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The Club Welfare Officers are responsible for the welfare and safeguarding of all our club members. Three of the club's codes relate specifically to club welfare issues:

- Safeguarding Children Policy
 - Child Protection Policy
 - Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure
- All team managers and coaches must complete the following before taking charge of a team:
- valid Enhanced DBS check
 - have or be working towards a minimum FA Introduction to football coaching qualification
 - FA Safeguarding Children Training
 - FA Introduction to First Aid in Football

Player Welfare

The club has four Welfare Officers: Sean

Jarvie, Shannon Hyner
Darron Mace and Jennifer Mason
The Board Champion is Paul Lansdale who can be contacted on 07876444274.
You can also email welfare@sevenoakstownfc.co.uk

FA Respect

As an FA Charter Standard Community Club, we expect the highest standards of conduct from our players, parents and supporters.

We are passionate supporters of the FA Respect campaign.

FA Whistleblowing Policy

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Marcel Nimani

“Since Darren’s arrival Phoenix have gone from strength to strength and I see this being an extremely game.”

Good afternoon everyone and a Happy New Year.

I would like to extend that to everyone at the club, my staff, the board, committee, volunteers and the supporters, all of whom have made my family and I very welcome since I was appointed in June.

An extended welcome also goes out to Darren Anslow and his Phoenix Sports management team, committee and supporters.

As the chairman mentions in his column, we started a new scheme last month, offering tickets to local schools, and I’d like to welcome those of you who are here as a result. I hope you enjoy your stay and it would be great to meet you. If you stick around after the game, please have a chat and introduce yourselves.

Phoenix Sports have enjoyed a clear turnaround in their season, and since Darren’s arrival the club have gone from strength to strength as their results have shown. His experience and knowledge, plus the player group they have, means they’re now in a position to fight to stay in the league and that is why I see this as an extremely difficult game for us today.

We start the New Year with mixed feelings following the last three matches after a good run of form.

I feel we are lacking consistency across the 90 minutes. To give examples, a slow start cost us the game at Lancing. Conceding three goals in the opening 10 minutes was matched by an incredible response, but it came too late.

It was a similar story at Burgess Hill. We had a slow first half performance and although the second half was good, but we were so far behind in the game that we couldn’t capitalise. Moving forward we are looking at ways we can be more dominant across games and I hope at the end of today’s match we’re celebrating a hard earned and much needed win.

Marcel

The Paul Lansdale column

Good afternoon and welcome to the Bourne Stadium for our first home game of 2025.

We offer the same to everyone connected with our visitors Phoenix Sports, and the three match officials appointed.

They have been close rivals since our promotion in 2018, and we have already met once this season in the Velocity Cup back in September.

The links don't end there with five of their current squad having featured for us in the past, together with our former manager Darren Anslow in charge.

Their recent 3-1 win at Ashford United was one of the eye catching results in our league last month.

The New Year arrived in wet and windy fashion leaving both clubs

with a day off on Wednesday, but our crowd here against Merstham on Boxing Day was only 30 short of our best of the season so far when Ramsgate visited in November. The Surrey side were followed in good numbers, but we also benefited from contacts made with local schools offering them and their parents tickets for the game through our online supplier Eventbrite. We targeted six secondary and eight primaries through Marcel's links through his role at Sir Simon Stock School in Maidstone and he and I were both pleased with the initial response and plan to repeat it going forward.

The ones that came here saw a very free flowing and entertaining game and we hope they tell their pals and come back, becoming regular supporters in the future.

As we head into the New Year seeing our ground development plans finally bear fruit as well as continuing our progress on the pitch are our two main resolutions.

Enjoy the game - and wish everyone a safe journey home later.

Paul



“Seeing our ground plans bear fruit and continuing our progress on the pitch are our two main resolutions ...”

Oaks on the Radio

West Kent Radio are featuring Sevenoaks Town on their Saturday afternoon sports programme.

The show runs from 2pm to 6pm and includes three reports - preview, half-time and full time on all the club's matches, as well as midweek matches in breakfast sports bulletins the following morning.

The station is broadcast on 95.5, 106.7 and 107.2 and is available on online, on smart speakers and app, which has been launched recently.



Good luck to all the teams this season!

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Isthmian Round-up

Saturday 28th December 2024

Ashford United	3	1	Erith Town	356
Collins 6, 73, Dunne 34			Williams 89	
Beckenham Town	2	2	Eastbourne Town	303
Theophanous 49, 53			Hover 7, 90+7	
Broadbridge Heath	2	3	Sittingbourne	226
Peters 9, Doughty 47			Boachie 27, Steventon 66,	
Smith 86				
Burgess Hill Town	2	0	Sevenoaks Town	402
Howlett-Mundle 7 og, Vukojic 31				
East Grinstead Town	0	2	Margate	210
			Olutade 20, Atkins 51	
Herne Bay	3	2	Littlehampton Town	417
Salako 28, Heard 48, Haysman 74			Butler 54, Gaskin 83	
Lancing	0	5	Deal Town	256
			Hatcher 26, Miller 31, Oni 38,	
Merstham	1	1	Steyning TC	403
Jenkins 12			Chester 34	
Phoenix Sports	2	1	Hythe Town	143
Thompson 50, Dalling 87			Splatt 2	
Ramsgate	5	0	AFC Croydon Athletic	1,024
Leader 10, Paxman 27, Taylor 39,				
64, Ajayi 75				
Sheppey United	2	3	Three Bridges	397
Aiye 55, Bradshaw 86			Irving 35, Velvick 58,	
			Hallard 65	

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Ashford United	1	1	Sittingbourne	440
West 90+3			Sinai 24	
Beckenham Town	A	A	AFC Croydon Athletic	
Theophanous 19				
(Match abandoned when Beckenham were leading 1-0)				
Herne Bay	1	2	Margate	652
Haysman 73			Greenhalgh 26, Garande 69	
Lancing	4	2	Littlehampton Town	287
Heath 28 pen, Hasler 33, 60, 73			Hoarty 76, Storm 90+4	
Ramsgate	3	0	Deal Town	1,288
Bioletti 18, 60, Taylor 63				
Sheppey United	3	1	Hythe Town	267
Bradshaw 22, 34, 90+5			Bola 80 pen	

Isthmian Round-up

Pitching In Isthmian South East Table

Sittingbourne	23	19	3	1	71	16	+55	60
Ramsgate	22	19	2	1	64	20	+44	59
Margate	23	15	7	1	44	20	+24	52
Beckenham Town	23	13	5	5	52	34	+18	44
Burgess Hill Town	19	13	3	3	40	22	+18	42
Sheppey United	23	12	3	8	41	34	+7	39
Deal Town	25	12	1	12	53	51	+2	37
Ashford United	24	11	4	9	43	42	+1	37
Merstham	21	9	7	5	42	35	+7	34
Erith Town	21	9	6	6	39	26	+13	33
Broadbridge Hth	21	9	3	9	36	34	+2	30
Eastbourne Town	22	8	3	11	34	40	-6	27
Sevenoaks Town	22	7	6	9	40	49	-9	27
East Grinstead T	21	7	4	10	29	40	-11	25
AFC Croydon Ath	21	5	9	7	35	36	-1	24
Herne Bay	23	7	3	13	30	51	-21	24
Three Bridges	19	6	3	10	33	36	-3	21
Lancing	23	5	3	15	26	50	-24	18
Littlehampton T	23	4	5	14	40	55	-15	17
Phoenix Sports	23	4	2	17	22	56	-34	14
Hythe Town	23	4	2	17	20	58	-38	14
Steyning TC	23	2	4	17	23	52	-29	10

Includes New Year's Day Fixtures



Today's fixtures

AFC Croydon Athletic v Sheppey United
 Deal Town v Burgess Hill Town
 Eastbourne Town v Lancing
 Erith Town v Herne Bay
 Hythe Town v Broadbridge Heath
 Littlehampton Town v Beckenham Town
 Margate v Merstham
 Sevenoaks Town v Phoenix Sports
 Steyning Town Community v Ashford United
 Three Bridges v Ramsgate

Sevenoaks Town Fixtures & Results 2024-25

KEY:

- 1 = Goal Scored
- * Player subbed
- = Red Card
- + = Own goal
- ★ Oaks win 7-6 on penalties

- ISE = Isthmian SE
- FAC = FA Cup
- FAT = FA Trophy
- ATT = Alan Turvey Trophy
- KSC = Kent Senior Cup
- TBC = To be confirmed

- All Saturday home fixtures kick off at 3pm
- Wednesday fixtures at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

	DATE	V OPPONENT	COMP	RES	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5
AUG	Sat 3	H Whitstable Town	FAC	2-1	253	Perrin	Sawyer	JHM	Bath	Futa	AM	McLeod	Eruotor 1*	Martin 1*	Efambe*	WHM	Kileba	JA	Divine		
	Sat 10	H Burgess Hill Town	ISE	3-1	129	Perrin	Divine*	Futa	Bath	JHM	AM	McLeod*	Eruotor	Martin	Adesite*	Mfula*	Hagan	Mahoney	JA	Kileba	
	Sat 17	H Leatherhead	FAC	0-2	319	Perrin	Divine*	Gray	JHM	Futa	DD	McLeod	Eruotor*	Martin*	Adesite*	Mfula	Kileba	Sarpong	JA	Albangbee	
	Sat 24	A Sheppey United	ISE	1-3	352	Perrin	Divine*	Futa	Bath	JHM ■	McLeod	JA	AM*	WHM*	Eruotor 1	Martin*	Sawyer	Efambe	DD		
	Mon 26	H East Grinstead	ISE	2-2	107	Perrin	Divine	Sawyer	Bath	JHM	McLeod	JA*	AM*	Eruotor 1*	Adesite	WHM1	DD	Mahoney	Kileba	Gray	
Sat 31	H Beckenham Town	ISE	0-5	112	Perrin	Futa	Sawyer	Bath*	Gray	McLeod	JA*	AM*	WHM*	Eruotor	Adesite*	Divine	DD	Efambe	Kileba		
SEPT	Wed 4	H Phoenix Sports	ATT	3-0	63	Northwood	Sawyer	Lehan	Gray*	Divine	McLeod*	JA	Futa 1*	WHM	Kileba 1*	Martin 1	DD	AM	Eruotor	Hagan	
	Sat 7	H Harrow Borough	FAT	3-0	134	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Sawyer	Lehan ■	McLeod	JA 2	Wisson	Kileba	Eruotor 1	DD	WHM	Martin	AM	Hagan	
	Tue 10	A Beckenham Town	ISE	3-4	165	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Wisson	Sawyer	Lahan	JA	McLeod 1*	WHM	Eruotor 1	DD	Jeffrey	Hagan 1	AM	Kileba	
	Sat 14	H Hythe Town	ISE	1-0	123	Perrin	Divine	Futa	Bath	Wisson	JA	McLeod*	WHM	Kileba*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor	Hagan	AM 1			
	Tue 17	A Ramsgate	VT	1-1	355	Northwood	Divine*	Futa	Bath	Gray	JHM	Kileba	AM 1	Jeffrey	Eruotor	Sarpong	Wisson	Lahan	Sarpong	Kileba	Jeffrey
Sat 21	H Leatherhead	FAT	1-2	137	Perrin	Sawyer ■	Futa	Bath	JHM*	Wisson	JA 1	AM	WHM*	Eruotor*	McLeod*	Gray*	Sarpong	Sarpong	Jeffrey	JA 1	
Wed 25	H Beckenham	KSC	1-3	66	LN*	Divine	Futa	Bath	Lahan	Wisson	Kileba	AM	Sarpong	Eruotor	Jeffrey	Perrin	Efambe	Sawyer			
OCT	Sat 5	H Three Bridges	ISE	0-4	137	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	Lahan	Wisson*	JA	AM	WHM	Jeffrey*	Sarpong ■	Eruotor	DD			
	Sat 12	A Herne Bay	ISE	5-3	382	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	Bath	Sawyer	McLeod	JA 1	AM*	WHM 2	Jeffrey 1*	Eruotor 1	Kileba	Gray	Lahan		
	Wed 16	H Sittingbourne	ISE	1-1	146	Perrin	Diomande	Dickens	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	JA 1*	McLeod*	Jeffrey*	Eruotor*	AM	Kileba	Futa	DD	Gray	
	Sat 19	H Erith Town	ISE	0-0	231	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	Sawyer	Wisson	Kileba*	McLeod*	WHM	Eruotor	AM*	Jeffrey	JA	DD		
	Wed 23	H Cray Valley PM	VT	2-4	96	Northwood	Sarpong	Futa	McLeod	Sawyer	Babalola*	Wisson 1	DD*	Jeffrey*	Kileba	JA	Eruotor	Bunclark			
Sat 26	A Steyning Town	ISE	3-0	85	Northwood	KD 1	Futa	Bath	Sawyer	McLeod*	JA*	Wisson*	WHM 1*	Eruotor 1*	Babalola	Sarpong	JHM	Jeffrey	AM	Kileba	
Tue 29	A Ramsgate	ISE	1-5	937	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath*	Sawyer	McLeod*	JA 1	WHM	AM	Eruotor*	Babalola	JHM	Jeffrey	Wisson			
NOV	Sat 2	H Littlehampton T	ISE	1-1	103	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	Sawyer	JHM	JA*	Wisson	WHM	Jeffrey 1*	Babalola	AM	Kileba	Eruotor		
	Sat 9	A Hythe Town	ISE	4-2	249	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	Sawyer ■	JHM	JA	Wisson 3	WHM*	Eruotor 1*	Jeffrey*	Bath	AM	Kileba	Kileba	
	Tue 12	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE	2-2	89	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod*	JA	Wisson	WHM 2	Eruotor*	Jeffrey*	AM	Babalola	Kileba		
	Sat 16	H Ramsgate	ISE	2-3	293	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod	Wisson	Babalola*	JA 1	Eruotor	Jeffrey 1*	Kileba	Sarpong			
	Sat 23	A Sittingbourne	ISE	0-3	197	Perrin	Splatt	Futa	Bath	JHM	McLeod	JA	Wisson	WHM*	Jeffrey	Babalola	Sarpong	Kileba	Eruotor		
Sat 30	H Deal Town	ISE	3-1	112	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	Splatt*	JHM	McLeod	Kileba	Wisson	JA	Eruotor*	Jeffrey*	DD	Sawyer	Bunclark			
DEC	Sat 14	H Eastbourne Town	ISE	4-1	117	Perrin*	Diomande	Futa 1	Splatt*	JHM	Sawyer	JA	Wisson	WHM 1	Eruotor 1*	Jeffrey*	DD	Kileba 1	Olugbodi	Eyers	
	Sat 21	A Lancing	ISE	3-4	261	Perrin	Diomande	Futa*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer*	JA	Wisson 2	WHM 1	Eruotor*	Jeffrey*	Brooke	Splatt	Kileba	Olugbodi	
	Thu 26	H Merstham	ISE	2-2	263	Perrin	Diomande	Splatt*	McLeod	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba	Futa	JA	Eruotor 1*	Wisson 1*	Olugbodi	Jeffrey	Brooke		
	Sat 28	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE	0-2	402	Perrin	Diomande	Futa	McLeod*	JHM	Sawyer	Kileba	Wisson	JA	Eruotor*	Jeffrey	Brooke	Bunclark			
JAN	Wed 1	A East Grinstead	ISE	P-P																	
	Sat 4	H Phoenix Sports	ISE																		
	Tue 7	A Croydon Athletic	ISE																		
	Sat 11	A Margate	ISE																		
Sat 18	H Ashford United	ISE																			
Sat 25	A Deal Town	ISE																			
FEB	Sat 1	H Croydon Athletic	ISE																		
	Sat 8	A Three Bridges	ISE																		
	Sat 15	H Herne Bay	ISE																		
Sat 22nd	A Erith Town	ISE																			
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	Sat 8	A Littlehampton T	ISE																		
	Sat 15	A Eastbourne Town	ISE																		
	Sat 22	H Lancing	ISE																		
Sat 29	A Ashford United	ISE																			
APR	Sat 5	H Margate	ISE																		
	Sat 12	A Phoenix Sports	ISE																		
	Sat 19	H Broadbridge Hth	ISE																		
	Mon 21	A Merstham	ISE																		
Sat 26	H Sheppey United	ISE																			

The Oaks Report

LANCING 4 OAKS 3

Oaks paid the price for a poor start as they suffered a 4-3 defeat at Lancing.

Harry Heath's hat-trick in the opening 10 minutes made it a long way back, but Josh Wisson's 20-yard strike proved timely nine minutes before half-time, then Jefferson Aibangbee got the second five minutes after the restart raising hopes of a comeback.

However they were dashed immediately when Heath headed home unmarked from a free-kick.

Aibangbee then won and scored an 82nd minute penalty, taming his total to 16 for the season, but it was too little too late, despite seven minutes being added on at the end - with home manager Sam Morgan sent off for time wasting.

One positive for The Oaks was the performance of teenage substitute George Brooke following his debut just before the hour.



OAKS 2 MERSTHAM 2

A point apiece following a 2-2 draw against Merstham in a lively Boxing Day contest.

Oaks final home game of 2024 was also the halfway point in the season.

They trailed to Billy Oram's early far post finish, before Rodney Eruotor made it 1-1 with another impressive finish - his ninth of the season

Merstham's Charlie Greenwood fluffed his penalty two minutes, blasting the ball into the safety netting - awarded against Ryan Sawyer for his challenge on Finlay Johnson.

Josh Wisson made it 2-1 with 20 minutes left, his second goal in two games, before visiting veteran keeper Rob Tolfrey denied Jefferson Aibangbee a third with a strong right hand parry.

It proved a key moment in the game, substitute Aaron Johnson getting Merstham's second eight minutes from time.



The Oaks Report

BURGESS HILL 2 OAKS 0

Sevenoaks ended the Old Year on a losing note, on a misty and murky afternoon at Leylands Park. Skipper Jahmal Howlett-Mundle's own goal after only seven minutes triggered a poor start. He diverted young winger Joel Oram's cross into his own net, before Stefan Vukojic doubled the lead, converting from 20 yards around the half hour mark.

Oaks saw more of the ball in the second half, without testing home keeper Slavomir Huk until 13 minutes from time.

Rodney Eruotor's free-kick was headed back across goal by Ryan Sawyer, Howlett-Mundle seeing his close range header kept out by Huk's point blank stop. The keeper injured himself in the process and needed treatment before continuing.

Burgess Hill: Slavomir Huk, Reggie Ward, Hamish Morrison, Nathan Cooper, Marcus Allen, Bobby Price, Kieran Rowe, Noah Hoffman, Tom Chalaye, Stefan Vukojic, Joe Overy

Substitutes: Ben Pope (Bobby Price 48 mins), Brannon O'Neill (Noah Hoffman 63 mins), Martin Box (Joe Overy 63 mins), Oli Davies (Stefan Vukojic 86 mins)

Sevenoaks Town: Jordan Perrin, Kevin Diomande, Ahmed Futa, Sammie McCleod, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Ryan Sawyer, Gael Kileba, Josh Wisson, Jefferson Aibangbee, Rodney Eruotor, James Jeffrey

Substitutes: Dan Duncanson (Sammie McCleod 85 mins), George Brooke (Gael Kileba (85 mins), Colin Igboma (James Jeffrey 89 mins), Harry Bunclark (Rodney Eruotor 90 mins)

Referee: Patrick Nixon (Surrey)

HT: 2-0 (45:58)

FT: 2-0. (94:58)



Match Stats

Shots on target

4 1

Shots off target

2 2

Corners

4 1

Offsides

2 1

Free-kicks conceded

6 9

Reaction: Marcel Nimani:

"We didn't travel well. Burgess Hill started very well and played the terrain really well. I think what killed us was conceding the early goal but in the first half the opposition were just superior to us.

"We could've done with Jahmal's chance going in, which may have created a comeback but if in 90 minutes you're relying on one specific action to get you going then you know that game of football isn't there for you."



Welcome George!

The club is delighted to announce the signing of George Brooke. The highly rated 17 year old made his debut for the Oaks last Saturday in our away game against Lancing. George is a part of the Kinetic Academy and has made 14 appearances for Step 3 side Cray Wanderers over the last two seasons.

He has been impressing scouts from a number of clubs and gone on trial at several Premier League and Championship academies including an 8 week trial at Manchester City and last month spent a week on trial at Swedish top division side Hammarby IF. Welcome to Sevenoaks Town George!



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STFC club tables



South East Counties Womens League Premier Division

Sevenoaks Town	12	10	1	1	33	31
London Road	12	8	1	3	10	25
Maidstone United	12	7	1	4	14	22
Tonbridge Angels	10	6	0	4	-1	18
Cray Wanderers	8	5	2	1	12	17
Margate	12	5	1	6	8	16
Tunbridge Wells Foresters	10	4	1	5	8	13
Parkwood Rangers	11	2	1	8	-27	7
Woodcoombe Sports	12	2	0	10	-29	6
Kings Hill	7	0	0	7	-28	-2 *

Next fixtures

League Cup A v Parkwood Rangers, Sunday January 5th, 3pm
 Premier Division A v Margate Town, Sunday January 12th, 3pm
 Premier Division A v Parkwood Rangers, Sunday January 26th, 3pm



Sevenoaks & District League Premier Division

Chelsfield FC	8	6	1	1	15	19
Hawkenbury FC	7	5	1	1	8	16
Kemsing United	9	5	1	3	4	16
Westerham	8	3	3	2	0	12
West Farleigh	8	3	2	3	2	11
St Lawrence First	8	3	1	4	-4	10
Sevenoaks Town Reserves10	3	1	6	-9	10	
T Wells Foresters Reserves	8	3	0	5	0	9
FC Hertz	8	2	2	4	-5	8
TJFC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southborough FC	4	0	0	4	-11	0

Next fixtures

H v FC Hertz today, 2pm
 A v Farnborough Old Boys Guild, January 11th, 1.30pm
 H v Tunbridge Wells Foresters Reserves, 25th January, 2pm

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MAN OF THE MATCH



West Kent SPORT & WELLBEING

Rodney Eruator receives West Kent Sport & Wellbeing man-of-the-match award from Michael Tapp for his performance against Merstham on Boxing Day



Phoenix Sports

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

Over the years the club has played at various locations in the local area, including Danson Park until 1950 when the local council offered them a piece of waste land in Mayplace Road East, Bexleyheath. Over time it evolved into the ground that we all know now as Phoenix Sports Club.

Both football and cricket have been played at Mayplace Road East, with many members, both past and present, representing the club in both sports. However, with the growth of junior football, cricket has now moved away.

After entering various leagues, including the Sidcup League, Kent Amateur League and the Dartford League, the club eventually settled in the Kent County League Division One West.

In the 1986/7 season, the club entered the Spartan League and competed there for six seasons. They then returned to the Kent County League - Division One - West, winning the Challenge Cup in 1993-94.

In 1999/2000 we won the league, gaining promotion to the Premier Division, however after two relegations ended up in Division Two West, finally returning to the first division in 2004/05, and then back to the Premier Division in 2007/08.

After three seasons in the Premier Division, the first team became founder members of the Kent Invicta League at Step 6 of the National League System (Step 10 of the English Football League System) - the highest level of football the club had ever played at. We went on to finish runners up, missing out by only two points to eventual champions Bly Spartans as well as reaching the League Cup Final, again losing out to Bly Spartans.

Unfortunately, the First Team and Reserve Team Management both resigned for personal reasons at the end of season 2011-2012. After an exhaustive process we appointed Steve O'Boyle and Tony

Beckingham as Joint First Team Managers and John Hope as Manager for the Reserves assisted by Brian Magenis and John Barry.

Off the pitch we installed floodlights and a 108 seat stand and with further improvements around the ground we soon received an F Grade.

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

We finished in sixth place in our inaugural season but had aims to do even better the next year. We had a very good start to the campaign but unfortunately lost in our first ever appearance in the FA Cup - losing on penalties after a replay.

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

In the League we managed to lose only 1 game all season and accumulated 30 clean sheets. Due to these great performances we managed to win the League quite comfortably. Following quick and necessary works done on the ground we gained a D Grade and promotion to Isthmian League North Division.

Our first season at this level saw us finish in 14th place, which was improved upon the next year when we came 8th.

We were then the subject of a lateral movement and competed in the newly sponsored Bostik League South, for the 2017-18 season. After a decent start and sitting in the play-off spots for a while, we were rocked by the departure of First Team Manager Steve O'Boyle. Paul Bryon came in and steadied the ship and we finished in a creditable 11th place. The following year we improved to a pleasing 9th position.

The early ends to the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, prevented us from again gaining top half finishes before a disap-

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pointing 2021/22 campaign saw us finish second bottom and get relegated down to SCEFL league.

We went into the 2022/23 season with Steve O'Boyle back in the dugout now, leading a side hungry for a quick return to Step 4. A great season saw us finish as runners up and after a late dramatic play off at VCD a last-minute penalty saw us return to the Isthmian league. Sadly, Steve O'Boyle left the club at the end of 2023/2024 after a dramatic fight for survival. He managed to avoid relegation and keep us in the Isthmian league, but felt that he couldn't carry on.

Six candidates applied for the position of 1st team manager and Keith McMahon was appointed to take over in time for the start of season 2024/25. He brings years of experience to the club and his knowl-

edge and hardworking ethic will help give the club some stability.

Keith McMahon resigned his position as manager early in October 2024. He was replaced shortly afterwards by Darren Anslow, who took over the reins joining us after resigning his position at Beckenham Town and his 1st game was away at Littlehampton.

Phoenix Sports are a FA charter Standard Community Club with a 1-star FA accredited rating. The highest level of recognition for us would be a 2, but to achieve that level we would need a girls or a disabled team.

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



Sevenoaks Town

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Max Huxter

Kevin Diomande

Ernie Cheeseman

Salim Futa

Fofana Kissi

Sammie Mcleod

Gavin Quintyne

Rodney Eruotor

Kiye Martin

James Jeffrey

Jack Turner

Josh Wisson

Jeff Duah-Kessie

Warren-Hughes Mfula

Thompson Adeyimi

Ayomide Majekodunmi

Harvey Browne

Ryan Sawyer

Marvin Herschel

Dan Duncanson

Isaiah Jones

Jahmal Howlett-Mundle

Will Efambe

Gael Kileba

Deshane Dalling

Jamie Splatt

Richard Pingling

Jack Mahoney

Marcus Elliot

Jefferson Aibangbee

Alfawaz Dada

Harry Bunclark

Aaron Clarke

Liam Northwood

Marcel Brown

Colin Igboma

Brad Pritchard

Kian Eysr

Richard Apeni

Adadapo Olugbodi

Isaac Thompson

Manager: Marcel Nimani

Colours: Black/blue shirts, black shorts, black socks

Manager: Darren Anslow

Colours: All red



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Match Officials:
Referee: Daniel D'Urso
Assistants: Stuart McKenzie & Joshua Plumb
Next home match:
Sevenoaks Town v Ashford United
Pitching In Isthmian South East Division
Saturday 18th January 2025, 3pm kick-off



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