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Whitstable Town v VCD Athletic F.C. BetVictor League S.E. Division Saturday 26th. October 2019 Kick Off 3:00 pm



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Words from the Chairman

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen I'd like to welcome everyone to the Belmont, and I hope that those involved with today's opponents VCD enjoy their short stay with us.

Well I asked of you on Tuesday night to leave Ashford unhinged and you didn't disappoint in what was an enthralling game that resulted in the win we desired.

Today brings us back to league action and sitting nicely just outside the play off zone, but I personally haven't ever sat nicely and would prefer us all to stand up, be counted and roar us into those play off places to put a marker down on where we strive to be.

Talking of striving to be... fellow BetVictor Isthmian League South East club Chichester City reached the 2nd round of the FA Cup without kicking a ball! As ever the non-league family showed its class with Chichester City donating a substantial amount to Bury FC whose plight shows how difficult it is to run a lower league football club in these modern times.

Let's get behind Lloyd and the team to cheer us on to a crucial 3 points!

Come on you oysters

Steve



Blacky's Blog

Good afternoon and very warm welcome to everyone for today's league fixture against promotion contenders VCD.

Keith McMahon's side have started the season well and sit just 1 point outside of the playoffs. They're one of my tips for promotion this year so I've no doubt it'll be a tough and exciting game.

Last Tuesday evening we faced high flying Ashford United in the Velocity League cup. With fixtures coming thick and fast, as well as coming off the back of a physically demanding week, we were able to make some changes to the side and I was pleased with how we performed. A 3-1 victory was fully deserved, and it was great to see the strength in depth that we possess within the squad. I was obviously delighted for Harry Stannard who has had a very tough 6 months with injury. He has worked extremely hard to get back and although he looked understandably rusty, his quality shown through and was great to see him score 2 goals. Defensively we looked solid and have outstanding options in the attacking third with all the players offering different qualities and attributes. My job has never been harder selecting a starting eleven especially during this decent run of form.

What is important is the how the group are gelling. First and foremost, we demand more from each other and must take each game as it comes. Winning becomes a habit and I am constantly on to the players that winning 3 or 4 games means absolutely nothing and that we are only as good as our NEXT result.

With hard work I hope we are able to continue the good form we are on against a very well organised side.

I would also like to congratulate Dan Eason on making his 200 appearance for the club this week. I've had the privilege of working with Dan before and in my opinion, there is no better goalkeeper in this league. His performances are of an extremely high standard and I hope they continue. Well done Dan.

Lastly, I would like to wish Scott Porter all the very best taking on his new role at Hawkinge Town. Scott and I have been very good friends for a long time now and he's been extremely supportive since I took over in the summer. The success and foundation that Scott laid for the club should not be underestimated in my opinion and who can forget the remarkable treble winning season not so long ago. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Ports the very best of luck.

As I always say, thank you all for your amazing support. It really doesn't go unnoticed and I hope we can get you the 3points today that you deserve.

Up the oysters





Biggsie's Banter

Good afternoon all and welcome to the VCD squad, management, committee and supporters to the Belmont for this BetVictor league match. Have a good time here and all have a safe journey home after the match.

A good win for the lad's midweek with 3 – 1 score line against Ashford United. A good performance from the team, Lloyds hard work is certainly paying off. He is getting a good squad of players and they are certainly a very fit outfit. Long may it continue.

With all the rain that we have had, and we definitely needed it, the pitch is looking great. Considering that we have had a number of games on it in the last ten days or SO.

We have had a certain number of youths climbing over the fences into the ground and the last lot caused a bit of damage. They threw large pieces of concrete/masonry at the goal net at the Bruce Smith stand end causing damage to the net. They also ripped off the protective sponge covering in the stand itself. The youths have all been captured on the CCTV system and are all recognisable from the excellent images. If you should happen to see anyone illegally entering the ground don't hesitate, call the police. It is our ground and any added expense outgoings for repairs are not needed.

Give the team all your vocal support this afternoon, cheer them on as it is making a difference, the players like it and respond well to it.

#COME ON YOU REDS.

Les

The next first team home game at the Belmont is a **BetVictor League South East Division** Whitstable Town versus **Hastings United**

Saturday 9th. November 2019 Kick-Off 3:00 pm

WHO'S WHO AT THE CLUB 2019/2020

The Belmont Ground, Belmont Road Whitstable, Kent CT5 1QP Telephone Number 01227 266012

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.

President	Joe Brownett
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Club Historian	Bernie Thompson
Groundsman	Steve Long
Kit Coordinator	Brian Stokes (First Team)





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WHITSTABLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

BY STEVE CLAYTON

Canterbury Suzuki sponsors FA Cup game Whitstable Town vs Folkestone Invicta

Canterbury Suzuki Supports Whitstable Town Football Club

Whitstable Town had the pleasure of welcoming Canterbury Suzuki as match day sponsors for the FA Cup game against Folkestone. Our commercial team is working hard to bring local sponsorship opportunities and partnerships to Whitstable Town FC.

Quote from commercial manager Andy Luton: "Having the Canterbury Suzuki brand as our match day and also a pitch side advertising sponsor, brings a great opportunity to forge a long-term partnership that works for both parties and helps the exposure of both brands. The commercial team at Whitstable Town are working hard behind the scenes to get like-minded local businesses involved in our community club. We have a great following and atmosphere at the Belmont Ground, which has a dedicated area to display products and branding should you wish to do so."

Quote from Canterbury Suzuki sales manager Stuart Webb: "We would like to say thank you to Whitstable Town FC for the sponsorship opportunity at the game on Saturday. It was good to see a lot of locals supporting the team, which certainly added to the atmosphere at the game. I had the privilege of speaking to several passionate people from the club who talked about the fantastic plans in place now and for the future. We had the opportunity to display some of our vehicles in the ground, which is good exposure for the Suzuki brand. The Canterbury Suzuki Team will be back to Support Whitstable Town FC for future matches during the season".



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BETVICTOR ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

BetVictor Isthmian League South East

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





Sponsor a Player

There are more players available for sponsoring.
You can sponsor a player for £50.00 for the whole season.
A few of you can get together and sponsor your choice.
Players available for sponsorship as follows: -

Alex Anderson Liam Dickson

Marcus Elliott Luke Girt

Leo Mazzone Josh Spencer

Mark Lane Paul Murray Andrea Gencarelli

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	5	0	0	6	0	0	23	0	19/11/2011
Tom Bryant	6	0	0	5	0	0	128	12	27/12/2016
Muhammed Cham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Liam Dickson	6	0	0	4	0	0	10	0	26/08/2019
Dan Eason	9	0	0	7	0	0	199	1	27/10/2015
Marcus Elliott	6	2	3	3	4	2	15	5	17/08/2019
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
Owen Fitt	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	09/12/2017
Liam Gillies	7	2	1	5	1	0	15	1	17/08/2019
Luke Girt	7	1	0	5	1	0	62	0	09/08/2014
Tarik Ibrahim	0	3	0	1	1	0	5	0	17/08/2019
Tijan Jadama	7	0	2	5	0	1	14	4	04/11/2017
Jake Mackenzie	9	0	0	6	1	0	122	7	18/08/2012
Leo Mazzone	0	3	1	1	2	0	6	1	21/09/2019
Aaron Millbank	9	0	3	6	0	2	15	5	17/08/2019
Teddy Nelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	2	21/11/2017
Freddie Parker	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	19/10/2019
Danny Patterson	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	20/08/2019
Osman Proni	2	2	0	1	1	0	6	0	17/08/2019
Connor Sanders	6	0	0	4	0	0	20	1	09/03/2019
Josh Spencer	2	3	1	4	0	0	9	1	26/08/2019
Harry Stannard	0	1	0	1	2	1	23	8	28/11/2015
James Trueman	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	26/12/2018
John Ufuah	5	0	0	3	0	2	8	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 registered to play for Whitstable Town at some point this season. Up to 19 October 2019

PLAYER PROFILES

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

<u>Liam Gillies</u> 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.

<u>Dan Eason</u> 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.

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

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

<u>Tommy Bryant</u> Age 31 Preferred position Centre Back. Previous clubs Gillingham, Folkestone (loan), Halesowen Town, Herne Bay Tunbridge Wells. Bet memory Turning pro at 17 with Gillingham

<u>Luke Girt (Girty)</u> 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.

<u>Tijan Jadama</u> 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.

<u>Aaron Millbank</u> 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.

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

<u>John Walker</u> Age 35 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.

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

<u>Marcus Elliott</u> 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.

<u>Josh Spencer</u> 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.

<u>Muhammed Cham</u> 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.

Freddie Parker



Jake Mackenzie



Liam Dickson



Liam Gillies



Marcus Evans



John Ufuah



Tom Bryant



Dan Eason



Luke Girt





Taylor Fisher



John Walker

Josh Spencer



Harry Stannard



Muhammed Cham



TJ Jadama

Danny Patterson





Connor Sanders



Marcus Elliott



Leo Mazzone

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.

Recent Results:

31st August 2019 2.45pm Whitstable Town FC Reserves v Bearsted Reserves 0 – 2

Upcoming Fixtures:

14/09/19 14.45

Deal Town Rangers v Whitstable Town Reserves 1 - 1

21/09/19 14.45

Whitstable Town Reserves v Tenterden Town 4 - 1

28/09/19 15.00

Kent Intermediate Cup
Whitstable Town Reserves v Bearsted Reserves. 3 - 0

12/10/19 14.45

Rochester City Reserves v Whitstable Town Reserves 3 - 2

19/10/19 14.15

Eastern Section Les Leckie Cup 2019 - 2020 Whitstable Town Reserves v Deal Town Rangers 2 - 1

26/10/19 14.45

Larkfield and New Hythe Wanderers v Whitstable Town Reserves

WHITSTABLE TOWN FC ATTENDANCE RECORDS 2019/2020 SEASON

Attendances				Home						Away		
Isthmian South East	:	P	Total	Avg	Max	Min	:	P	Total	Avg	Max	Min
Guernsey		1	812	812	812	812	:	8	1314	164	293	55
Hastings United		4	1741	435	508	400	:	5	801	160	236	119
Herne Bay		4	1309	327	411	281	:	4	1129	282	532	178
Burgess Hill Town		4	1286	322	348	290	:	3	752	251	407	73
Whitstable Town		5	1472	294	532	141	:	4	868	217	346	116
Ashford United		3	746	249	272	225	:	4	502	126	163	95
Haywards Heath		4	947	237	407	148	:	4	821	205	280	117
Whitehawk		4	917	229	280	201	:	4	976	244	405	157
Faversham Town		5	1124	225	312	127	:	4	844	211	428	73
Hythe Town		4	890	223	263	182	:	5	1349	270	411	110
Ramsgate		5	942	188	218	162	:	2	165	83	84	81
Sittingbourne		4	699	175	217	139	:	4	1063	266	318	208
Whyteleafe		2	331	166	178	153	:	2	598	299	400	198
Chichester City		3	493	164	198	105	:	3	568	251	407	98
Sevenoaks Town		4	616	154	163	143	:	5	1251	250	508	110
East Grinstead Town		6	719	120	166	92	:	3	390	130	177	51
Cray Valley PM		4	436	109	150	73	:	4	837	209	281	141
Three Bridges		5	492	98	119	84	:	4	565	141	239	65
Phoenix Sports		6	585	98	165	51	:	3	624	208	324	84
VCD Athletic		3	276	92	130	65	:	5	1416	283	812	92

League matches only Up to 19 October 2019

DATE	OPPONENTS	٧	COMP		SCORE	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4
17-Aug	Sittingbourne	н	BetVictor	D	1 1	318	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
20-Aug	Hythe Town	Α	BetVictor	L	0 2	263	17	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
24-Aug	Newhaven	н	FA Cup	w	3 1	219	17	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Girt
26-Aug	Herne Bay	Н	BetVictor	w	3 0	532	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker 1	Dickson
31-Aug	Sevenoaks Town	Α	BetVictor	L	0 4	143	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Dickson
07-Sep	Folkestone Invicta	н	FA Cup	L	0 4	503	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Walker	Dickson
10-Sep	Hythe Town	Α	Velocity Cup	D	2 2	157	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
14-Sep	Haywards Heath Town	Н	BetVictor	D	1 1	242	13	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
17-Sep	Cray Valley PM	Н	BetVictor	D	1 1	141	14	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
21-Sep	Burgess Hill Town	Α	BetVictor	L	2 3	346	15	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
28-Sep	Chalfont St. Peter	Α	FA Trophy	w	1 0	84	15	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
01-Oct	Cray Valley PM	Α	KSC	w	2 1	54	15	Eason	Walker	Brown	Sanders
05-Oct	Three Bridges	н	BetVictor	w	2 0	239	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Sanders
12-Oct	Ware	Н	FA Trophy	D	2 2	282	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Mazzone
12-Oct	Ware	Α	FA Trophy	L	0 1	145	12	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
19-Oct	East Grinstead Town	Α	BetVictor	w	3 0	116	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Girt
22-Oct	Ashford United	Н	Velocity Cup	w	3 1	159	9	Eason	Mackenzie	Brown	Mazzone
26-Oct	VCD Athletic	н	BetVictor								
02-Nov	Guernsey	Α	BetVictor								
05-Nov	Ramsgate	Α	Velocity Cup								
09-Nov	Hastings United	н	BetVictor								
12-Nov	Herne Bay	Н	Velocity Cup								
16-Nov	Whitehawk	Α	BetVictor								
23-Nov	Whyteleafe	Н	BetVictor								
26-Nov	Faversham Town	Н	Velocity Cup								
30-Nov	Faversham Town	Α	BetVictor								
07-Dec	Phoenix Sports	Н	BetVictor								
14-Dec	Ramsgate	Α	BetVictor								
26-Dec	Ashford United	Н	BetVictor								
01-Jan	Herne Bay	Α	BetVictor								
04-Jan	Sevenoaks Town	н	BetVictor								
11-Jan	Chichester City	Α	BetVictor								
18-Jan	East Grinstead Town	Н	BetVictor								
25-Jan	Three Bridges	Α	BetVictor								
01-Feb	Burgess Hill Town	Н	BetVictor								
04-Feb	Cray Valley PM	Α	BetVictor								
08-Feb	Ramsgate	Н	BetVictor								
15-Feb 22-Feb	Phoenix Sports VCD Athletic	A	BetVictor BetVictor								
22-Feb	Guernsey	Н	BetVictor								
07-Mar	Hastings United	А	BetVictor								
14-Mar	Whitehawk	Н	BetVictor								
21-Mar	Haywards Heath Town	А	BetVictor								
28-Mar	Chichester City	н	BetVictor								
04-Apr	Sittingbourne	А	BetVictor								
11-Apr	Hythe Town	Н	BetVictor								
13-Apr	Ashford United	Α	BetVictor								
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- 3. What was the nationality of the ref at the 1966 World Cup Final
- 4. What was the unfortunate name of the ref at the 1878 FA Cup Final
- 5. Which ref walked off during a 1988 match between Barnsley and Liverpool
- 6. Which ref was hit by a hot dog thrown from the crowd at Oldham in 1998
- 7. In which year did Jack Taylor referee the FA Cup Final
- 8. Who was the first black referee to be appointed to the Premiership list

Answers

1. Denis Howell 2. Arthur Ellis 3. Swiss 4. S.R. Bastard 5. Gary Willard 6. Paul Durkin 7. 1966 8. Uriah Rennie

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10 FOOTBALL JOKES

- **10.** Three fans were talking about the sad state of their local club; the first fan blamed...: "I blame the manager; if we could sign better players, we'd be a great club. "The second fan blamed...: "I blame the players; if they made more effort, I'm sure we would score more goals." The third fan blamed...: "I blame my parents; if I had been born in a different town, I'd be supporting a decent team."
- **9.** A man takes his seat at the World Cup Final. He looks to his left and notices that there is a spare seat between himself and the next guy. The man: "Who would ever miss the World Cup final?" The guy: "That was my wife's seat. We have been to the last five World Cup finals together, but sadly she passed away." The man: "That's terrible, but couldn't you get another member of the family, friend, or someone else to come with you?" The guy: "No...they are all at the funeral!"
- **8.** A week before the Champions League final a few years ago there was an ad in a local newspaper which said: "Local man offers marriage to any woman that has tickets to the Champions League final. Those interested must send in photo of the tickets."
- 7. Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerged between heaven and hell. God invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve this dispute quickly. Satan, the devil, proposed a soccer game between heaven and hell. God, always fair, told the devil, "The heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be so one sided, don't you know all the 'good' players go to heaven?" The devil, smiling, responded "Yeah, but we've got all the refs'..."
- **6.** A football hooligan appeared in court one day charged with disorderly conduct and assult. The arresting officer stated that the accused had thrown something into the river. *Judge: "What exactly did the accused throw?"Officer: "Stones, sir." Judge: "Well, that's hardly an offense is it?"Officer: It was in this case, sir. Stones was the referee."*
- 5. (note—this isn't exactly about football). The rivalry between Celtic and Rangers in Scotland is well known. A Celtic fan looking for trouble went to a complete stranger in Glasgow and yelled: "To hell with Rangers!"The stranger had a funny look on his face and replied: "I don't know what you're talking about buddy. I'm from Houston, Texas."The Celtic fan was taken back for a moment, but then his face lit up and he yelled: "To hell with the Texas Rangers then!"
- **4.** At a local derby between Arsenal and Spurs last season, a spectator suddenly found himself in the thick of dozens of flying bottles." There's nothing to worry about, lad," said the elderly chap standing next to him... "It's like the bombs during the war. You won't get hit unless the bottle's got your name on it." "That's just what I'm worried about...," said the fan,"...my name's Johnny Walker."
- **3.** Two old men were holding up the queue outside the turnstyle before the game, while one of them hunted for his ticket. He looked in his coat pockets and his waistcoat pockets and his trouser pockets, all to no avail... "Hang on a minute...," said the gateman, "...what's that in your mouth?" "It's the missing ticket! As they moved inside his mate said...
- "Crikey, Cyril! You must be getting senile in your old age. Fancy having your ticket in your mouth and forgetting about it!""|'m not that stupid...," said old Cyril, "...I was chewing last week's date off it."
- 2. The fooball stadium corridor, two fans were talking...First fan: "I wish I'd brought the piano to the stadium." Second fan: "Why would you bring a piano to the football game?" First fan: "Because I left the tickets on it."
- 1. A man arrives at the gates of heaven, where St. Peter greets him and says: "Before I can let you enter I must ask you what you have done in your life that was particularly good." The man racks his brains for a few minutes and then admits to St. Peter that he hasn't done anything particularly good in his life. Well, " says St. Peter, "have you done anything particularly brave in your life?" "Yes, I have," replies the man proudly. St. Peter asks the man to give an account of his bravery. So the man explains, "I was refereeing this important match between Liverpool and Manchester United at Anfield. The score was 0-0 and there was only one more minute of play to go in the second half when I awarded a penalty against Liverpool at the Kop end.""Yes," responded St. Peter, "I agree that was a real act of bravery. Can you perhaps tell me when this took place?""Certainly," the man replied, "about three minutes ago."

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Geoffrey's Memories

Many seasons ago I went to Tunbridge Wells' old football ground in the Eridge Road when the Wells entertained Maidstone United in an early season FA Cup game - goalless draw. So, it was back to the County Town for a midweek replay. Success for the Wells in hard-fought game - I think they won by the odd goal in five, but the margin of victory would have been greater but for the heroics of Danny Wiltshire in The Stones' goal, one save even drawing applause from the Wells' players.

A stand-out player for the visitors was their inside-forward Bean, who I don't think had appeared on the Saturday but who proved on the night a dynamic ball carrier, with pace and directness taking the play well into the opposition half. I was not alone in suggesting that it was his contribution that made the difference in TW's favour.

The name Bean seems to have a variety of origins. It might indeed refer to someone who was known for growing and also maybe selling beans. Or, it could be a nickname, a Bean being someone who is like a bean (which may not necessarily be a compliment but a put-down of a name). Another thought is that it is an Anglicised version of a Gaelic personal name meaning 'life' and yet a further possibility is that the name means someone who is noted for being a pleasant or nice person.

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12	Leatherhead	12	4	3	5	22	24	-2	15
13	Bishop's Stortford	11	5	0	6	17	27	-10	15
14	Bognor Regis Town	11	4	1	6	17	20	-3	13
15	Kingstonian	10	2	5	3	9	14	-5	11
16	Cheshunt	13	3	1	9	14	24	-10	10
17	Merstham	13	3	1	9	13	24	-11	10
18	Lewes	11	2	3	6	15	21	-6	9
19	Brightlingsea Regent	13	2	3	8	11	27	-16	9
20	Bowers & Pitsea	9	2	2	5	10	13	-3	8
21	Wingate & Finchley	11	1	4	6	7	20	-13	7
22	Corinthian-Casuals	10	0	3	7	5	13	-8	3

BetVictor Isthmian North Division

		Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
1	Bury Town	9	6	2	1	19	9	10	20
2	Maldon & Tiptree	6	6	0	0	20	3	17	18
3	Grays Athletic	9	6	0	3	23	13	10	18
4	Heybridge Swifts	9	5	3	1	19	11	8	18
5	Coggeshall Town	9	5	2	2	14	9	5	17
6	Great Wakering Rovers	9	5	1	3	18	12	6	16
7	Aveley	9	4	3	2	16	12	4	15
8	Soham Town Rangers	8	4	0	4	18	15	3	12
9	Hullbridge Sports	9	3	3	3	12	14	-2	12
10	Canvey Island	7	4	0	3	10	14	-4	12
11	Histon	9	4	0	5	18	23	-5	12
12	Tilbury	8	3	2	3	11	12	-1	11
13	Dereham Town	9	2	4	3	13	15	-2	10
14	Cambridge City	9	3	1	5	11	16	-5	10
15	AFC Sudbury	9	3	0	6	15	20	-5	9
16	Witham Town	9	2	2	5	12	18	-6	8
17	Brentwood Town	8	2	1	5	10	15	-5	7
18	Felixstowe & Walton Unite	8	2	1	5	8	15	-7	7
19	Basildon United	9	1	2	6	11	17	-6	5
20	Romford	8	1	1	6	13	28	-15	4

BetVictor Isthmian South Central Division PWD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Tooting & Mitcham United	8	6	2	0	17	5	12	20
Hanwell Town	7	6	1	0	25	6	19	19
Westfield	8	6	1	1	23	5	18	19
Harlow Town	9	6	1	2	19	17	2	19
Ware	8	5	3	0	20	10	10	18
Chertsey Town	8	5	2	1	22	10	12	17
Chalfont St Peter	9	5	2	2	20	13	7	17
Uxbridge	9	5	1	3	17	11	6	16
Bracknell Town	9	4	2	3	18	12	6	14
Waltham Abbey	9	4	1	4	24	20	4	13
South Park	9	2	6	1	17	13	4	12
Marlow	9	3	3	3	15	14	1	12
Barking	9	2	2	5	13	17	-4	8
Chipstead	9	2	2	5	11	15	-4	8
Hertford Town	9	2	1	6	11	29	-18	7
Bedfont Sports	9	1	3	5	5	17	-12	6
FC Romania	9	1	2	6	13	30	-17	5
Northwood	9	1	1	7	12	33	-21	4
Staines Town	7	0	2	5	10	18	-8	2
Ashford Town (Middx)	9	0	2	7	9	26	-17	2

VCD ATHLETIC FC - PEN PICTURES

KEITH McMAHON - MANAGER

A serious injury at the age of 24 cut short a playing career with Fisher Athletic, Danson Furness and Welling United, leading to a Managing/Coaching position with VCD Athletic's U/18 and Reserve sides in 1997. This lasted for 6 years until in 2003 the Manager's role at Thamesmead Town FC was secured. A successful spell there resulted in promotions from the Kent League to Ryman League Division 1 North and then on to the Ryman League Premier Division, before returning to Oakwood as 1st Team Manager in 2015.

DANNY LEE - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Has vast experience in coaching, now in his 24th year in the role and has brought a new dimension to the club from which we are now benefitting. Popular with the players, he has also had experience with Barkingside, Harlow, Collier Row and also had a spell at Southend United

MEL RAMSAY - 1ST TEAM COACH

Following a playing career with Stansted, Waltham Forest and Enfield, began coaching over 10 years ago. Vastly experienced and has made his mark on the fitness levels of the squad, which has proved beneficial. Previous experience with Barkingside where he was also Assistant Manager, and Harlow Town from where he joined the Vickers.

STEVE WAIT - GOALKEEPING COACH

Played for Brent FC before joining Wimbledon FC as Academy Goalkeeping Coach, where he spent 10 years before going into management at Greenwich Borough and Slade Green. Went back to coaching goalkeepers in 2002 upon joining Thamesmead Town before coming VCD Athletic in 2015. Brings a wealth of experience to the club.

KIERAN QUARRINGTON - PHYSIO

Joined the club at the beginning of last season following graduation from York St John University, where he achieved a BSC (Hons) in Sports Science and Injury Rehabilitation. This was his first appointment with a football club, and he has brought a professional attitude to the task of minimising the time players are unavailable through injury.

MATT FUNNELL - GOALKEEPER

A recent signing for the club who joined us at the end of last season and has brought stability to our defence. A confident goalkeeper with good skills who kicks well, also being an excellent shot stopper. Gives an assured presence behind our defenders and brings confidence to our back line. Formerly a youth player with Crystal Palace before getting experience with Maidstone United and then with Sittingbourne, from where he joined the Vickers.

TONY COXALL - GOALKEEPER

A tall young goalkeeper who joined the Vickers at the start of the season. An excellent shot-stopper who kicks well and has a good presence behind our defence. Will bring good competition for the No.1 spot.

BRADLEY SIMMS - DEFENDER

Re-joined the Vickers last season having earlier been a member of our Under 18 side. A skilful defender with pace and good technical ability who has proved a valuable addition to our squad. Whilst being sound in defence, likes to get forward where his pace is a threat. Previous experience with Erith Town and Whyteleafe.

RYAN MAHAL - DEFENDER

Formerly a member of our Under 18 side before leaving for spells with Leatherhead, Grays Athletic and Bromley. Can play either full back or central defender where he is equally effective. Has pace, strength, experience and organises the defence well. Will prove to be a valuable asset to the club.

AZIZ LYOUBI - DEFENDER

Joined the club at the start of this season having signed from Hythe Town. A strong, quick defender with good technical ability who is comfortable on the ball. Impressed in pre-season and links well with his fellow defenders. Should prove a good signing for the Vickers.

RAPHE BROWN - DEFENDER

A new signing this season who has impressed in our pre-season games. Gives good balance to our defence having good technique and awareness. Likes to get forward and does this with pace giving opponents a difficult time. Will be looking to become an integral part of the team. Previous experience with Herne Bay from where he signed.

TEMITOPE EWEKA - DEFENDER

Joined the club briefly in 2018 before having spells at Kingstonian and Hastings United before returning at the end of last season.. A tall athletic defender, who has pace, is good in the air and is commanding at the heart of our defence. Likes to get forward to set up attacks and looks to have a great future in the game.

LIAM ROSENFIELD - DEFENDER

Joined the Vickers towards the end of last season making a couple of appearances, and has impressed in pre-season with some good performances. A resolute defender with composure on the ball and a good range of passing who will surely be looking to make an impact this term

VCD ATHLETIC - PEN PICTURES

JACK STEVENTON - MIDFIELD/DEFENDER

A tall commanding player equally effective either in defence or midfield who shows great composure for his age. Good in the air, comfortable on the ball with a good passing range, and has proved to be an integral part of our side. Was spotted playing for Herne Bay from where he joined us and has been an excellent acquisition.

SEAN ROBERTS - MIDFIELD

Rejoined the Vickers at the start of this season following a spell with Cray Wanderers where he was part of their championship winning side. An experienced midfielder who shows composure on the ball, giving good protection to our defence. Has settled in well and looks a good acquisition. Previous experience also with Thamesmead Town.

GEORGE MONGER - MIDFIELD

A strong presence in midfield who brings composure and organisation to the squad. Solid defensively, and is also effective going forward with a good range of passing which makes him a difficult opponent. Previously with Ramsgate.

ALASTAIR GORDON - MIDFIELD

Signed for the Vickers in 2017 and has been an important part of our midfield, where he has become an integral component. Has good energy, pace and has had some impressive performances, linking up well with his team mates. A creative player who likes to get forward.

AYMAN EL-MOGHARBEL - MIDFIELD

A player with great stamina who never gives up a lost cause. Has pace, is technically good with an eye for goal, and links well with his colleagues. Shows great potential and is becoming more composed on the ball as he gains experience. Never gives opponents time to settle and will be striving to become a regular member of the side as he matures.

ALI FUSEINI - MIDFIELD

An experienced player who joined the club last season and made an immediate impact. Holds the ball up well and brings other players into the game with his vision and passing ability. Strong on the ball with an eye for goal and is an integral part of our midfield.

DOMINIC ODUSANYA - MIDFIELD

Signed for the Vickers at the start of last season and likes to play in an attacking midfield role. A player with good skills and technique, plus pace which makes him a difficult opponent. Secured a regular place in the side after impressing early on and is now a mainstay of the side, scoring some impressive goals. Previous experience with Erith & Belvedere and Leatherhead.

DOMINIC VINCENT-EDWARDS - FORWARD

Stepped up from our under 18 side last season and made an immediate impact in his first game for the club when scoring the winning goal against Sittingbourne with his first touch of the ball, after coming on as a substitute. A versatile player equally comfortable in defence who has pace, good technical skill and an eye for goal, and will be looking to make a permanent step up to the 1st team.

ALFIE CUE - FORWARD

An exciting prospect who first joined the Vickers in 2018. Has a good goal-scoring record with us and shows good skills on the ball making him a difficult opponent. Has the ability to go on to a higher level and can do so if he applies himself in the correct way. Definitely one to watch. Previous experience with Dartford.

CHARLIE MACDONALD - FORWARD

A vastly experienced player who joined the club at the beginning of last season from Cray Wanderers and had an excellent campaign, scoring 35 goals and winning the Golden Boot for our division. Has an excellent goal-scoring record at every club he has been with including former Football League clubs, and brings a professionalism to the Vickers which benefits our younger players. Previous clubs include Charlton, Brentford, and Oldham

ALEX GAGGIN - FORWARD

Joined us at the beginning of last season after being on our radar for some time, and made an immediate impact. Has pace, good technique with a great attitude, and has settled in well to the side . Gives us good balance down the right flank giving opposing defenders a tough time. Previously with Margate and East Grinstead.

KELVIN OGBOE - FORWARD

Signed at the start of the season and gives good width to our attacking options. Likes to get forward, has pace and has good delivery into the box. Will give defenders a testing time and should prove an integral part of the side. Previous experience with Phoenix Sports, Whyteleafe and Hastings United.

TIMI TOLUWANILE - FORWARD

Signed for the club at the beginning of this season after impressing in our pre-season games. Comfortable on either flank and has pace, strength and gives opponents a testing times with surging runs. Delivers telling balls into the area and has an eye for goal. Should prove a good asset for the club.

HENRY IKEIJE – FORWARD

Signed at the start of the season and adds pace and strength to our forward line. A good passer of the ball who links up play well and poses problems for defenders. Looks to be a valued asset to the squad giving us versatility across our front line.

COURTNEY BARRINGTON - FORWARD

A young wide player with great trickery and pace who impressed last pre-season. Links up well down the flank and gives defenders a hard time with his natural ability. Suffered a serious injury during last season which hampered his progress but is now back to full fitness and will be looking to get his place back in the team. Looks to have a great future in the game

A HISTORY OF VCD ATHLETIC FC

VCD Athletic FC is one of only a few clubs to have originated during the Great War when, in 1916 it was formed by workers employed at the Vickers armaments factory in Crayford. The Company originally played only inter-departmental games until it was decided that the best players from the various sections would be elected to represent the firm. The club have played at the firm's sports ground, Oakwood, in Old Road, Crayford, from the outset right up to the present time, except for eight seasons spent ground sharing whilst trying to get permission for the erection of floodlights.

In the early days, only friendly matches were played as there were no official competitions during the war years, and records show that a club called Vickers (Erith) joined the reformed Kent League in 1919, changing their name to Vickers (Crayford) a year later. In their first season in the Kent League they visited Maidstone United on Boxing Day and played in front of a crowd of 13,500. The Vickers team that day contained seven Arsenal players who were finishing off their war service. Two years later, Vickers joined the Dartford & District League, followed by entry into the newly formed Kent Amateur League, Division One in 1923. Their first trophies came in 1927 when they won the Kent FA Junior Cup and the Kent Benevolent Cup.

It was a further 25 years before more silverware came their way, when they won the Kent Division One title in 1953. The Kent Amateur Cup was won in 1962 and in 1964 but the following season saw a spectacular slump and relegation, with a record of P24 W0 D2 L22, goals for 25, goals against 199.

Promotion was gained in 1969, but after a mediocre period during the 1970s, they were relegated in 1980 back to Division Two. A season later they were promoted back to Division One and in 1985 won the championship, gaining promotion to the restructured Premier Division. By now the Kent Amateur League had changed its name to the Kent County League and the club enjoyed further success when they won the Kent FA Intermediate Shield in 1988. In the same year the club was involved in the last ever match played at Maidstone United's London Road ground when they won the West Kent Challenge Cup. In 1993, Martin Ford joined the club as manager and, in season 1995/1996 a unique cup treble was achieved with wins in the Kent Intermediate Shield, Kent County League Cup, and the Erith Hospitals Cup. Season 1996/1997 then saw the club win the Kent County Premier Division title for the first time in their history, and by a record 15 points. Senior status was awarded that same year and a successful application was made to join the Winstonlead Kent League where, in their first season in modern times, VCD Athletic finished in a creditable ninth place. The following season saw the club begin a ground-share with Thamesmead Town, finishing up in seventh place but also reaching the final of the Kent League Cup, where they lost 1-0 to Deal Town in a closely fought match. Deal at this time were assembling the side that was later to win the FA Vase at Wembley.

A season later the club went one better, beating Faversham Town 4-0 in the final to bring the club a first ever senior trophy, and the season after that the club made its third consecutive cup final appearance when they reached the final of the Kent Senior Trophy. However, they narrowly missed out on more silverware when they went down 10-9 on penalties to Whitstable Town. The club eventually spent five seasons as tenants of Thamesmead Town before Lordswood FC kindly took their place for two seasons. Then the club embarked on a one year term with near neighbours Greenwich Borough, and despite the handicap of having to ground-share, VCD were consistently one of the league's strongest members during their time in the league.

The club reached the final of the League Cup in 2002/2003, but on the day there was no celebration as VCD were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Cray Wanderers. The following season was a disappointment as far as the cups were concerned, but a creditable third place was achieved in the league. Further cup success followed however when, in season 2005/2006 the club reached the final of the Kent Senior Trophy for the second time. Having suffered a loss in the first final on penalties, there was a reversal of fortune this time when, after having

from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, part of the Football Foundation, enabled work to commence early in 2006. The pitch was levelled, rotated 90 degrees and re-laid. New perimeter paths were laid, along with perimeter fencing to enclose the pitch. Floodlights were erected in June 2006, at the same time that work on enhancing the changing rooms also began. The spectator stand was re-sited and extended, and further additions included a new raised hospitality area situated to overlook the pitch, and a new tea bar adjacent to the popular members bar.

At the end of the 2007 season Martin Ford resigned as manager, and the club are grateful for his vision and enthusiasm over the years that took VCD from being a Kent County League side to one that was always around the top of the table in the Kent League, and on his departure the club had just reached the last 16 of the prestigious FA Vase for the second consecutive season. Head coach Dean Frost took over as caretaker manager, and under his guidance the club obtained runners up spot in the league, narrowly missing out to Whitstable Town, and then the following season Paul Foley was appointed manager of the first team, with Dean Frost reverting to his former position of head coach. Under their stewardship the club finished runners up once more. A year later, the club finally won the Kent League Premier Division title together with the Kent Senior Trophy, culminating in the long awaited promotion to the Ryman Football League.

The first season was a success with an 8th place finish, but the club were left stunned when the Ryman League deemed ground issues warranted demotion, and despite an appeal to the Football Association, the decision was upheld and the club went back to the Kent League. Manager Paul Foley resigned to join Chatham Town, taking virtually the whole team with him, and the club appointed former reserve team manager Ricky Bennett his replacement. Under his leadership VCD achieved third place in his first season, and the season after the team was also challenging for honours and, but for a disappointing end to the campaign we certainly would have given Herne Bay a closer run to their title. Once again third place was attained but this time we had the added bonus of winning the Kent League Cup, beating Corinthian 2-0 in the final. We also lifted a second trophy with a 3-2 victory over league champions Herne Bay in the Kent League Challenge Shield which gave the club a pre-season boost.

Midway through season 2012/2013 Ricky Bennett left the club due to outside pressures, and in his place the club secured the services of Tony Russell, previously manager of Erith Town FC, who joined with his assistant Ray Powell. With most of the players leaving with the previous manager the club was in disarray, but a side was quickly formed by the new management, and a magnificent record breaking run of 17 victories and 2 draws in the last 19 league fixtures enabled the club to once more gain promotion to the Ryman Football League Division 1 North. Starting as favourites for relegation, the club had a stunning run, winning the first15 games and heading the table for all but a couple of weeks throughout the campaign, and on the last day of the season, sitting in 2nd place the Vickers defeated Romford FC 6-0 while leaders Witham Town could only draw their last game which saw us secure the title by a point, taking the club to the Premier Division, its highest ever level in the pyramid. The club struggled for a lot of the season, spending most of the time in the relegation places but winning the last 6 games saw us climb to safety, finally finishing in 18th position to maintain our place in the division.

Manager Tony Russell immediately resigned, joining Cray Wanderers FC in Division 1, taking his entire side with him but the club acted quickly to secure the services of Keith McMahon as new First Team Manager. Keith came with a wealth of experience having taken neighbours Thamesmead Town from the Kent League to the Ryman League Premier Division but, with no players at the club and only a few weeks to the start of the 2015/2016 season Keith was up against it from the beginning in trying to assemble a side to compete at the higher level. He worked tirelessly and brought in some excellent players, but despite some good performances we were unable to find the consistency needed in the Premier Division and were relegated back to Division 1 (North). Inconsistency during the following two seasons, albeit with some impressive wins against higher opposition in cup competitions saw us finish just below mid-table. Following the Bostik sponsorship we were placed in the reconstructed South East Division and enjoyed a successful season finishing just one point shy of the play-off positions, and with BetVictor now as league sponsors we hope to continue making further improvement.



In recognition of his 200th.
appearance for Whitstable Town
Football Club

Dan Eason is presented with an engraved Crystal Globe Trophy along with a framed and mounted photograph. With Dan are the Manager Lloyd Blackman and the Chairman Steve Clayton.



Whitstable Town FC
Man of the Match Award
Presented to
Harry Stannard
By Abbie Carter
For the Match against
Ashford United

VELOCITY CUP WIN FOR TOWN

BY RON MARTIN

Stannard double and late Millbank goal beat Ashford in first trophy win

WHITSTABLE TOWN 3 ASHFORD UNITED 1

Velocity Trophy Group Seven Tuesday 22 October 2019 19.45

Whitstable claimed their first win in this season's Velocity Trophy, as they beat Ashford United 3-1 at the Belmont Ground. Harry Stannard opened the scoring in the first half, finally putting the ball in the net after a couple of Whitstable efforts had been kept out in quick succession. Dan Eason saved a close range shot from Levi Gold to ensure Whitstable kept their advantage until half time. After the break, the referee awarded two penalties in the space of a few minutes, as firstly David Smith equalised for Ashford, then Stannard put the home team back in front. Despite the efforts of both teams, there were no further goals until stoppage time when Whitstable substitute Aaron Millbank fired home from a tight angle to make sure of the win.

Ashford arrived at the Belmont, having won 7 points from their 3 games previously played in this competition, whereas Whitstable had only played once, in a drawn game at Hythe in which the home team claimed an extra point in the penalty shootout at the end. Ashford made five changes to the starting eleven from their previous game, a 3-0 defeat at Sevenoaks, whilst Whitstable made three changes to the team that had won at East Grinstead, with Leo Mazzone, Freddie Parker and Harry Stannard coming in for Luke Girt, Liam Gillies and Aaron Millbank.

A presentation was made to Whitstable goalkeeper Dan Eason before the game, which was his 200th appearance in a Whitstable shirt, after making his debut in October 2015. Richard Baines, of City Awards, kindly sponsored the trophy.

Hassan Ibrahiym made a good run to win Ashford a very early corner that Levi Gold headed wide at the near post. A couple of minutes later, a long ball found its way through the Ashford defence and left Stannard through on goal, but he stabbed his shot just wide as the goalkeeper Aaron Lee-Wharton came out to meet him. On 11 minutes, Stannard had a free kicked pushed out by Lee-Wharton, who then saved the follow up attempt by Mazzone. Parker created a half chance for TJ Jadama, but his shot went wide. Ashford won a free kick in a central position and Jake McIntyre saw his shot deflected wide off the Whitstable defensive wall, before the resulting corner was again headed wide by Gold. Ashford were forced to make a substitution in the 20th minute and top scorer David Smith was introduced.

Whitstable scored the first goal in the 34th minute, when the dangerous John Ufuah crossed from the right and led to a couple of efforts on goal, with the ball coming back off the bar and Marcus Elliott playing it into the path of Stannard who fired it into the net. Ashford tried to respond and were denied by Ufuah, who raced back to made a great interception. On 40 minutes, Ashford played a free kick short, worked the ball out wide and when it came into the box Eason made a crucial save from Gold who looked certain to score from close range. The visitors finished the half pressing for the equaliser, but Whitstable defended well and almost fashioned a chance of the break following a run by Ufuah, but the score remained 1-0 at the interval.

Just after the restart, a tricky run into the box by left back Ramell Lake was eventually dealt with by the Whitstable defence. In the 57th minute Josh Spencer and Gold collided in the box as the ball was fired across the pitch and the referee awarded a penalty to Ashford, despite some home protests. Smith stepped forward to beat Eason from the spot. Just a few minutes later, Spencer made a great run from the back before passing to Elliott, who went down under a challenge and the result was another penalty, which Stannard fired past Lee-Wharton to restore Whitstable's lead.

Both teams made substitutions, before Jadama and Parker combined to create an opening for Millbank whose shot was turned behind for a corner, which was well worked with the eventual cross finding an unmarked Spencer in the box, but he glanced his header just wide. In the 80th minute, an Ashford corner was flicked just over the top, then Ufuah made another good break, but his shot was saved and Stannard was next to try a shot that was also comfortably held by the Ashford keeper. As the game entered the time added on by the referee, Whitstable kept the ball in the corner for a couple of minutes, until Ufuah suddenly looked towards goal and crossed for Millbank, who turned and shot from a narrow angle at the near post and the ball beat Lee-Wharton and found the far corner to seal a 3-1 win

The updated Velocity Trophy Group Seven table is summarised below. Whitstable still have Ramsgate, Herne Bay and Faversham to play, with just the group winners progressing to the knockout stages.

	Р	w	D	GD	Pts*
Ashford	4	2	1	1	7
Ramsgate	3	1	2	1	7
Faversham	3	1	1	5	4
Whitstable	2	1	1	2	4
Herne Bay	2	1	0	-1	3
Hythe	4	0	1	-8	2

^{*}Bonus points for penalty shootout wins are included

Whitstable next play VCD Athletic at home on Saturday in a BetVictor Isthmian League game.

Whitstable	Data	Ashford
8	Shots on target	4
4	Shots off target	4
1	Shots blocked	4
4	Corners	8
11	Fouls conceded	11
1	Offside	6
1	Penalties	1

Whitstable Town

Dan Eason, Jake Mackenzie, James Brown, Leo Mazzone (Danny Patterson 80), Josh Spencer, Tom Bryant (c), Tijan Jadama, Freddie Parker (Liam Gillies 86), Marcus Elliott (Aaron Millbank 66), Harry Stannard, John Ufuah. Subs (unused): Liam Dickson, Muhammed Cham.

Goals: Harry Stannard 34, pen 60, Aaron Millbank 90+1.

Yellow card: Jake Mackenzie 78

Ashford United

Aaron Lee-Wharton, Theo Osinfolarin, Ramell Lake, Josh Wisson (Jay May 78), Mo Kamara (c), Jake McIntyre (Benjamin Binder 66), Zak Henry, Hassan Ibrahiym, Tashie Kwayie (David Smith 20), Levi Gold, Lee Prescott. Sub (unused): Lee Hook

Goal: David Smith pen 57

Attendance: 159 Referee: Jack Fagg

Assistants: Kennedy Kikulwe & Billy Woods



Harry Stannard sprints away from an Ashford player



TJ Jadama and James Brown working well together



Aaron Millbank scores Whitstable's third from a tight angle



BETVICTOR ISTHMIAN LEAGUE



WHITSTABLE TOWN

Manager: Lloyd Blackman

Calbeb Afoke James Brown **Tom Bryant (Capt) Muhammed Cham Liam Dickson** Dan Eason (GK) **Marcus Elliott Marcus Evans Taylor Fisher Liam Gillies Luke Girt Tijan Jadama** Jake Mackenzie Leo Mazzone **Aaron Millbank Connor Sanders** Josh Spencer **Harry Stannard** John Ufuah John Walker

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: James Simpson

Assistant 1: Jak Hill
Assistant 2: Daniel Friar

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VCD ATHLETIC

Manager: Keith McMahon

	Matt Funnell (GK)
	Tony Coxall (GK)
	Bradley Simms
	Ryan Mahal
	Aziz Lyoubi
	Raphe Brown
	Temitope Eweka
	Alastair Gordon
	Jack Steventon
	George Monger
	Dominic Odusanya
	Aymun El-Mogharbel
	Ali Fuseni
	Charlie Macdonald (Capt)
	Alex Gaggin
	Alfie Cue
	Michael Olatunji
	Kelvin Ogboe
	Timi Toluwanile

Dominic Vincent-Edwards
Courtney Barrington

Henry Ikeije

Asst. Mngr: Danny Lee Coach: Mel Ramsey GK Coach: Steve Watt

Physio: Kieran Quarrington

Physio: Kitman:

Team Colours:

Shirts: Royal Blue Shorts: Royal Blue Socks: Royal Blue