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Marcel Nimani

“I would like to thank you for the incredible support last weekend in what turned out to be a great afternoon for us”

Good afternoon everyone.

An extended welcome to Burgess Hill, their management team, players and supporters.

As we now have got over the nerves of the first competitive game of the season, with both of us having played - and won - our first game in the Emirates FA Cup, today the league becomes our focus.

This year, more than ever, I have seen it grow into the most competitive competition of recent years.

Having kept a close eye on our visitors since the release of the fixture calendar, I have noticed strong recruitment has taken place, as well as a fantastic pre-season campaign.

I do think Burgess Hill have every potential to be the team outside of Kent that surprises everyone.

It's a tough start for us but an exciting challenge as we lock horns in what looks like a thrilling season opener.

I would like to thank you to our supporters for the incredible support last weekend in what turned out to be a great afternoon for us all as we progressed into the next round of the FA Cup with a fine win.

It was great to see a few familiar faces from pre-season and plenty of new supporters too.

I hope to see the numbers growing throughout the season.

I particularly enjoyed the support during the game and the conversations afterwards, it was great to see the players and fans getting closer at the end.

In terms of feedback from the game, I felt we started the match well, and went on to play pleasing football in the first half. I felt that we were the better team and went in at half time, deserving the lead. Perhaps, with the only regret being that we could have taken one or two more chances.

In the second half, I felt we didn't play as well, and I was disappointed with the overall display. We struggled to be as creative in possession and towards the end, we also looked tired and fatigued across the pitch.

So there are plenty of areas for us to work on. Having said that, despite some of the disappointments of the second half, I felt the team used their experience well and managed the game to earn a deserved victory.

Over the course of this week, we have worked on our patterns, as well as a few defensive areas to best prepare us for today.

Again thank you for your tremendous support and hope to see you at the bar after the match.

Thank you everyone and enjoy the game.

**Up The Oaks
Marcel**

The Paul Lansdale column

Good afternoon to you all and welcome to everyone connected with Burgess Hill Town for this opening Pitching In Isthmian League South East game of the new season – and we offer the same to the three match officials appointed.

It was great to get off to a winning start in the FA Cup last weekend. Being paired against Whitstable created a great deal of interest, with Marcel facing his former club in his first game in charge – it was a tight contest – two spectacular finishes seeing us come out on the right side of the result – which was no more than we could ask for, with 13 debutants in our matchday squad.

There were also some familiar faces in the opposition line-up making it a real old boys reunion.

The victory earns us another home tie

against Leatherhead a week today – and with hosting Harrow Borough in the FA Trophy and Beckenham Town in the Kent Senior Cup the draws have been very kind to us, which has not always been the case in recent seasons.

One new addition is the Sevenoaks Town FC banner at the far end of the ground.

That was result of a conversation I had with a visitor who made the point – a very good one in fact – which still disappointed me to hear it – that there was nothing to indicate who played here.

We plan to invest in another to be put at the dressing room end.

Our summer football camps last week proved very successful with around 500 youngsters taking part including many booked in on multiple days.

The first league points of the season are on offer today and we're hoping for another good result to build on last week's excellent start.

Paul



“There’s a new banner at the far end after a visitor made the point that there was nothing to indicate who played here.”

STFC Women

By Shannon Hytner

Sevenoaks Town Women First team continued their pre-season campaign with a 4-1 home win over newly promoted Kings Hill on Sunday. The two teams will meet each other again this season in the South East Counties Women's Football League Premier Division.

A young side included three players who have stepped up from the Development side and another three from last year's U16's team. Oaks went 1-0 down early on despite the majority of possession and several shots testing the opposition keeper.

However the lead didn't last too long with Matilda Noble one of the U16 trio

showing cool composure in front of goal to put the Oaks level.

New signing Chloe Jardine added the second to put Oaks in front at half-time.

Despite the hot conditions, Oaks maintained pressure and continued to dominate before Ami Wybrow made it 3-1, put through to slot past the keeper in her first match since taking a year out to go travelling.

Oaks wrapped things up with a superb finish from Macie Rospo, last season's Development Team Sports Person of the Year capping a controlled midfield display alongside Millie Walker and Zoe Parsons.

Give us a follow at @STFCWomen to keep up to date with all the women and girls sides at the club.

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Good luck to all the teams this season!

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Magic from Martin

MOM Kiye Martin reflects on getting off the mark on his Oaks debut in the FA Cup victory against Whitstable - his thoughts on the season ahead and those two spectacular strikes in the pre-season friendly against Charlton Athletic.

"The win was firstly the most important thing - for us as a group, and what we want to do this season.

"It gave us a buzz particularly in a tournament like the FA Cup, and me personally to get my first goal for the club.

"Rod Eruotor gave me the pass and I hit it sweet and was happy to see it nestle in the net.

"He scored a great second - I passed to Ayo and his cross field pass split the defence.

"We know how we want to play this season and it's always good to see it come off in a game. All the forwards want to be ruthless this season. I want to get double figures in goals and assists.

"I came into the group quite late, but it's a credit to the gaffer and the management - everyone at the club makes it very easy to settle, and embed how you are as a person and a footballer - on and off the pitch.

"It's a great place to be, we want to learn and kick on - it may be early on but we feel we could be on to something.

"Marcel has built a squad very quickly, and his desire and his commitment to what he wants to do drives all us players to be on the same journey. We are really looking forward to it."

And those goals against Charlton?

"A lot of people missed the first one, and it wasn't until I watched the film that I realised how soon after half-time it was.

"Michael Hagan laid the ball off to me and I had a nice angle on my left foot -and wrapped it around the ball - lovely goal to score.

"The second one came direct from a corner.

"Ryan Sawyer said he should get an assist as he made the run to the far post - we have been working hard on set-pieces and patterns of play, and I was chuffed to see it go straight over the keeper.

Words: Andrew Gidley

Image: Simon Lapwood



Sevenoaks Town

Fixtures & Results 2024-25

KEY:
 1 = Goal Scored
 * Player subbed

■ = Red Card
 + = Own goal
 ISE = Isthmian SE

FAC = FA Cup
 FAT = FA Trophy
 KSC = Kent Senior Cup
 TBC = To be confirmed

Wednesday fixtures at
 7.30pm unless otherwise
 stated

All Saturday home fixtures
 kick off at 3pm

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	Sat 24	A Sheppey United	ISE																		
	Mon 26	H East Grinstead	ISE																		
	Sat 31	A Broadbridge Hth	ISE																		
SEPT	Sat 7	H Harrow Borough	FAT																		
	Tue 10	A Beckenham Town	ISE																		
	Sat 14	H Hythe Town	ISE																		
	Sat 21	A Ramsgate	ISE																		
	Wed 25	H Beckenham	KSC																		
	Sat 28	H Sittingbourne	ISE																		
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	Sat 12	A Herne Bay	ISE																		
	Sat 19	H Erith Town	ISE																		
	Sat 26	A Steyning Town	ISE																		
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	Wed 6	H Beckenham Town	ISE																		
	Sat 9	A Hythe Town	ISE																		
	Sat 16	H Ramsgate	ISE																		
	Sat 23	A Sittingbourne	ISE																		
	Sat 30	H Deal Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 14	H Eastbourne Town	ISE																		
	Sat 21	A Lancing	ISE																		
	Thu 26	H Merstham	ISE																		
	Sat 28	A Burgess Hill Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 4	H Phoenix Sports	ISE																		
	Sat 11	A Margate	ISE																		
	Sat 18	H Ashford United	ISE																		
	Sat 25	A Deal Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 8	A Three Bridges	ISE																		
	Sat 15	H Herne Bay	ISE																		
	Sat 22nd	A Erith Town	ISE																		
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	Sat 22	H Lancing	ISE																		
	Sat 29	A Ashford United	ISE																		
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	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

By Andrew Gidley

New-look Oaks made a winning start to the new season beating Whitstable Town 2-1 to progress to the next round of the Emirates FA Cup.

Two of the club's 13 new signings in boss Marcel Nimani's first line-up - Kiye Martin and Rodney Eruotor - both marked their Oaks debuts with excellent goals - all three coming in the opening 15 minutes of the Extra Preliminary Round tie at the Bourne Stadium They now host Leatherhead on Saturday week.

Eight players in the game, were facing their former club as well as Oaks boss Marcel Nimani.

Martin made an immediate impact with a fourth minute opener, before ex-Oaks striker Jerson Dos Santos levelled things up 11 minutes later.

However Oaks were soon back in front through Eruotor.

Martin curled home from 20 yards, before Dos Santos finished off a quick break following an Oaks corner.

Ayo Maje's sweeping crossfield pass then found Eruotor in time and space down the right before cutting in and drilling a left foot shot into the far corner.

Ali Fofahan fired just wide seven minutes before half-time as Whitstable threat-

ened, before Oaks striker Warren Mfula saw his effort off the line.

Home keeper Jordan Perrin - saved well twice in the second half against his old club, before Oaks substitute Jefferson Aibangbee went close to a third, curling his effort just past the far post with his first touch.

Sevenoaks Town:

Jordan Perrin, **Ryan Sawyer 57**, Salim Futa, Jack Bath, Jahmal Howlett-Mundle, Ayominde Maje-kodunmi, Sammie McLeod, Rodney Eruotor, Kiye Martin, William Efambe, Warren Mfula.

Substitutes:

Gael Kileba (William Efambe 52 mins), Jefferson Aibangbee (Rodney Eruotor (67 mins), Kiye Martin (Danny Divine (90 mins)

Whitstable Town:

Daniel Colmer, Jerald Aboagye, Karn Miller-Neave, **Mitch Chapman 74**, Finn O'Mara, **Jake McIntyre 40**, Mike West, Jerson Dos Santos, Josh Oliver. Harvey Smith, Ali Fofahan.

Substitutes:

Omotunmise Akanni 64 (Josh Oliver 46 mins), Jayden Boulton (Ali Fofahan 58 mins), Marvin Hershel (Omotunmise Akanni 75 mins)

Referee: Stephen Hughes (Kent)

HT: 2-1 (47.40)

FT: 2-1 (96.00)

Attendance: 253



Reaction: Marcel Nimani

He said: "It was a good competitive test for us, before the league season which is my real focus. "It was difficult picking my first starting eleven, all the boys have worked very hard pre-season - two were left out and two are away so there is four still to come into the side.

"Players have been in and out of the side in pre-season, and you could see in the final 20 minutes that we were struggling for fitness. "First half we were very good in possession. Second half we tired, but the boys still managed the momentum of the game very well."

Match Stats



Shots on target	5	5
Shots off target	4	5
Shots blocked	4	2
Corners	7	2
Free-kicks conceded	18	17

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Man-of-the match



Kiyé Martin receives his man-of-the-match award after the Whitstable game, from West Kent Sport & Wellbeing editor Steve Rowley

Burgess Hill Town: History

Burgess Hill Football Club was founded in **1882** and was a founder member of the Sussex County Football Association.

The club attained the unique achievement of winning the Sussex Senior Cup three years running thus retaining it permanently in the process. The cup is on display in the trophy cabinet in the club boardroom. The current trophy was presented to the S.C.F.A. by Burgess Hill Town Football Club.

In the club's formative years they were also founder members of the Mid-Sussex Football League, and won the League Championship in its inaugural season.

Following several successful seasons the club joined the Sussex County League for the **1958–59** season, and stayed until attaining promotion to the Southern Football League in **2003**. In **1969** the club amalgamated with Worlds End F.C. and with the help of Burgess Hill Town Council were able to move to Leylands Park, the club's current home. In **1971**, the club gained promotion to Division One, only to be relegated two seasons later. **1974** saw the 'Hillians' reach another landmark achievement by becoming the only club ever to have won both the League Challenge Cup and the Division Two Cup in the same season. In **1976** a hat trick of achievements were completed by winning the Division One Championship by six points, having secured the Division Two title the previous season.

During the ensuing twenty years in the top flight of the County League success was modest. In **1980** the League Challenge Cup was secured and in **1992** the RUR Cup was added. However, all this changed in season **96–97** under the guidance of club manager, Alan Pook. The club became Division One champions by twelve points, won the Floodlight Cup, and were runners up in the League Challenge Cup. The 2nd XI finished runners up in the Reserve Premier and won the Mid-Sussex Charity Cup, while the Youth XI won their overall championship. In **1997–98**, the club 1st XI attained even more success by again winning the League Championship and the League Challenge Cup, also reaching the last

sixteen in the F.A. Vase. Additionally they reached the Sussex Senior Cup Final and were top of the county's merit table. The Youth XI also finished as 'Double Champions' in the sector.

1998–99 season saw the Hillians achieve a unique treble in winning the Championship for a post war record third time and again securing a league and cup double, back to back. The 2nd XI won their cup and were runners up in the league, missing out by a single point. Not to be out done, the Youth XI won their league and only missed out on a double by goal difference.

The club then welcomed new manager, Gary Croydon for season **1999–2000**. He led the Hillians to take runners' up spot in the league and to a record fourth qualifying round FA Cup tie against Hereford United. Again, a last 16 place was achieved in the FA Vase as well as winning the RUR Cup and the Floodlit Cup.

The new millennium season saw Hillians take the league championship with the team remaining unbeaten in the league until April; the Club also had its best ever run in the FA Vase only being beaten after extra time by eventual finalists Tiptree United in the last eight, before a then club record attendance of 1598.

With plans being laid for Southern League football, club directors, Gary Croydon and Eddie Benson appointed Danny Bloor as manager for season **2002–2003**. The club was rewarded with yet another championship crown, the fifth in seven seasons.

Gary Croydon took over the Hillians again as the club entered the Southern League for the first ever time. After just missing out on the play offs, Burgess Hill Town moved over to the Isthmian League due to the restructuring of the non-league pyramid.

For the next few years the Club established itself as a Ryman League club with a few mid table finishes and twice just avoiding relegation. In 2011/12 with the Hill struggling and with seven games to go Manager Simon Rowland was sacked and GK Coach John Rattle was put in charge. The club survived relegation with victo-

ries in the last two games of the season against Whitstable Town and Dulwich Hamlet FC, both 1-0.

The following season, **2012/2013**, the Hillians returned to their original green and black colours. Former Brighton & Hove Albion player and coach Ian Chapman was appointed as Manager and he guided the Hillians to eighth place in the table.

2013/14 saw the Hillians achieve their highest ever finish in the Football pyramid, finishing sixth in the table and just missing out on the play offs by one point. The newly formed Under 21 side finished third in the Ryman U21 League whilst the Youth Team had their most successful season ever. They won the Ryman Youth League and the Ryman Youth Champion of Champions whilst also lifting the Sussex County Youth Cup. Two Ladies teams were also introduced as part of Burgess Hill Town FC and they enjoyed mid table finishes in their first season.

2014/15 saw the Club enjoy the greatest season in the Club's History. Ian Chapman's side were unbeaten in the league until mid – March and went on to win Ryman League Division One South title by 11 points and gain promotion to the Ryman Premier League for the first ever time. They also equalled their best – ever FA Cup run, eventually losing away to Dartford in the 4th qualifying round but having gained a memorable 3-1 victory at Sutton United in the previous round. In the FA Trophy, the club reached the 2nd round, finally losing at home to Dartford FC. In the previous round the team had beaten Aldershot Town of the National League 1-0 away.

A confident start to the Hillians first season in the RPL before Christmas saw the team 8th in the league, but a disappointing second half saw them finish in 20th position. The club avoided relegation due to Farnborough FC being relegated for financial irregularities. The following two seasons saw the Hillians avoid relegation on the last day of the season to keep its Isthmian Premier status. The Hillians did enjoy excellent cup runs in the FA Cup both seasons narrowly missing out on the FA Cup 1st round proper.

After four seasons in the Isthmian Premier League, the club were relegated in the **2018/19** season. The season was full of mixed emotions, with the long standing management team of Ian Chapman

and Stuart Tuck leaving the club after six very successful years. Ian was replaced by Ex-Lewes manager, Simon Wormull. Under Wormull, the team rallied over the Christmas period and towards the end of season with some spirited performances. The team also reached the Parafix Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in some thirty years but lost 2-1 to Bognor Regis Town in extra time at the Amex Stadium. The U18's also reached their own Sussex Cup Final, losing 1-0, to Lewes.

The **2019/20** season started off with a 7-2 opening day victory over Hythe Town. Unfortunately, disappointing results followed, as well as early exits in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy, which saw Wormull depart in late October. Jay Lovett was appointed as First Team Manager in November – following a successful spell in charge at South Park. His arrival saw an improvement in results and encouraging performances heading into the back-end of the season. A global pandemic drew the campaign to a premature close, with the Hillians sitting comfortably in mid-table.

After a few years of frustration as the Covid pandemic swept the nation, the **2021/22** season was a welcome relief as we finally completed our first full season back in the Isthmian South East division. It was a sluggish start to the campaign for Jay Lovett's men with victories in the league proving hard to come by. Thankfully, success was coming in both the FA Cup and the FA Trophy. We made it to the 2nd qualifying round in the FA Cup before falling to National League South side Dorking Wanderers.

In the FA Trophy, we went a round better making it to the third qualifying round where we fell to Canvey Island. We took this momentum in the cups over to the league and eventually picked up our first win in October away to Ramsgate.

From that point onwards we started to fly up the table and ended up missing out on the play offs by just 4 points, finishing in 7th place. Success was also coming off the field where we didn't see a league crowd at Leylands Park lower than 252 and we ended the season averaging over 400.

August Isthmian fixtures

Saturday 10th August 2024

AFC Croydon Athletic v Ramsgate
Deal Town v Lancing
Eastbourne Town v Beckenham Town
Erith Town v Ashford United
Hythe Town v Phoenix Sports

Sunday 11th August 2024

Littlehampton Town v Herne Bay

Saturday 17th August 2024

Margate v East Grinstead Town
Sevenoaks Town v Burgess Hill Town
Sittingbourne v Broadbridge Heath
Steyning Town Community v Merstham
Three Bridges v Sheppey United

Saturday 24th August 2024

Ashford United v Margate
Beckenham Town v Hythe Town
Broadbridge Heath v Deal Town
East Grinstead Town v AFC Croydon Athletic
Merstham v Eastbourne Town
Phoenix Sports v Three Bridges
Ramsgate v Sittingbourne
Sheppey United v Sevenoaks Town

Monday 26th August 2024

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

Saturday 31st August 2024

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

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Reserve team round-up

By Andrew Gidley

Sevenoaks Town Reserves are continuing their build-up to the new season.

They followed up a 5-2 win at Kent County League Len Valley with a 0-0 draw at last season's Sevenoaks League Premier Division champions and double cup winners Hawkenbury.

Manager Steve McGinn says "Overall things are going ok.

"We have narrowed numbers down a bit recently. We have still got to reduce it by another three or four to get down to a squad of about 25. "We have played some good football, but need to be consistent and not doing it just in spells

"We dominated most of the game at Len Valley - bar a dodgy 15 minutes where we conceded.

"However we scored good goals against an opposition that did very well in their league last year.

"It wasn't the best performance at Hawkenbury in comparison to our last two pre-season friendlies.

"We were dragged into a scrappy physical battle.

"At times we were lucky not to concede, but they are a team that has been together for years and they won the treble last year in the league we are playing in this season...

"The lads just need more time to bond and gel, and that result should and hopefully be better come the time we start next month.

Oaks led to eight minutes from time in the 1-1 draw at Staplehurst Monarchs on Tuesday night.

An own goal from Luis Tippey's cross put them in front before Monarchs grabbed a late equaliser.

Steve said: "We tried to hold on but their pressure was too much - an incredible result though.



Pre-season friendly results

Saturday July 13:

SE Dons (H) lost 1-4
Scorer: Callum Heath

Saturday July 27:

Len Valley (A) won 5-2
Scorers: Callum Heath 2, Jordan Reynolds, Josh Bassuade, Dom Miller

Saturday August 3:

Hawkenbury (A) drew 0-0.

Tuesday August 6:

Staplehurst Monarchs (A) drew 1-1
Scorer: og

Saturday August 17:

Fleetdown United Reserves (A)

Saturday August 24:

The Oaks (TBC)

Tuesday August 27:

West Farleigh (A)

Saturday August 31:

Sandwich Town (TBC)



First Team Manager Marcel Nimani with our mascots for the Whitstable game, provided by our Sevenoaks Town U8s/U9s teams



Sevenoaks Town

Burgess Hill Town

Jordan Perrin

Ryan Sawyer

Jack Bath

Jahmal Howlett-Mundle

Salim Futa

Sammie Mcleod

Rodney Eruotor

Kiye Martin

William Efambe

Warren-Hughes Mfula

Ayomide Majekodunmi

Danny Divine

Michael Hagan

Oliver Gray

Gael Kileba

Andrew Norburn

Emmanuel Oloyede

Jefferson Aibangbee

Junior Sarpong

England Kurti

Slav Huk

Hamish Morrison

Martyn Box

Brannon O'Neill

Elliott Bresciani

Ryan Worrall

Ollie Davies

Kieran Rowe

Alex Brewer

Ben Pope

Tom Chalaye

Dan Perry

Callum Chesworth

Harry Lawson

Joe Overy

Charlie Bonwick-Adams

Manager: Marcel Nimani

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

Manager: Gary Mansell & Jay Lovett

Colours: Green and black



Match Officials:
 Referee: Craig Wood
 Assistants: Byron Beard, Andrew Owen
 Next home match:
 Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round
 Sevenoaks Town v Leatherhead
 Saturday August 17th, kick-off 3pm

