan Jadama**  
**Jake Mackenzie**  
**Leo Mazzone**  
**Aaron Millbank**  
**Lewis Mitchell**  
**Connor Sanders**  
**Josh Spencer**  
**Harry Stannard**  
**John Ufuah**  
**Marshal Wratten**

**Asst. Manager:** Mark Lane

**GK Coach:** Mark Lane

**Coach:** Paul Murray

**Physio:**

**Kitman:** Brian Stokes

**Team Colours:**

**Shirts:** Red with White Trim

**Shorts:** Red

**Socks:** Red with White Trim

**Referee:** Valentine Anekwe

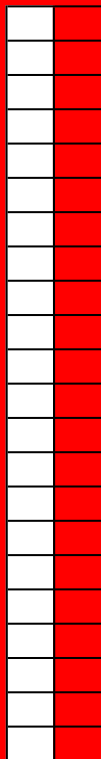
**Assistant 1:** Adrian Tranter

**Assistant 2:** Michael Butcher

**Observer:** Geoffrey Stanborough

## PHOENIX SPORTS

**Manager:** Paul Bryon



**Steve Phillips (GK)**  
**Lewis Clarke**  
**Danny Young**  
**Jack Barry**  
**Lee Bird**  
**Ryan Solon**  
**Zak Bryon**  
**Ashley Probets**  
**Oliver Andrews**  
**Jeff Duah-Kessie**  
**Jack Hopkins**  
**George Whitlock**  
**Ryan Andrews**  
**Andrew Dythe**  
**Kenny Aileru**  
**Lauris Chin**  
**Connor McGrady**  
**Mahmoud Juma**  
**Ben Allen**

**Asst. Mngr:** Tony Rossiter

**Coach:** Alan Foreman

**Coach:** Del Oldfield

**Physio:** Emily Sawyer

**Physio:**

**Kitman:**

**Team Colours:**

**Shirts:** Green with Black Trim

**Shorts:** Black

**Socks:** Black