

SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY 30TH JULY

3:00PM KO

HOLMESDALE FC v HOLLANDS AND BLAIR



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CLUB HISTORY

Holmesdale Football Club is a football club originally based in South Norwood, London. Affiliated to the Kent County F.A they are currently members of the Southern Counties East Football League Division One and play at Oakley Road in Bromley.

The original club was established as Holmesdale Baptists in the early 1920s and was affiliated with the Baptist Church on Holmesdale Road; players were church members and had to attend bible classes. They joined the Excelsior League, where they played for two seasons before joining Division Three of the Thornton Heath & District League for the 1922–23 season. Although they were Division Three runners-up in their first season, the club folded in 1923. The club was reformed in 1956 by the 3rd East Surrey Boys Brigade Company and re-joined the Thornton Heath & District League in Division Six. They went on to win the division at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division Five. Another promotion in 1957–58 saw the club move up to Division Four, although they had to recruit players from another church club, which led to them dropping the word "Baptists" from the name. By 1960 the club had been promoted to Division Three.

In 1960–61 Holmesdale were Division Three runners-up, earning promotion to Division Two. The following season the club were Division Two champions and were promoted to Division One. The 1971–72 season saw the club win the Division title. In 1986–87 they were Premier Division champions and were promoted to the Surrey Intermediate League. They were runners-up in Premier Division B in 1989–90, before winning the Surrey South Eastern Combination in 1992–93. The club were subsequently promoted to the Surrey Premier League. They won the league's Charity Cup in 1993–94.

The club played at Oaks Road in Shirley during their time in the Surrey Premier League but were unable to install floodlights as the ground was owned by Croydon Council. As a result, they moved to Oakley Road in Bromley to gain promotion to the senior leagues, although three teams continued playing at Oaks Road, later breaking away to form Real Holmesdale Football Club in 2001.

In 2000 the club relocated to Bromley and switched to the Kent County League, joining Division One West.

In 2005–06 Holmesdale were Division One West champions, earning promotion to the Premier Division. The following season saw them win the Premier Division title, resulting in promotion to the Kent League. The League was renamed the Southern Counties East League in 2013, and in 2015-16 the club finished bottom of the league, resulting in relegation to the newly formed First Division.

2016-17 saw Holmesdale finish in 6th place in the First Division and a Season later they ended in seventh place under the management of Tony Beckingham and Lee Roots. 2018/19 saw a few changes of management and a creditable 6th placed finish before Lee Roots returned for the 2019/20 campaign.

The 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons were disrupted due to Coronavirus but not before our displays on the pitch put us in a promotion position.

Fortunately, with the Non-League Restructure still taking place we were rewarded for our hard work with a place in the Premier Division, where we now look forward to playing in the 2021/22 campaign.

Kent County League

- Premier Division champions 2006–07
- Division One West champion 2005–06
- Surrey Intermediate Cup Winners 2005–06

Surrey Premier League

- Charity Cup winners 1993–94

Surrey South astern Combination

- Premier Division champions 1992–93

Thornton Heath and District League

- Premier Division champions 1986–87
- Division One champions 1971–72
- Division Two champions 1961–62
- Division Six champions 1956–57
- Senior Cup winners 1972–73, 1979–80

This season we are now back in the SCEFL Premier Division, and the FA Cup, a new challenge for the Yellow & Green Army.



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MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon, Welcome to Oakley Road the home of Holmesdale FC.

This afternoon I would like to warmly welcome our visitors Hollands and Blair and we hope that their the players, management and committee enjoy their visit today.

The club, committee, players and myself have been extremely excited and optimistic through preseason, where we have had an excellent campaign as a squad, consisting of 6 preseason friendlies and numerous training sessions. The campaign has been excellent and we are excited and looking forward to the season ahead. We are very pleased to have an opening league fixture at home, our first home fixture on opening day for a couple of years. We are happy to welcome back our fans, followers and support to the ground here today.



This will be our second consecutive season at step 5, where we will look to build and improve upon our achievements from last year within both the SCEFL league and cup matches. We hope that as many of you as possible will continue to support, watch and appreciate the football that the lads will deliver this season.

I hope you all enjoy today's game! Up the Dale!

Lee Roots

(First Team Manager)

FOOTBALL ON THIS DAY...

30th JULY 1966

Geoff Hurst scores a hat-trick and England win the World Cup at Wembley! England 4 – 2 West Germany



QUIZ CORNER

1. Manchester United famously wear red, but what colours did they wear before adopting red?
2. In Spanish football, what is 'the Pichichi'?
3. Which Swedish footballer once had a clause inserted into his contract that prohibited him from travelling to space?
4. Which country won the first World Cup in 1930?
5. Which player scored the fastest hat-trick in the Premier League?

ANSWERS

1. Green and Gold
2. Top Goal Scorer award
3. Stefan Schwarz
4. Uruguay
5. Sadio Mane (2min 56 sec for Southampton vs Aston Villa 2015)

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Lee Roots



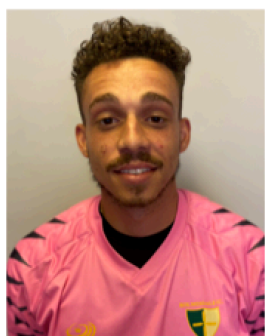
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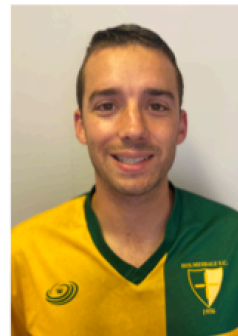
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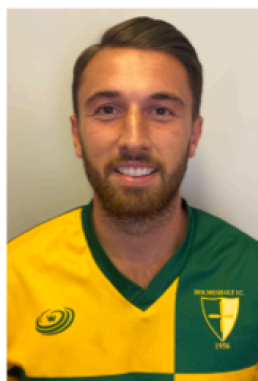
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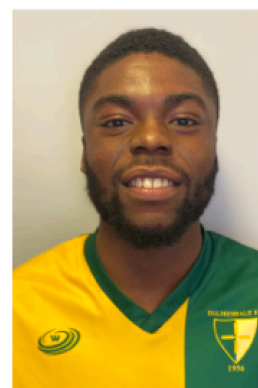
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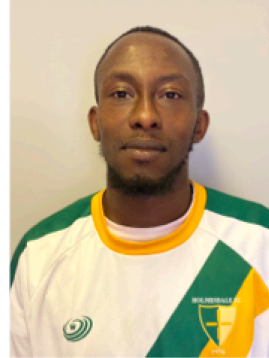
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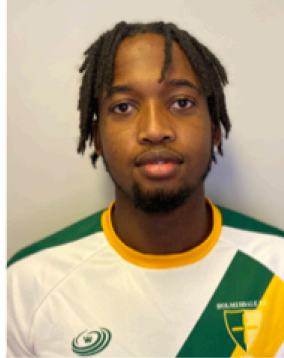
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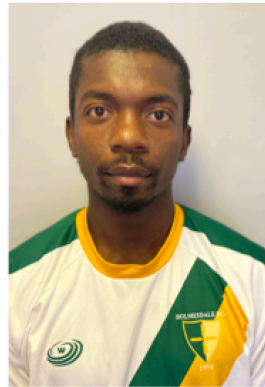
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Jason Johns



HOLMESDALE 1st TEAM 2022-2023





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COMING UP



FA CUP EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST

GLEBE FC v HOLMESDALE FC

Foxbury, Foxbury Avenue, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6SD



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY 13th AUGUST

CANTERBURY CITY v HOLMESDALE FC

Woodstock Park, Broadoak Road, Sittingbourne, ME9 8AG



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST

HOLMESDALE FC v TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Oakley Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 8HG



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST

HOLMESDALE FC v BEARSTED

Oakley Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 8HG



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MONDAY 29th AUGUST

FISHER v HOLMESDALE FC

St Pauls Sports Ground, Salter Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 5EF



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

PUNJAB v HOLMESDALE FC

Elite Venue, Dunkirk Close, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5ND



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

HOLMESDALE FC v WHITSTABLE TOWN

Oakley Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 8HG



SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

HOLMESDALE FC v WELLING TOWN

Oakley Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 8HG



TODAYS VISITORS

HOLLANDS AND BLAIR

Putting it simply Hollands & Blair FC have come a long, long way in a pretty short space of time but continue to progress every season...

The history is a little confusing but the club, as we know it, were formed under the banner of H & B United and they began life in Division Six of the Rochester & District League and their first ever game was on September 12 1970 - a 4-2 away defeat at Halfway House.

After a name change along the way, now playing under the Hollands & Blair banner, Blair progressed up through the R & D leagues, the Kent County Football League and the Kent Invicta League, winning plenty of silverware along the way before gaining promotion to the Southern Counties East Football League, their highest ever level (Step 5) ahead of the 2015-16 season.

Blair took to it like a duck to water, finishing runners-up to Champions Greenwich Borough in the first campaign. When Boro visited on 26 March 2016 the game attracted a record attendance of 405 to Star Meadow. Blair did pick up some silverware however on Bank Holiday Monday when beating Erith & Belvedere 2-0 at Park View Road in the Macron SCEFL Challenge Cup Final.

After Paul Piggott called time on his seven-year spell as Blair boss, Bryan Greenfield, Clint Gooding, Darren Blackburn and Si Halsey all had spells in charge, the latter seeing the covid pandemic curtail both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns. After the club struggled at the wrong end of the table at the start of the 2021-22 season, Scott Porter was brought in to replace Halsey as manager.

He quickly brought in a number of players he'd worked with previously and the revamped squad went on to not only finish ninth in the SCEFL Premier but also reached the final of the Kent Senior Trophy where they were narrowly beaten by Sheppey United at the Gallagher Stadium.

For a full history of Hollands & Blair please check the club website www.hollandsandblair.co.uk



Manager

SCOTT PORTER

Assistant Managers

MARK LANE

Coach

DARREN ANSLOW

Assistant Coach

SHAUN WELFORD

Kit

Shirts:

BLUE

Shorts:

BLUE

Socks:

BLUE



GK:

GREEN

TODAYS SQUADS

HOLMESDALE FC	NO	NO	HOLLANDS AND BLAIR
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JAMES BOUGHTFLOWER			MITCH WARE
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