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Whitstable Town
v Folkestone Invicta
The Emirates FA Cup
Saturday 7th. September 2019
Kick Off 3:00 pm



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Words from the Chairman

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the Belmont as we entertain our friends from the South Coast, Folkestone Invicta, in what should be an entertaining FA Cup fixture. On behalf of Whitstable Town I hope you have a pleasant afternoon and a safe trip home.

One person from the Folkestone squad who will have a shorter trip home than most is Scott Heard. Scott who made 253 appearances for the club is returning to the Belmont in his first competitive fixture against us since leaving the Belmont a few years ago - welcome back Scott. The last time we played at home was against Herne Bay and may I just say how proud I was of the club as a whole in how we conducted ourselves that scorching Bank Holiday Monday when the heat was a little too much for some! As a club we have no place for foul and abusive behaviour. That matter has been dealt with in a mature way by both clubs, Herne Bay and Whitstable, and we look forward to welcoming Herne Bay to the Belmont on Tuesday 12th November.

Back to the matter in hand, let's all get behind Lloyd and the team today and cheer us on for a place in the next round of the world's oldest cup competition - the FA Cup!

UP THE OYSTERS!!

Steve



Scott Heard returns to the Belmont playing for Folkestone Invicta.

This will be his first competitive game here for a few years. Nice to see you again.



Blacky's Blog

Good afternoon and very warm welcome to everyone attending the Belmont today for this FA Cup first qualifying round against Folkestone Invicta.

I would like to extend that welcome to all directors, staff, players and fans of our opponents today. Neil Cugley's side sit pretty at the top of the premier division after a great start to their campaign. It's the hardest draw we could've possibly got but it makes for a fantastic occasion and one we are looking forward to.

Football has a very funny way of bringing down to earth with a bang. A fantastic 3-0 victory against arch-rivals Herne Bay last week frustratingly followed by a 4-0 defeat away at Sevenoaks last Saturday.

The bank holiday fixture here last Monday was certainly a great result especially for the fans. We limited a dangerous Herne Bay attack to only 2 shots on target and in all seriousness didn't trouble us. The players work was exceptional especially considering the extremely hot conditions the players had to endure.

We were unable to back that performance up against an impressive Sevenoaks side the following week. 0-0 at half time I thought we would go take the game to our opponents but the harder the players tried the worse it got for them. There was no shouting, no screaming, no finger pointing. Just a sensible debrief after the game to try understanding where we went wrong. There will be a few humps and bumps along the road, but we were straight back to training Tuesday and Thursday to right our wrongs as a group and continue to work on things to improve our levels.

We've started the season unbeaten here at the Belmont and long may that continue. You fans can play a real part in that when creating an atmosphere to help the lads out on the pitch, as proved with your amazing support when we had an attendance of over 500 here last week. Incredible!

Hope you all enjoy the game and look forward to seeing you in the bar afterwards.

Up the oysters.

Blacky



Biggsie's Banter

Good afternoon everybody, welcome to the Belmont for this Emirates FA Cup match against Folkestone Invicta. We trust that your visit will be a memorable one. We are looking to a tough match this afternoon; Folkestone are doing well in the Premier Division just above our league. I would like to think that they are in for a tough game today, we shall see.

Last Saturday we travelled away to Sevenoaks for a South East Division match. The result was not in our favour. After a decent first half we went into the second half but was disappointed with a penalty being given against us. Sevenoaks scored from the penalty and shortly after scored a second. That seemed to knock the stuffing out of us. The Oaks scored two more towards the end of the game.

We have taken delivery of a new printer and this is the first programme to be printed using it. We hope that you like the results. The cost using a printing firm meant that we were losing money every game. Now hopefully we should at least break even and may make a small profit when we have to produce a larger number of programmes. Be patient with us as we get used to the new technology. The printer will print colour both sides, staple them and fold them, amazing!

Back to today's match please give your vocal support to the team, we know it really helps. They put a lot of effort into their games. Let us hope for favourable weather conditions today. The last two home games must have been difficult to play with the high temperature and humidity. Let's hope we have a good entertaining game of football today, so give the lads all the support you can.

The facilities around the ground are slowly starting to take shape, it takes a lot of time and a lot of money, and we are getting there. If you can help out anyway possible it would be much appreciated. Remember the Sponsor a Player, we are slowly getting more people contributing to this. It all helps.

All for now so please enjoy the game and give the team your all.

#COYRs

Les

Whitstable Academy have entered a team into the FA Youth Cup this season.

They have been drawn away to Badshot Lea.

The match is on 17th. September and the Kick-Off is 7:45 pm

The next first team home game at the Belmont is a

BetVictor Isthmian League South East Division

Whitstable Town versus Haywards Heath Town FC

Saturday 14th. September 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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TALES FROM THE BELMONT

(Researched and compiled by Bernie Thompson, Club Historian)

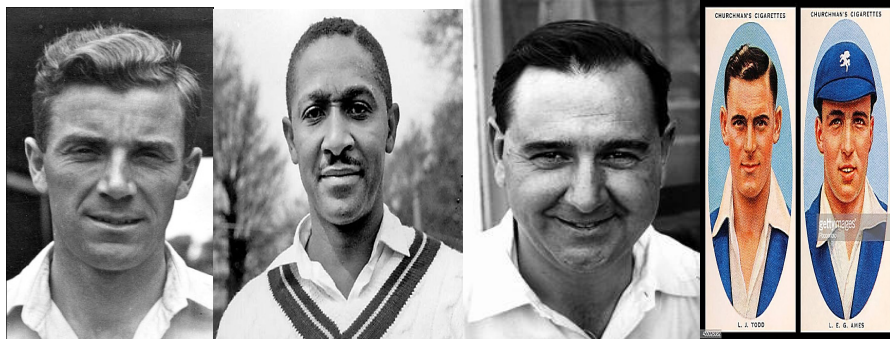
Although football was first introduced at Whitstable in 1885 and has been played at the Belmont since 1886, the game of cricket has been played in the town since 1736. The earliest matches were played at 'The Salts' but the Belmont had also been used for cricket matches from 1873 to 1890. Now it is the home of Whitstable Cricket Club although it wasn't the club's regular ground until after World War II.



AN EARLY CRICKET MATCH AT WHITSTABLE.

The recent Joe Denly Testimonial match between Whitstable CC Nearly Legends and Kent CC Legends was well attended and saw almost the full Kent team supporting their team mate and colleague, Joe, even though most hadn't arrived back in Kent until 3am, following Kent's T20 match in Somerset the previous evening.

The game brought back memories of the Benefit matches of the 1950's, when a Kent XI was annual visitors to the Belmont for matches in aid of the Kent Beneficiary each year. Some 'big name' cricket stars played at the Belmont in these matches including the great West Indian, Sir Frank Worrell, Sir Colin Cowdrey, Doug Wright, Les Todd, Stuart Leary, Brian Luckhurst, also Hampshire players, Derek Shackleton, Butch White and Jimmy Gray.



SOME CRICKET STARS WHO HAVE PLAYED AT THE BELMONT

Doug Wright, Sir Frank Worrell, Sir Colin Cowdrey and Les Todd.

In 1948, Australia, hailed as one of the greatest cricket teams of all time toured England and known as the 'Invincibles' are the only Australian team to complete an Ashes tour undefeated. Captained by the legendary Sir Donald Bradman, their crushing defeats created history although on his final tour, Bradman was left stranded for ever with a test batting average of 99.4 after his 'duck' in the final test match.

After the Aussies had bowled England out for 52 in the fifth test at the Oval they visited Canterbury to play Kent, when on the Monday a new ground record of 23000 saw twenty six wickets fall. England wicket keeper, Godfrey Evans's Kent team mates said after the Oval debacle that 'at least when we play the Aussies we'll get more than 52 runs.' In fact they got one less being bowled out for 51.

Les Todd, the Kent opening bat, was struck on the toe by Ray Lindwall's first ball. Todd told the umpire that he should be given out LBW but the umpire refused. Next ball Todd allowed himself to be bowled and then refused to bat in Kent's second innings which subsequently led to Kent suspending him for the remainder of the season.



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2	Ashford United	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	9
3	Chichester City	4	3	0	1	8	6	2	9
4	Hastings United	4	2	2	0	3	0	3	8
5	Whitehawk	4	2	2	0	6	4	2	8
6	Sevenoaks Town	4	2	1	1	6	2	4	7
7	Whyteleafe	4	2	1	1	9	6	3	7
8	Haywards Heath Town	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
9	VCD Athletic	4	2	1	1	10	9	1	7
10	Sittingbourne	4	1	2	1	6	7	-1	5
11	Guernsey	4	1	2	1	9	11	-2	5
12	Faversham Town	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
13	Whitstable Town	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
14	Herne Bay	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
15	East Grinstead Town	4	0	3	1	6	7	-1	3
16	Burgess Hill Town	4	1	0	3	9	11	-2	3
17	Three Bridges	4	1	0	3	5	10	-5	3
18	Hythe Town	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
19	Ramsgate	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
20	Phoenix Sports	4	0	0	4	4	9	-5	0

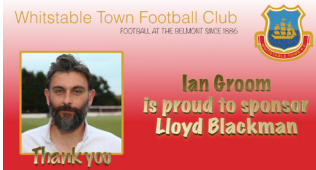
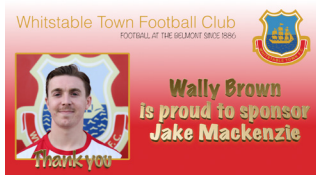
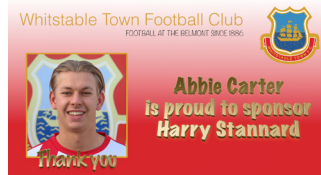
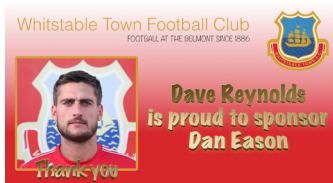
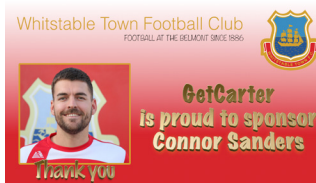
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PLAYER STATISTICS FOR SEASON 2019/20

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

Osman Ali Proni Age 21 Preferred position Central midfield. Previous club Sevenoaks Town
Best memory winning the Kent League with Sevenoaks

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.

Tommy Bryant Age 30 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 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.

Alexander Anderson Age 22 Preferred position Left Wing. Previous club Erith and Belvedere.
Best memory representing Arsenal as a youth player.

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.

Taylor Fisher Age 19 Preferred position Left Back. Previous club Dartford
Best memory making my Whitstable Town debut last season.

Danny Patterson Age 23 Preferred position Midfield. Previous clubs Farnborough, Braintree Town.
Best memory Signing Pro at Walsall

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

John Walker Age 34 Preferred position Right Back/Centre Back/Left Back.
Previous clubs Folkestone, Hythe Town. Best memory Reaching the first round of the FA Cup
with Hythe Town against Hereford United.

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

Tarik Ibrahim Age 21 Preferred position either flank/No. 10. Previous clubs Sheppey, Phoenix Sports
Dulwich Hamlet. Best memory Making it to round 1 in the FA youth Cup with Dulwich Hamlet.
I can also play in goal or center back with regards to my height.

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.



Jake MacKenzie



Liam Gillies



Osman Proni



Dan Eason



Liam Dickson



Marcus Evans



Tom Bryant



Luke Girt



TJ Jadama



Alex Anderson



Aaron Millbank



Taylor Fisher



Danny Patterson



Connor Sanders



John Walker



Harry Stannard



Tarik Ibrahim



Marcus Elliott



Josh Spencer



Muhammed Cham

Whitstable Town FC Reserves

The Reserves are a new team this season, managed by Josh Algar and playing in the **Andreas Carter Kent County League**, Division Two Central and East.

The Reserves play their home matches at The Belmont, admission is £3 or included in the cost of your Season Ticket.

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Whitstable Town FC Reserves v Bearsted Reserves 0 – 2

Upcoming Fixtures:

14/09/19 14.45

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21/09/19 14.45

Whitstable Town Reserves v Tenterden Town

28/09/19 15.00

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12/10/19 14.45

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26/10/19 14.45

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KENT YOUTH LEAGUE

Whitstable Under 13's versus Dover Under 13's
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BetVictor South East League Attendances Season 2019/20

Attendances		Home						Away					
BetVictor South East :		P	Total	Avg	Max	Min	:	P	Total	Avg	Max	Min	
Whitstable Town		2	850	425	532	318	:	2	406	203	263	143	
Hastings United		2	828	414	428	400	:	2	316	158	166	150	
Burgess Hill Town		2	638	319	348	290	:	2	679	340	407	272	
Herne Bay		2	605	303	324	281	:	2	710	355	532	178	
Haywards Heath		2	563	282	407	156	:	2	397	199	280	117	
Ashford United		1	272	272	272	272	:	2	226	113	131	95	
Faversham Town		2	500	250	263	237	:	2	618	309	428	190	
Whitehawk		2	500	250	280	220	:	2	386	193	229	157	
Hythe Town		2	492	246	263	229	:	2	611	306	348	263	
Chichester City		2	388	194	198	190	:	2	470	340	407	180	
Ramsgate		2	388	194	208	180	:	1	81	81	81	81	
Sittingbourne		2	343	172	177	166	:	2	526	263	318	208	
Whyteleafe		2	331	166	178	153	:	2	598	299	400	198	
Sevenoaks Town		2	300	150	157	143	:	2	225	113	115	110	
East Grinstead Town		3	398	133	166	115	:	1	177	177	177	177	
Cray Valley PM		2	265	133	150	115	:	2	447	224	281	166	
Phoenix Sports		3	351	117	165	55	:	1	324	324	324	324	
Three Bridges		2	205	103	110	95	:	2	221	111	156	65	
VCD Athletic		2	146	73	81	65	:	2	385	193	220	165	
Guernsey		0	0	0	0	0	:	4	560	140	237	55	

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Spanish Players in Britain

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2. Who left Arsenal to play for Barcelona in the summer of 2011
3. Pepe Reina joined Liverpool from which Spanish club in 2005
4. Who owns shares in his hometown club, Oviedo, and is a big hit with Swansea fans
5. Whose lucky shirt number is 10, he joined Chelsea from Valencia in 2011

Answers

- 1 Ivan Campo
- 2 Cesc Fabregas
- 3 Villarreal
- 4 Michu
- 5 Juan Mata

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Geoffrey's Memories

When I came to live in Whitstable in 1991, a regular in the starting line-up was Karl Rolls. His name has nothing to do with the baking industry. It may well be of German origin connect with two towns named Rolle. Another suggestion is that is what is called 'an occupational' name and has to do with being a scribe.

Karl played up-front for the side, usually sporting the no 10 shirt, with Gary Pullen alongside in the no 9. Height and build wise Karl was not dissimilar to Ian Pulman. Neighbours and rivals Herne Bay were in a good financial position to create a top team in the Winstonlead Kent League. Manager Tommy Sampson went about signing up an array of star players from a variety of clubs. So, Karl left us (and along with Gary Clark) for Tommy's outfit.

But Karl never established himself in the Winch's Field starting XI. Maybe the Manager never saw him in that role. I think many of us believed Karl deserved better than that. Karl returned to us. I recall vividly a winning goal he scored at the Belmont on a Tuesday evening in a Cup game against Herne Bay. We were attacking the then Gas Works End and from just left of centre of the penalty area Karl struck a thunderous drive into the top corner of the net, the corner that was to their 'keeper's left. How pleased we were for Karl, that he got one over Tommy Sampson!

SOUTH EAST DIVISION 2019/20		Ashford United	Burgess Hill Town	Chichester City	Cray Valley PM	East Grinstead Town	Faversham Town	Guernsey	Hastings United	Hatwards Heath Town	Herne Bay	Hythe Town	Phoenix Sports	Ramsgate	Sevenoaks Town	Sittingbourne	Three Bridges	VCD Athletic	Whitehawk	Whitstable Town	Whyteleafe
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Whitstable Town FC A Brief History

Whitstable Town F.C. is a football club based in [Whitstable, Kent](#), England. The club was established in 1885 and joined the [Kent League](#) in 1950. In the 1996/97 season, the team reached the 5th round of the [FA Vase](#). They were champions of the Kent League Premier Division in the 2006/07 season and were promoted to the [Isthmian League](#). After nine seasons they suffered relegation and played in the [Southern Counties East League](#) Premier Division for the next two, but in 2017/18 they won both the Kent Senior Trophy and League Cup, whilst also finishing runner-up in the league, which was enough to gain promotion back to the [Bostik League](#), where they are currently members of the South East Division.

Although the first recorded football match in Whitstable was in 1885, the first record of Whitstable Town's existence was the following year. After a couple of years playing in a field behind the railway station, the club relocated to The Belmont Ground in 1888, where they play to this day.

In 1909 the Oystermen joined the original Kent League, where they played until it folded in 1959, winning the Division Two title three times. They also lifted the Kent Amateur Cup (now Kent Senior Trophy) in 1929. After the collapse of the Kent League, the club played for a while in the Aetolian League, but this meant long trips to play London teams as opposed to the earlier money-spinning East Kent derbies, and this was a period of financial struggle for the club, which dropped into the amateur leagues for a number of years.

In the late 1960s the Kent League reformed, with the Oystermen among the founder members, moving back from the Greater London League. They also attracted national publicity in 1989 when striker Gerry Allen scored a goal after just 4 seconds of a match. They had remained members of the Kent League until their promotion to the Isthmian League in 2007. The 2006–07 season marked the best in the club's history when supporter Tony Rouse took over as chairman from long time servant of the club Joe Brownnett. Rouse appointed first team captain Marc Seager as the club's manager taking over from Matt Toms. Under Marc Seager's leadership the team won the Kent League and the Kent Senior Trophy.

In 2012 former local referee Gary Johnson took over as chairman from Joe Brownnett (after his second spell in the chair) who stepped down after many years at Whitstable Town. The club's best finish in the Isthmian League was 8th under managers Jim and Danny Ward in 2014/15, while Nicky Southall led them to the last 32 of the FA Trophy in 2013/14, before losing 2-1 to Ebbsfleet United in front of 742 supporters at the Belmont Ground.

Towards the end of a turbulent 2015/16 season that saw the chairman resign and the club relegated, Joe Brownnett returned as chairman and Scott Porter took over as Manager for the last few games in the Isthmian League before relegation was confirmed. The club rebuilt off the pitch and after two seasons in the Southern Counties East League, promotion back into the Bostik (Isthmian) League was achieved with 2nd placed finish during a season that also brought cup final wins in the Kent Senior Trophy and the SCEFL Challenge Cup.

Things look a lot brighter for the future with a new football academy being launched at the start of the 2017/18 season and in association with Whitstable Town Junior Football Club, there are now opportunities for girls and boys under the age of 18 to train and play football and be part of the town's senior club.

Whitstable Town play their home games at The 'Belmont Ground', Belmont Road, Whitstable, Kent. There is a good sized car park available, but please note its entrance is on Grimshill Road, CT5 4LN. The ground boasts a newly seated stand along one side as well as covered terracing behind each goal. There is a clubhouse and bar that can be hired for private functions, when not in use on match days.

Lloyd Blackman joined Whitstable Town as Manager in May and brought in with him Coach Paul Murray and Physio Andrea Gencarelli.

FOLKESTONE INVICTA

Folkestone Invicta Football Club, which was formed in 1936 and played in the East Kent Amateur League, took over use of the Cheriton Road ground in early 1991 after the demise of the old Folkestone club who had enjoyed a long history in the Southern League.

It was the arrival of manager Neil Cugley from Ashford Town during the summer of 1997 which was to provide the catalyst for the return of Southern League football to the town.

Cugley made an immediate impact as promotion was achieved by finishing runners up to Herne Bay in 1997-98 when the club also finished runners up in the Playas Kent Senior Trophy for the third time after losing 1-0 in the final to Greenwich Borough at Ashford Town's Homelands ground.

But under manager Cugley the club were to be permanent fixtures in the top three of their respective division for three successive seasons.

The 1999-2000 season saw the club achieve more progress with promotion to the Dr. Martens League Premier Division as runners up to Fisher Athletic (London) in the Eastern Division. Again there was final day heartbreak for Invicta as the championship went right to the wire with Fisher winning away to Newport (Isle of Wight) to make Invicta's final day win at Wisbech in vein. Invicta went down 1-0 at home to holders and eventual winners Kingstonian in the F.A. Umbro Trophy and again reached the Kent Senior Cup Final, but went down again, this time 3-0 to Gravesend & Northfleet, their fifth successive defeat in a cup final as a senior side. It was a good season all round for the club as the reserves won the Kent Intermediate Cup and the youth team won their section of the MUSH Kent Youth League and reached the 2nd Round of the Times Sponsored F. A. Youth Cup before bowing out 6-0 against a strong Millwall side at the New Den

The 2001-02 season saw an improved Invicta side briefly top the Premier Division table for the first time in the club's history during the opening weeks of the season. The club reached the 4th Qualifying Round of the F. A. Cup but were beaten 5-1 in a replay away to Welling United after drawing the initial tie 1-1 with a lucrative trip to Reading as the prize. The season ended on a dramatic note as Invicta 3-3 home draw with Tamworth on the final day of the season denied the Lambs the championship – that game was watched by a crowd of 1,277, the highest ever home attendance for an Invicta league match.

That record was broken in August 2002 when the visit of neighbours Dover Athletic attracted a crowd of 1,446 to Cheriton Road. But the 2002-03 season was to prove a difficult season for Invicta as financial constraints took their toll. The club finished bottom of the table and was relegated back down to the Eastern Division.

But the club was to suffer real tragedy on Tuesday April 12th, 2005 when striker Paul Sykes collapsed on the pitch and died during a Kent Senior Cup semi-final against one of his former clubs Margate. Invicta subsequently pulled out of the competition to allow Margate to play another of Paul's former clubs Dover Athletic in the final at Folkestone when the Kent footballing community came together to remember one of its most popular characters.

Folkestone Invicta went into the 2005-06 season in good spirits with a new sponsorship deal with local coach company Buzzlines. The club subsequently enjoyed its best ever run in the F. A. Cup, going down 2-1 away to Chester City in the First Round after leading 1-0 at half time thanks to an early Adam Flanagan goal which was shown on Match of the Day. The reserves also finished as champions of the Kentish Observer Football League Division Two and the club also enjoyed great success at youth level.

The 2006-07 season saw the club maintain its Isthmian Premier League status on the final day of the season with a 1-1 draw away to Carshalton. But the next season was to see the club relegated on the final day of the season with a 1-0 home defeat against Maidstone United in a winner-takes-all encounter.

2008-09 saw the club in the Isthmian League Division One South but a financial crisis put paid to early season hopes of promotion and the club put its faith in a predominantly young, local, up-and-coming side.

Croydon Athletic clinched the championship with a 0-0 draw on a memorable night at Invicta after both towns had paid tribute to Rifleman Peter Aldridge of A Company 4 Rifles, who had died in an explosion in Afghanistan, aged just 19, becoming the 250th UK serviceman to die in the campaign. New Invicta chairman Lynn Woods' efforts in staging the commemoration were rewarded with a 2,134 crowd. But continuing financial constraints meant that the club found life back in the Isthmian Premier League difficult and it was relegated back down to Division One South in 2010-11.

During the summer of 2016 the club prepared for life back in the Isthmian League Premier Division and sold striker Harry Smith to League Division One club Millwall. The club achieved its objective of staying in the Premier Division which was confirmed with a 3-0 final day win away to Grays Athletic amid a party atmosphere at Aveley and also won the division's Respect award. Invicta stepped up a gear last season scoring over 100 goals in the Bostik League Premier Division and reaching the Play Offs where they lost 4-0 in the semi final away to Hendon. It had been an exciting end to the season as the club lost on penalties in the Kent Reliance Senior Cup Final away to Maidstone United and finished their scheduled league programme with a 2-2 draw away to Billericay Town where a stoppage time Jamie O'Hara screamer denied them a league 'double' over the champions.

Despite winning its last five matches during April, Invicta narrowly missed out on the play offs on the final day of the 2018-19 season.

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MICHEAL EVERITT (Player-Coach): The club's record appearance holder (700+) who was appointed to the coaching staff during the summer of 2017. Supporters' Player of the Year for 2009-10 - when he led the club to promotion from the Isthmian League Division One South and was ever present in all competitions – and again in 2018-19. Also a member of the championship-winning side of 2015-16. Micheal came through the successful youth system at Invicta, where he captained the side that played away to Millwall youths in the Second Round of the F. A. Youth Cup in 1999-2000. He was rewarded with a testimonial at the club during 2008. Has also had a loan spell at Sittingbourne, where he was captain during the 2001-02 season, and also had a spell as Player-Coach at Whitstable Town. Date of birth: October 16, 1982.

NAT BLANKS (Defender): Was originally with the club as a youth team player before moving on to Gillingham. He has subsequently played for Marlow, Chalfont St Peter and Burnham before returning to Invicta in October 2012. Can play in defence or midfield. Has now made over 250 appearances for the club and was a part of the 2015-16 Isthmian League championship-winning side. Date of birth: January 9, 1988.

CALLUM DAVIES (Defender): Joined the club initially on loan from Maidstone United during August 2016 and has now made over 150 appearances for the club. Swept the board at the club's Player of the Year presentations during 2017-18 winning Supporters' and Players' Player of the Year and even walking away with the young Payer of the Year award! Callum began his career at Gillingham, for whom he began as a trainee, captained the youth team, progressed to the reserves and made 29 first team appearances between 2010-15. He won a League Division Two title medal under Martin Allen in 2013 but injury restricted his progress under Justin Edinburgh. During that time he also had loan spells at Lewes, Thurrock, Dover Athletic, Bromley and Eastleigh before joining Maidstone. Date of birth: February 8, 1993.

RONNIE DOLAN (Midfielder): Midfielder who scored with his first touch for the club as a substitute at home to Corinthian-Casuals in November 2014. Joined the club from Hastings United and has also had spells at Ashford Town, Ashford United, Hythe Town and Welling United. Was a part of the 2015-16 Isthmian League Division One South championship winning team. Has been unlucky with injuries over the past few seasons. Date of birth: March 3, 1992.

JERSON DOS SANTOS (Striker): Striker who joined the club in the summer of 2019 having played pre-season for Invicta during the summer of 2018. For 2018-19 he joined Carshalton Athletic for whom he scored in the league away to Invicta before finishing last season on loan at East Grinstead Town. Born in Angola, this Portuguese striker spent his early playing days with Charlton Athletic, Crystal Palace and AFC Wimbledon before joining Grays Athletic in the Isthmian League Premier Division. He then joined BÍ Bolungarvík in Iceland before returning to England and spells with Staines Town and Sutton United. He then returned to Iceland with Vestri Ísaförður. Upon his return he joined Southern Counties East League club Sevenoaks Town and then Hayes & Yeading United in the Southern League Premier Division. He has also had spells with Hythe Town and on loan at Margate. Scored on his Invicta debut at home to Worthing and then hit two in his next match away to Cray Wanderers. Date of birth: June 8, 1991.

IAN DRAYCOTT (Striker): Joined the club from Leatherhead during the summer of 2014 and has now scored over 100 goals for the club. He scored 43 goals in 57 appearances in his debut season and then 40 goals in 53 appearances during the championship-winning season of 2015-16. In 2014-15 he shared the Isthmian League Division One South Golden Boot with 34 goals and then won it outright in 2015-16 with 40 league goals. Was included in the Team of the Season selected by the managers for 2014-15. Supporters' and Players' Player of the Year in 2014-15. Helped Leatherhead (2013-14) and Maidstone United (2012-13) to play off success in the Isthmian League Division One South and was a part of the 2015-16 Isthmian League Division One South championship winning team. Has also played for Lewes and Bedford Town. Date of birth: June 18, 1988.

SAM HASLER (Midfielder): Signed for the club from Herne Bay in October 2016. Predominantly left-sided player who was previously with Maidstone United and part of the Erith & Belvedere side that won the Kent Premier League in 2012/13. Joined Herne Bay in July 2013. A superb striker of the ball who scored the club's Goal of 2016-17 with a stunning free kick at home to Isthmian League Premier Division champions Havant & Waterlooville. Was included in the 2017-18 Bostik League Premier Division team of the season selected by the managers. Date of birth: November 14, 1992.

SCOTT HEARD (Midfielder): Re-joined the club from Dagenham & Redbridge during the summer of 2017 having signed for the Daggers in October 2016. Originally joined the club from Whitstable Town during November 2015 and was a part of the 2015-16 Isthmian League Division One South championship winning team. Had come from the youth system at Whitstable and also represented Kent at youth level. Made over 200 appearances for Whitstable having started out as a youngster at Canterbury and is an exciting player who covers a lot of ground. Has made over 100 appearances for the club. Date of birth: July 23, 1993.

IRA JACKSON (Striker): Joined the club during January 2019 having appeared against Invicta for Sittingbourne in The Alan Turvey Trophy earlier in the season. Ira has also had spells with Margate, Whitstable Town, Ramsgate, Dover Athletic, Worthing, Leatherhead and Ashford. Scored his first goal for the club away to Carshalton Athletic in March 2019 and then hit a first half hat-trick on his full home debut against Lewes. Date of birth: October 28, 1997.

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KIERON McCANN (Midfield): Joined the club during the summer of 2017 from Sevenoaks Town. Won the club's Goal of the 2017-18 Season award for his strike from outside the penalty area at home to Billericay Town. Played for Sevenoaks in their 2017 2-0 Southern East League Counties Challenge Cup Final win over Sheppey United at Tonbridge's Longmead Stadium and the club finished in a highest ever third place in the league table. Had two spells at Chatham Town, for whom he had initially joined from Sevenoaks and was the Chats' Young Player of the Year for 2014. Other former clubs include Croydon Athletic, Erith & Belvedere, Whyteleafe and Cray Wanderers. Date of birth: May 6, 1992.

HENRY NEWCOMBE (Goalkeeper): Joined the club in July 2019 having played against them twice in six days during pre-season firstly with Deal Town and then with Whitstable Town. Having come through the ranks at Gillingham, whom he joined at the age of nine, Henry represented Kent Schools in 2008 and 2009 and was awarded a professional contract at the Priestfield Stadium in 2016. After his first year as a professional, during which he had a loan spell at Chatham Town, Henry joined Wycombe Wanderers and had a loan spell at Canvey Island. He has had further spells with Margate, Hythe Town and back at Chatham. Date of birth: September 14, 1997.

MATT NEWMAN (Defender / Midfield): Re-joined the club from Hythe Town during August 2017 and impressed as a central defender having played predominantly in midfield during his first spell with the club. Originally joined the club during March 2013 from Chatham Town, where he had been Player of the Year. Made over 150 appearances for the club before joining Hythe Town early in the 2017-18 season. A member of the 2015-16 championship-winning side. His other previous clubs include Erith & Belvedere, Ashford Town, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge Angels. Players' Player of the Year for 2018-19. Date of birth: February 10, 1988.

FINN O'MARA (Defender): Signed for the club from Gillingham during October 2018 having had two loan spells. Finn spent six years at Gillingham having joined them at the age of 13. He made his professional debut during the 2017-18 season when he came on as a substitute away to Blackburn Rovers and he then started in a 1-0 Checkatrade Trophy win away to Colchester three days later before making his full league debut at home to Portsmouth in a game shown live on Sky Sports. His final first team Gills appearance came in a 7-5 Checkatrade Trophy win over Reading in November 2017. Has made over 50 appearances for the club. Date of birth: February 3rd, 1999.

ALFIE PAXMAN (Striker): Striker who signed for the club in May 2018 from Ramsgate, for whom he scored 30 goals during 2017-18. He emerged from the Rams' youth set up and represented Kent at youth level. He signed for the Dover Academy at the age of 16 but featured in the Ramsgate first team and Under 21s during 2015-16 until a late move to Leatherhead and ended up playing in Dover's last match of that season. Won the Derek Knight Trophy as Young Player of the Year and the Goal of the Season award for 2018-19 for his strike at home to AFC Hornchurch. Date of birth: December 15, 1997.

TIM ROBERTS (Goalkeeper): Joined the club in September 2013 from Walton & Hersham and made his debut against his former club a day later! Had joined Walton & Hersham from Chatham Town, having also played for Croydon, Erith Town, Sittingbourne and Dulwich Hamlet. Tim was on the scoresheet when the club won 4-0 at home to Horsham during March 2014. Has now made over 300 appearances for the club and was ever present during 2014-15. Supporters' Player of the Year for the championship-winning season of 2015-16 with 20 league clean sheets, the first goalkeeper to win the award since 1995. Date of birth: October 26, 1988.

JOHAN TER HORST (Striker): Re-signed for the club from Maidstone United during February 2018 after a loan spell with the club during December 2017. Had originally come through the club's youth ranks and made his first senior appearance as a substitute at Herne Bay in November and his full starting debut against Tooting & Mitcham United in December 2012. He then announced his arrival on the scene by scoring twice against Maidstone United. Won the Paul Sykes Trophy as the youth team's top goalscorer during both 2011-12 and 2012-13 and also won the first team's Goal of the Season award for 2012-13 for his lob at home to Horsham in February 2013. Johan attracted considerable interest that culminated in Premiership club Hull City securing his signature at the end of the 2013-14 season and he spent three seasons at Hull before returning to Kent with Maidstone during the summer of 2017. Date of birth: April 6, 1995.

JOSH VINCENT (Defender): Now the club's longest-serving player, Josh stepped up into the first team squad during 2008-09. He has now made over 450 appearances for the club. The club's Young Player of the Year in 2008-09. Goalscoring right back who scored in the 2009-10 Isthmian League Division One South play-off final win against Godalming Town. A member of the 2015-16 Isthmian League Division One South championship winning team. Was rewarded with a testimonial season for 2017-18. Date of birth: February 8, 1990.

From the Archives



On the 30th. March 2013 Whitstable score against Folkestone



Ian Pulman scores against Folkestone on 10th. January 2015



Whitstable get a second away to Folkestone on the 10th. January 2015

WHITSTABLE DEFEAT LOCAL RIVALS

BY RON MARTIN

Large Bank Holiday crowd sees Herne Bay well beaten at the Belmont

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A Bank Holiday crowd of over five hundred saw Whitstable comfortably beat Herne Bay at a very warm Belmont Ground. Marcus Elliott gave the home side an early lead with a low shot into the corner of the net. A John Walker cross was missed by everyone and found its way into the far corner to double the lead just after half time. Herne Bay offered very little in response, as Whitstable worked hard to stop them playing and Aaron Millbank added a third goal with a good finish towards the end. The visitors had a few late attempts, but mainly from distance and off target, leaving goalkeeper Dan Eason without a serious save to make.

Both teams made a few changes to the starting elevens from their FA Cup matches two days earlier. Whitstable manager Lloyd Blackman changed the formation, bringing in Liam Dickson for his debut, playing alongside Tom Bryant and Marcus Evans at the back. Connor Sanders was able to play his first game of the season, having served a suspension carried over from the last campaign, while Marcus Elliott returned up front. Herne Bay brought in Michael Turner, Jordan Johnson-Palmer and former Whitstable striker Ricky Freeman, following their 2-2 draw with AFC Croydon Athletic. The visitors also included in their squad other former Oysterman Laurence Harvey, George Crimmen, Danny Lawrence, Bola Dawodu, Gary Sayer and Kieron Campbell.

Herne Bay won an early corner, but it was Whitstable that generally had the better of things throughout and Bryant had the first attempt on goal when he headed a long throw into the arms of Jack Delo. Any derby day nerves were soon settled in the 7th minute, when Johnson-Palmer allowed Elliott an opportunity and he did well to make space for himself on the edge of the box before shooting low into the left corner with Delo unable to get down to save. Dickson, Millbank and Jake Mackenzie all had half chances to add to the lead before Zak Ansah tried an optimistic shot from distance at the other end that sailed over the bar. Whitstable

were largely controlling the midfield with the energetic TJ Jadama and Liam Gillies chasing every ball, alongside the returning Sanders. Elliott turned and shot wide and Dickson hooked another long Sanders throw over the bar. Eason had one weak shot from the 18 yard line to deal with, as Ryan King-Elliott tried his luck.

Dickson headed a Mackenzie free kick over the bar, then the teams had a second drinks break in the oppressive conditions. Former Greenwich Borough winger Tushaun Tyreece-Walters looked the most threatening Herne Bay player and he made a good run down the right, into the box, before being stopped by Bryant with a timely challenge. There was one more chance at either end before the break, as Millbank had a good effort from a free kick saved by Delo and Harvey glanced a header just wide from a free kick at the other end. The half ended with Whitstable well worth their 1-0 lead.

Herne Bay's top scorer Ansah curled an early shot wide when play restarted, but Whitstable scored again in the 49th minute after a long sequence of passing, when the ball arrived on the left wing and Walker swung in a cross that was missed by all in the box and Crimmen and Delo failed to prevent the ball going straight into the net. The hard-working Gillies went into the book for a foul in midfield, before taking a corner that Bryant headed down for Millbank whose overhead kick went wide. Herne Bay then introduced Campbell in place of King-Elliott and he did at least show some urgency that had been mostly lacking in the Herne Bay team. Freeman went down when challenged just outside the box, but it failed to impress the referee, who

Both managers made full use of their substitutes on a very sticky afternoon. Campbell did well to cut in from the left and try a shot that flew over the bar from a tight angle. Whitstable wrapped up the points on 79 minutes following a good piece of play by substitute Osman Proni, who played the ball to fellow substitute Luke Girt and he picked out Millbank who turned and hit a great shot into the far corner from the right edge of the penalty area. The majority of the Herne Bay goal attempts came in the last 10 minutes, but they were mainly from outside the box and only once was Eason called upon to make a save from another Campbell shot. Proni had one more effort saved low at the near post by Delo, as Whitstable ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

It was a good Whitstable performance in weather that was certainly not ideal for football, as they effectively stopped their opponents from playing, but it was doubtful that many in the large Bank Holiday crowd expected such a lacklustre display from Herne Bay. Next up for Whitstable is a trip to Sevenoaks on Saturday.

Whitstable	Data	Herne Bay
6	Shots on target	2
8	Shots off target	10
1	Shots blocked	1
3	Corners	5
8	Fouls conceded	12
0	Offside	3
0	Penalties	0

Whitstable Town

Dan Eason, Jake Mackenzie, John Walker, Liam Dickson (Josh Spencer 90), Marcus Evans, Tom Bryant (c), Liam Gillies, Tijan Jadama, Aaron Millbank, Marcus Elliott (Osman Proni 74), Connor Sanders (Luke Girt 68).

Subs (unused): Tarik Ibrahim, Alex Anderson.

Goals: Marcus Elliott 7, John Walker 49, Aaron Millbank 79.

Yellow cards: Aaron Millbank 20, Liam Gillies 51.

Herne Bay

Jack Delo, Michael Turner (Bola Dawodu 60), Malachi Robinson, Laurence Harvey (c), George Crimmen, Danny Lawrence, Ryan King-Elliott (Kieron Campbell 55), Jordan Johnson-Palmer, Zak Ansah, Ricky Freeman, Tushaun Tyreece-Walters (Kyron Lightfoot 65).

Subs (unused): Gary Sayer, Joe Nelder.

Yellow card: Ricky Freeman 59

Attendance: 532

Referee: Peter Conn

Assistants: Dan Blades & Chris Cannon

WHITSTABLE WELL BEATEN AT SEVENOAKS

BY RON MARTIN

Four goals conceded in a weak second half performance

SEVENOAKS TOWN 4 WHITSTABLE TOWN 0

BetVictor Isthmian League South East Division

Saturday 31 August 2019 15.00

This game saw a closely fought first half, littered with free kicks and yellow cards, during which Aaron Millbank went close to opening the scoring on several occasions, whilst Dan Eason and the Whitstable defence dealt well with a growing threat from the home side. Whitstable fell behind soon after the interval to a penalty, when the assistant spotted an infringement in the box and a physical Sevenoaks team then cruised to a comfortable victory. Kyle De Silva was the scorer from the spot and Jack Miles then added a second when the ball fell invitingly to him following a corner. Whitstable were unlucky when a Marcus Evans header cannoned off the bar, but late goals by Ainsley Everett and substitute Tyrell Richardson-Brown sealed a big home win.

These two teams were promoted together from the SCEFL Premier Division just over a year ago and both finished respectably in mid-table last season, having fought out two 1-1 draws during the campaign. This time around, there are some new faces in both teams, who each had four points from their first three games. Whitstable kept faith with the team that had beaten Herne Bay on Bank Holiday Monday.

Bradley Schafer was spoken to by the referee for a late challenge on TJ Jadama in the opening minutes and from the free kick, the ball was worked out to Jake Mackenzie, whose cross reached Millbank and his shot was saved. It took only 9 minutes for the first card to be shown, for a foul by Connor French. On 21 minutes, Millbank played a one-two with Marcus Elliott before his shot was comfortably saved by Ben Bridle-Card. Good clearances by Mackenzie and Liam Dickson helped to prevent the home team having a chance to test Eason, following good balls into the Whitstable box. The hard working Liam Gillies won the ball just outside the Sevenoaks 18 yard line, but his shot lacked direction, then Millbank managed to control a long ball out to the right touchline before sending over a cross that grazed the bar.

In the 31st minute, Schafer hit a powerful shot that Eason did well to push out. Mackenzie looked a little unfortunate to be booked when he appeared to win the ball in a challenge just afterwards, but Eason got down to save the resulting free kick by Dan Parkinson. John Walker was next to be shown a yellow card, as Sevenoaks began to ask a few more questions and just before half time, Louis Collins went over when blocked in the area, but the penalty claims were dismissed. There was a lengthy delay in added time when Collins, the manager's son who was at Scunthorpe United last season, needed treatment for an ankle problem before being carried from the pitch to be replaced by former Whitstable striker Frankie Sawyer. There remained just enough time for Everett to be cautioned for a foul on Walker and the teams went in at the break with the score still 0-0.

Tommy Whitnell had a low shot saved by Eason just after the restart, but the key moment in the game came in the 50th minute, when Walker was adjudged by the assistant to have clipped a Sevenoaks player in the box, after the referee had originally awarded a corner. Following some Whitstable protests, the Sevenoaks "man of the match" De Silva stepped up to send Eason the wrong way and give his team the lead. Whitstable tried to respond, as Jadama released Millbank for a shot that was pushed around the post by Bridle-Card and from the corner, the goalkeeper also managed to keep out a Tom Bryant header. Sevenoaks then won a corner themselves and when the cross came in

from De Silva, Everett had his close-range effort well stopped by Eason. A booking for Whitnell, which looked a little unfortunate, prompted some vocal protests from the home bench that resulted in a warning for manager Micky Collins. In the 63rd minute, Sevenoaks gave themselves a two-goal cushion when another corner dropped nicely for Miles around 15 yards out and he struck a powerful left footed shot that Eason could not keep out despite getting a hand to it.

Both teams then made substitutions, with Whitstable sending on Tarik Ibrahim and Osman Proni in an attempt to turn things around. Newly introduced Richardson-Brown headed a good opportunity from a corner well wide and then Whitstable almost pulled a goal back when Proni curled in a free kick that was met by Evans, who was unfortunate to see his great header strike the bar and rebound to safety. Gillies shot over the bar following a corner, but Whitstable could not find a way through the home defence. On 80 minutes, Mackenzie was the victim of a very late challenge that was missed by the officials but was able to continue and then Whitstable sent on their last substitute Alex Anderson. Richardson-Brown had another shot blocked and Eason had to be alert to prevent a deflection leading to an own goal. On 86 minutes, the ball was played across from the right to Everett just inside the box and his shot was deflected past Eason for a third home goal. There was a little late pressure by Whitstable, with no end product and Gillies collected the final yellow card of the game, making that count 3-3, as the game entered added time. Schafer had a shot blocked, but then in the final minute, Walker was caught in possession on the halfway line and Richardson-Brown raced clear to tuck the ball past Eason to complete the scoring and a 4-0 home win.

Whitstable will feel they had several good chances and a four-goal defeat maybe flattered the home team slightly, but once behind, they failed to cope effectively with a strong and quick Sevenoaks team, especially in midfield. The FA Cup returns to the Belmont next weekend, with an attractive fixture and tough test against Folkestone Invicta, who are top of the BetVictor Isthmian Premier Division with five wins and a draw from their opening six games.

Sevenoaks	Data	Whitstable
10	Shots on target	4
3	Shots off target	4
3	Shots blocked	0
6	Corners	2
20	Fouls conceded	13
3	Offside	1
1	Penalties	0

Sevenoaks Town

Ben Bridle-Card, Fraser Walker, Kyle De Silva, Dan Parkinson (Daniel Cumber 78), Jack Miles, Ben Gorham (c). Tommy Whitnell, Bradley Schafer, Connor French (Tyrell Richardson-Brown 61), Louis Collins (Frankie Sawyer 45+4), Ainsley Everett.

Subs (unused): Adrian Stone, Alec Fiddes.

Goals: Kyle De Silva pen 50, Jack Miles 60, Ainsley Everett 86, Tyrell Richardson-Brown 90+3.

Yellow cards: Connor French 9, Ainsley Everett 45+5, Tommy Whitnell 58.

Whitstable Town

Dan Eason, Jake Mackenzie, John Walker, Liam Dickson (Osman Proni 61), Marcus Evans, Tom Bryant (c), Liam Gillies, Tijan Jadama, Marcus Elliott (Alex Anderson 81), Aaron Millbank, Connor Sanders (Tarik Ibrahim 61).

Subs (unused): Luke Girt, Josh Spencer.

Yellow cards: Jake Mackenzie 33, John Walker 38, Liam Gillies 90.

Attendance: 143
Referee: Ian Fissenden
Assistants: Daniel Friar & Howard Collins



Ben Bridle-Card manages to get a hand to the ball



Marcus Evans puts in a powerful header

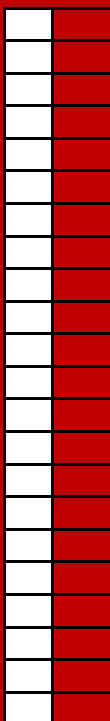


Marcus sees his header hit the framework



WHITSTABLE TOWN

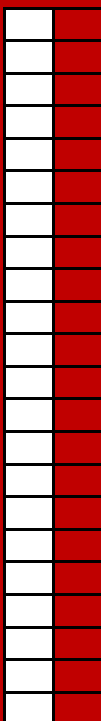
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 Aaron Millbank
 Danny Patterson
 Osman Proni
 Connor Sanders
 Harry Stannard
 Josh Spencer
 John Walker
 Muhammed Cham
 Owen Fitt

FOLKESTONE INVICTA

Manager: Neil Cugley



Tim Roberts (GK)
 Josh Vincent
 Alfie Paxman
 Matt Newman
 Callum Davies (Capt)
 Sam Hasler
 Scott Heard
 Micheal Everitt
 Ira Jackson
 Jerson Dos Santos
 Kieron McCann
 Johan Ter Horst
 Nat Blanks
 Ronnie Dolan
 Finn O'Mara
 Henry Newcombe

Asst. Manager: Mark Lane
 Team Liaison: Bob Reardon
 GK Coach: Mark Lane
 Coach: Paul Murray
 Physio: Andrea Gencarelli
 Kitman: Brian Stokes
Team Colours:
 Shirts: Red with White Trim
 Shorts: Red
 Socks: Red with White Trim

Referee: John Pike
 Assistant 1: Jak Hill
 Assistant 2: Daniel Barham
 4th. Official

Asst. Mngr: Roland Edge
 Player Coach: Micheal Everitt
 Coach:
 Coach:
 Physio: Abi Winstanley
 Kitman:
Team Colours:
 Shirts: Black and Amber Stripes
 Shorts: Black
 Socks: Black

Next home fixture v Haywards Heath FC Saturday 14th. September Kick-Off 3:00 pm