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**ON TODAY'S COVER**  
After putting Dulwich two up against Dartford a fortnight ago, **Luke Wanadio** takes the plaudits.  
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## PHIL PASSEY FROM THE EDITOR

Good afternoon everyone, and a warm Champion Hill welcome to you and to the players, staff and supporters of today's Isthmian League visitors Canvey Island...

Well, well, well... looks like we might have a team. Three games, three wins, no goals conceded and the feel good factor is back thanks to a team looking to get forward at every opportunity and being hard working and tenacious when looking to win possession back. If this is *DaceyBall (TM)* – I'm in.

Another 44-pages for you today. We kick-off with the words of the Chairman and the Gaffa, before a Club News that includes Joe McGinn's Terrace Talk. We then hear about the work in the EDI space from Danny Mills, have a chat with big defender Geoffrey O, before Rob Hyneman looks ahead to the Club's Community work in 2025/26. Then we get the story of this season's new kits before another three of Richard Watts' superb match reports. A pull-out poster of Lonit Talla, five pages on Canvey and all the usual stats and info follow. Finally the incomparable Toilets From.

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And of course, enjoy the game...

*Phil*

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## BEN CLASPER CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



**I** was confident about a few things going into the new season, the football would be good, the team would be happy, the results would improve. What I was less confident about, was how quickly that would all come to life, what with a new team, the fixture computer throwing up a shocker of an opening three games and a sobering injury report after the final training session. From worrying about not having enough subs to nine points from three games, has been heartening to say the least.

It seemed to me that we took Dartford by surprise – they were expecting a different Dulwich Hamlet to turn up. But it was more surprising that given the chance for them to regroup, the second-half went the same way as the first. The sending off so soon after the restart made it more comfortable than it might have been, but they could have had any number of men on the pitch and would have still found themselves 3-0 down after a perfect free-kick – so it wasn't exactly a turning point.

If you are looking for indicators that things might be better this time round, then back-to-back league away wins when you have only collected three points on your travels just twice in the whole of the previous season is clearly one. Another is that after just three league games, we are already halfway towards our total tally of six clean sheets for the entire 2025/26 campaign.

After coming through that challenging start, it's important that we don't get complacent. We need to attack the next three matches without looking at the table and thinking things will be easier. Our opponents today have always given us a tough time and deserve respect from both the team and fans alike. We all know not to look at the league table this early on in the season and Canvey's opening three games were even tougher than ours. Football can change in an instant.

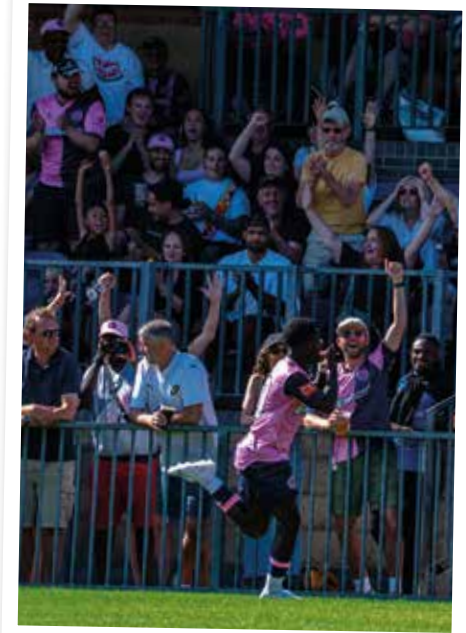


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■ His free-kick having just made the score 3-0, a euphoric Luke Wanadio wheels away past a delighted Hamlet crowd against Dartford two weeks ago.

The last word should go to you all, we were overjoyed to see so many at the Hill on the opening day. It was a record crowd as we are traditionally slow starters through late summer. Then last weekend saw a long pink and blue infusion flowing through the seaside streets of Ramsgate. I'd like to thank you all on behalf of the club, especially so considering there has been little to justify such a strong following in recent times. What you bring to this club is now being felt by and is inspiring this new management team and the new players.

Thank you and long may that continue.

*Ben*

# MARK DACEY

## VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



**G**ood afternoon and welcome back to Champion Hill for today's clash with Canvey Island. We're riding high after a dream start to the season – three games, three wins, three clean sheets – and now sit proudly atop the league table. The buzz is back, the culture is returning, and Dulwich Hamlet is once again the beating heart of our community.

A warm welcome to our visitors, Canvey Island, and to their manager Peter Taylor – a man who's lived every coach's dream by managing England. It's a true privilege for my staff and me to go head-to-head



PHOTO: ROB AWIS

**All smiles after Hamlet make it three out of three in Ramsgate** with someone of his calibre.

While the early form has been fantastic, we know this is just the beginning. With 39 league games still to play,

we're focused, hungry, and ready for the journey ahead. It's great to see players returning from injury and suspension, easing the load on the squad as we head into a busy stretch – two games in three days.

We hope to entertain you again today and count on your support as we travel to Whitehawk on Monday. Bring the noise Rabble, and let's fly that Hamlet flag high!

Enjoy the game and the extended weekend.  
Up the Hamlet!

*Mark*

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Sat 6th Sept.  
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vs  
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MEN'S LEAGUE

Sun 7th Sept.  
2.00pm  
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Crystal  
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP

Sat 13th Sept.  
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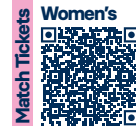


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THE LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE CHAMPION HILL



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## HAMLET COMEDY CLUB SEPTEMBER LINEUP IN PLACE...

■ After a top August bill that saw **Jamie Allerton** back on MC duties, **Michelle Shaugnassy** get the night warmed up, before being followed by **Eli Hart**, **Matthew Hutchinson**, **Jacob Hawley** and headliner **Laura Smyth**, comedy returns to the upstairs bar here at Dulwich Hamlet on Thursday September 4th.

The headliner next month will be **Felicity Ward** along with **Tom Mayhew**, who does fancy things on Radio 4 is making his Hamlet bow and we've got very welcome returns for two past faves **Steve Bugeja** and **John Meagher**. Plus there's going to be short sets from two great acts we've stumbled across recently - **Maddie Coombe** and **Raj Poojara**. We also have **Alex Haddow** back on hosting duties! Tickets here: [hamletcomedy.co.uk/#NEXTGIG](http://hamletcomedy.co.uk/#NEXTGIG)

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■ Our committed group of hardworking volunteers are the heartbeat of our football club. But we are always looking for more dedicated fans keen to contribute to making the club an even bigger asset

to its local community here in East Dulwich. Volunteering at DHFC is a perfect way to combine your favourite sport with community work. It is also a great chance to be part of a fun, open-minded, caring community of people who love football and supporting their local club. Currently

we have opportunities available to get involved on **Match Days**, with our **Community Team**, with **Ground Maintenance** and in our ever-growing **Media** unit. For more information on volunteering with us, please contact either 'community', 'operations' or 'media' @[dulwichhamletfc.co.uk](mailto:dulwichhamletfc.co.uk)

## 2025 FREUNDSCHAFT 2.0 JAN'S THE MAN IN THANET...

■ There was a familiar face in the crowd away at Ramsgate last Saturday. Altona 93's Jan Stöver stopped off to catch Hamlet down on the Kent coast having been holidaying in Northern Ireland. Speaking after the match, Jan said: "The chance for an August seaside trip with Hamlet was too good to resist. Just a few weeks after we welcomed Dulwich supporters to Hamburg in such large numbers, it was great to catch up with many of them again. Despite some injuries, Hamlet played well and won the match against a good side. It was nice to see that after the final whistle, the team and manager engaged with the travelling support. I wish for your season to continue as it has started and that Toby Bull and his defence continue to secure clean sheets for as long as possible!"



## THE ROAD TO WEM-BER-LEY... WHITSTABLE IN FA CUP DRAW

■ Next Saturday Hamlet will be at home once again when we entertain Kent side **Whitstable Town** in the **First Qualifying Round** of this year's **Emirates FA Cup**. The Oysters have already scored an incredible **16 goals** in the previous two rounds – beating Lingfield 7-2 before demolishing Edgware & Kingsbury 9-0 seven days ago. They are managed by former Dulwich Hamlet player **Jamie Coyle** who led them to last season's **FA Vase Final** triumph.



## JOE MCGINN

Age Old  
Supporting Hamlet Since 2013

### What first drew you to Champion Hill?

Friends who had been going for a long time

### What was your first Hamlet match?

I first came against Ilford around 1975, but returning and coming regularly, my first game would be against Wealdstone in 2013

### What keeps you coming back?

The people. As they say, football is nothing without fans. Many of whom are now friends

### Your favourite ever Dulwich player?

Nyren Clunis. Special mention to Andre Blackman for being... well... Andre Blackman

### Favourite season and why?

2017/18. To get kicked out of our own ground but still get promoted after winning the playoff penalty shoot out down at Tooting & Mitcham

### Your favourite match watching Hamlet?

Both games against Macclesfield in the 2017 FA Trophy Quarter-Final spring to mind. But it's probably that first game against Wealdstone – a 4-1 defeat, but Glenn Little's goal remains the best that I've seen at the Hill

### Best DHFC away trip??

A trip to Royston for a Cup replay in December 2016. We won 1-0 thanks to a goal from Nyren. Unglamorous games are always the best ones

### Thoughts on this season?

Hope springs eternal. Just re-establish ourselves mid-table to outside chance of a playoff place would be a good start. In football terms, a marathon not a sprint, it's a long term project. PS – A few away wins would be nice. Our travel sickness has been an achilles heel

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## DANNY MILLS

THE CLUB'S EDI OFFICER DISCUSSES  
THE WORK AHEAD IN 2025/26...



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**G**ood afternoon Hamlet fans and welcome back to Champion Hill for another campaign where we are full

of optimism for a positive season across all of our teams. Following on from last season there have been a lot of changes throughout the club, with new management teams for both the Men's and the Women's sides. I would like to welcome the new managers, staff and players that have joined the Club and wish them all the best for the season ahead.

It has been a positive start for the Men's team with three wins from the first three games which we hope will continue this afternoon against Canvey Island. The Women's team had a tough start against a good Luton Town side last weekend and we know they will want to bounce back quickly.

Since being appointed as **EDI Officer** over three years ago, I have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure our great club continues to be an inclusive environment where all feel welcome. In the off season I sat down with our Community Group so that we could start planning for this season. We have put together a plan for how we can continue to grow. Following on from the **Fan Engagement Survey** that we put out last season, there were some key highlights that we will be focusing on over the next few years particularly around accessibility and our continued efforts to

diversify our fanbase. This year's priority will be to develop a new strategy informed by the survey and the ambitions of the club. I am very much looking forward to working with our key stakeholders to put something together that reflects Dulwich Hamlet Football Club.

Unfortunately, since my last column, we have been reminded that this work is needed more than ever. At the Women's Euros, England defender **Jess Carter** revealed she was scared to play in the Final due to fears of racial abuse. The England defender had suffered a torrid time after being targeted by racial abuse online, which forced her off social media during the tournament. Meanwhile, the Premier League opener between Liverpool and Bournemouth was stopped in the 28th minute after an allegation of a racist comment aimed at **Antoine Semenyo**; a 47-year-old man was ejected from Anfield. Semenyo was also subjected to racist abuse on Instagram that same night and has since shared some of the abuse on his story, with the caption: "When will it stop?"

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# TEAM TALK

TIME TO SIT DOWN WITH NEW DEFENDER GEOFREY...

2025/26 SEASON  
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DULWICH HAMLET  
GEOFREY OKONKWO

**NAME** GEOFREY OKONKWO  
**SHIRT NO.** 6  
**POSITION** CENTRE-BACK

**Team you support and your childhood footballing hero?**  
Arsenal and Thierry Henry

**How did you join Hamlet?**  
I joined this season after one conversation with 'The Gaffa' earlier in the summer. It's a club that's close to home, which means a lot and the thought of being part of a side that restores the pride and respect Dulwich used to have was an exciting challenge.

**Where do you play?**  
In the middle of the back line – I'm happy to play either side. I used to be a striker growing up. But those days are long gone. In my mind, I believe I could still put in a shift as a 'target man' if ever required!

**What other clubs have you played for previously?**  
Chelmsford City, Whitehawk, Cray Wanderers, VCD, Grays Athletic, amongst others...

**Any trophies in the cabinet?**  
2023/24 Step 4 Playoff Final win with Bowers & Pitsea. I was their Player of the Year that season having been both that and Young Player of the Year at Grays back in 2022.

**Who would you consider the best player you've ever played alongside and why?**  
Joe Taylor and Bradley Pritchard at Cray Wanderers. Joe's goalscoring record speaks for itself. It was always a battle against him in training and that has made me a better player. Bradley played in the EFL with Charlton and Leyton Orient. He's become the manager at Lewes for this season and it doesn't surprise me – a great football brain.

**Best moment in football?**  
Playing football in Brazil with Adriano. I went there a couple years ago for a friends football tournament. He didn't speak much English, but he was really friendly and down to earth. I have a signed shirt from him! As far as playing goes, definitely winning promotion with Bowers in 2024. We were underdogs from the start to the end so it was nice to prove everyone

wrong. It was also my first Senior winners medal.

**Best goal you've ever scored?**  
There's not many to choose from, so I'd say my Playoff Final penalty for Bowers in '24

**Favourite moment at Hamlet?**  
The trip to Germany. It really brought all the boys together and we gelled quickly. I think it's a big part of the reason we've started the season so well, even though we are a new team. Seeing all the fans in their numbers makes you realise it's a special club

**Hopes and ambitions for the season ahead?**  
Get into the playoffs. People won't expect much after where the club finished last season, but I think we've already shown that we're capable of beating any team.

**Favourite other sports?**  
NFL, NBA Basketball and Athletics. I can happily spend hours watching all three.

**If you could change one rule in football, what would it be?**  
Stop the clock whenever the ball goes out of play like in Basketball or Rugby. In most games 'Injury Time' seems a random guess and more importantly, it would reduce time wasting and make the game more entertaining.

INTERVIEW BY HOLLY PORTER

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## WELCOME FROM THE COMMUNITY TEAM

### ROB HYNEMAN INTRODUCES THE WORK OF THE CLUB'S COMMUNITY TEAM FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON...

**T**he new season is underway and we are looking forward to another year of football and community. This season we have a wide ranging programme of initiatives planned – some familiar, some new – designed to support and connect with the wider community of which we are a part. Whether it's youth outreach, local partnerships, or match day activities, we remain committed to making a positive impact beyond the pitch to ensure that Champion Hill remains a place for everyone.

#### ■ THE ALBRIGHTON CENTRE...

The Club is pleased to confirm the continuation of our partnership with The Albrighton Centre for the 2025/26 season. This ongoing collaboration reflects our commitment to supporting the local community and strengthening the ties between the football

club and the people living around our stadium.

The Albrighton Centre, located just across the road from the ground, plays a vital role in the local area by offering a range of support services to individuals and families.

One of its key initiatives is the **Albrighton Community Fridge**, which provides free access to surplus food and helps reduce waste. Since its launch in 2018, the fridge has become an essential resource – particularly during the pandemic – and continues to meet growing demand amid the cost of living crisis.

Supporters can contribute by donating essential items at home matches or volunteering with the Centre. **Donations can be dropped off at the main reception at Champion Hill on matchdays or directly at The Albrighton Centre.** Keep an eye out on our socials for any special requests that the centre may be requesting as the season progresses.

#### ■ MASCOTS WANTED...

Every home match day, we invite children from local schools, from nearby youth football teams and community groups, or even just passionate young Dulwich Hamlet fans, to walk out with the players before kick-off at Champion Hill. We believe passionately that every child should have the chance to experience live football and to feel a real part of their local club. That's why we offer this opportunity completely **FREE** of charge.

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OR

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##### MEN'S FIXTURES



##### WOMEN'S FIXTURES



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# GET SHIRTY...

THEY LOOK GREAT AND THE TEAM KEEP WINNING IN THEM  
HERE'S THE STORY BEHIND OUR NEW 2025/26 KITS...

**M**any of you will have seen our new playing kits in action both home and away over recent weeks. Both shirts have been proving popular at the Mega Container run by the Supporters' Trust. Here's all you need to know about the historical inspiration behind the Hamlet's new kits...

Late last season, the Club approached the Dulwich Hamlet History Group for help with the design of the 2025/26 strips. The remit was simple: the home kit needed a historic link and should "reclaim pink" – with the exception of Corinthian Casuals, no one else plays in pink, so pink needed to feature prominently. Meanwhile the brief for the away kit was similarly simple – it was time to move away from the red, white and black of recent years.

At this stage, it will probably be useful for us to have a quick history lesson: When Hamlet were founded back in 1893, it was

agreed at the inaugural meeting that the Club's colours would be 'dark blue and red' with a "playing costume of a white sweater and dark knickers..." as shorts were then referred to.

Pink and blue were adopted later in recognition of the Lloyd brothers – two early players, William a founder member and Hugh who joined when the club went open – who it was said "taught us how to play". The brothers were old boys of Westminster School and Dulwich College and those two schools wore pink and navy blue respectively.

There were at least nine changes of 'playing costume' during the first 25 years or so of the Club, with a large number seeing the Hamlet team play in stripes. Then in 1927/28 the club changed to what would become the classic Hamlet shirt. One bold, solid navy blue stripe between pink sides with navy sleeves. This was worn virtually unchanged for the next forty years across five separate decades, a period that included three FA Amateur Cup wins in the 1930s as Dulwich Hamlet became "the most famous Amateur club in the country".

Then, in the late 1960s, there was a dramatic departure with a new look that saw dominant pink suddenly taking precedence over what was now royal blue – the traditional dark or navy blue having disappeared. The royal blue remained on the shorts, sleeves and collar only – with a round-neck replacing traditional buttons. In 1968, the blue went from the arms as Hamlet opted for a plain pink shirt with just blue collar and cuffs, although this somewhat drastic evolution did not last long. For a number of seasons the club badge also disappeared, replaced by just the club name or monogram and by the late 1970s manager Alan Smith's side played with white shorts and white socks. The club had adopted a 'penguin style shirt' with a bold pink strip straight down the middle by 1981. But with repeated washing over a season or two the pink in some of these 'modern' strips often faded badly, running with



the blue assuming a dull lavender or mid-grey shade. Perhaps it was because of this that as the decade wore on pink began to lose favour, still there, but often less prominent, mere trim on collar or cuffs until it regained favour in the mid-90s. Since there have been numerous incarnations, with takes on the classic Hamlet look and kits that have been predominantly pink – even 'shocking pink' at times – or perhaps more controversially, kits that have been predominantly navy blue.

Back to last summer: The History Group's initial idea was to re-visit the narrow stripes of Hamlet's 1925/26 kit. When a similar design appeared late last season against Canvey Island as a one-off fundraising strip to mark the centenary of our first meeting with German club Altona 93, it felt wrong to choose a near identical kit. So the focus then moved to the earliest known pink and blue kit – the halves of 1900/01 – to provide the inspiration for this season's home kit. But without a surviving shirt from that season what shade of pink or tone of blue should be used? It was here that the original 'Ernie Toser Shirt' worn in the 1937 FA Amateur Cup Final win over Leyton and the subsequent inspiration for the replica Dulwich shirt that used to be available online proved useful. The Club has attempted to match the pink and blue as closely as possible to the tones used for past classic shirts including Ernie's.

PHOTOS: PAUL HAMILTON

However, modern fabrics are very different to the heavyweight cotton worn all those years ago, so making an exact match is difficult.

So what about that green and white check away kit? Let's return to the history lesson: For many years Hamlet's away kit was white with dark blue shorts and was rarely needed as a consequence of Hamlet's 'pink'n'blue' first choice being so distinctive. Hamlet have typically worn white or yellow second kits. More recently, a change strip of green and white or all red was preferred, although there was also a memorable detour to fluorescent yellow and anthracite. Over the last few years, following the genesis of the Freundschaft with German club Altona 93, red or white away kits with black trim have been favoured.

The History Group looked at other clubs who feature in Hamlet's history and settled on Red Star FC. 'Les Verts et Blancs' are a club Hamlet enjoy a good relationship with following a visit there by the late Mishi Morath. Hamlet first wore green and white as a change kit away against St Albans City in 1992/93. The pink and blue stripes of the home kit and the all yellow away kit both clashed with the City's blue and yellow stripes so a green and white kit was borrowed from the club physio's Sunday side as an alternative option. It served its purpose and for the following season a change kit of green and white striped shirts and green shorts was ordered. Further green and white change kits were then used into the mid-noughties.

But if green was the go for 2025/26 – in what form? All green was out, due to colour blindness and halves containing too much white risked clashes. Green and white quarters nearly won, but the Club wanted to do something no-one could mistake for a Premier League club and Liverpool wore green and white quarters recently. The result was the green and white chequered pattern that also provides additional contrast with any striped or hooped opponents' shirts. Creative Director and Trust member Paul Hamilton then worked with manufacturer *Hope & Glory* to bring the 2025/26 playing kits to life. **With thanks to the Dulwich Hamlet FC History Group and to an earlier article by Jack McInvoy at [thehamlethistorian.blogspot.com/](http://thehamlethistorian.blogspot.com/)**



## GOALKEEPER

### Toby BULL

Brighton & Hove Albion academy player until age of 20. Had brief spells with Carshalton Ath, Aveley and Worthing in 2023/24 before spending last season at Lewes. Ability to receive and play the ball to feet was a particular factor in his joining Hamlet this summer.

## DEFENDERS

### Anthony COOK

Vastly experienced player. Began as a Cardiff City youth before spells with Dagenham, Braintree Town, Ebbsfleet Utd (twice) and Bromley. Joined Hamlet in summer 2018 but

spells at Harrow Borough and Welling Utd whilst at Selhurst Park, then a full season with the Wings after Palace release. Rejoined Hamlet in 2016 and played a key role in promotion to National South two years later. Left for Wrexham in summer 2019. Brief spell at Bromley followed by three seasons at Billericay Town. Hamlet return in summer 2023. He made his 200th appearance in 2024/25.

### Geoffrey OKONKWO

Physically imposing CB. Began at VCD Athletic and Grays Athletic before winning promotion from Isthmian North with Bowers

with Redbridge, Hendon, Hanwell Town and Southall.

## MIDFIELDERS

### Lonit TALLA

Former QPR academy player. Won U21 caps for Kosovo before spells at Egham Town, Uxbridge, Harrow Borough, Wingate & Finchley and Hendon. A trialist who signed for Hamlet this summer.

### Alfie PAYNE

Left-footed playmaker who progressed through Norwich City's academy and earned a pro contract. Final season

Former Tottenham Hotspur youth, who spent three years at Cheshunt during their rise from Step 4 to Step 2. A season each with Welling Utd, Bishop's Stortford and Folkestone Invicta followed.

### Sean BONNETT-JOHNSON

Originally from Hackney. An experienced player whose previous clubs include Billericay Town, Merstham, Kingstonian, Potters Bar Town, Hendon, Braintree Town, East Thurrock Utd, Romford and FC Romania. Can play at RB or in MF. Joined Hamlet from Concord Rangers in September 2023.

followed, with loan spells at Farnborough and Telford Utd. Stints at Bromley, Woking and Maidstone Utd. Five seasons at Dartford preceded summer 2024 move to Hamlet. A versatile DM who can also operate as a RB or as a CB.

## FORWARDS

### Nyren CLUNIS

Hamlet legend scoring 117 goals in 486 games after emerging from youth team in 2009/10. Leading scorer in the 2017/18 promotion winning side. Won multiple Player of the Year awards in 11 seasons at The Hill before departing for Carshalton Ath in summer 2020, moving on

### Luke WANADIO

Dynamic attacker originally signed from Redhill in 2014. Helping Dulwich preserve their Step 2 status on loan in 2018/19. Previous clubs include Staines Town, Welling Utd, Dartford, Bromley, Aldershot, Billericay, Folkestone Invicta and Dover Athletic. Returned to SE22 in summer 2023. Top scorer in last two seasons.

### Gaspar MICO

Spanish winger. A graduate of Real Madrid's La Fabrica Academy. Spent 2024/25 with AFC Whyteleafe, winning Combined Counties Premier South title and reaching the FA Vase Final at Wembley.

# DULWICH HAMLET

## 2025/26 PEN PICS

left for Welling Utd a year later. At Cray Wanderers and Rayners Lane before Hamlet return this summer. A former winger who now plays at RB.

### Tom CHAMBERS

Hamlet academy player who made a solitary first team cup appearance in October 2020. At Lewisham Borough before spending three seasons with Cray Valley PM. Rejoined Dulwich this summer.

### Michael CHAMBERS

In his third spell with Hamlet. Started with the youth team before signing for Crystal Palace in 2011/12. A tall CB who offers a commanding aerial presence. Had loan

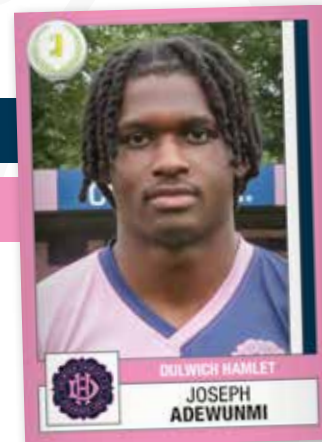
& Pitsea in 2023/24. Moved to Chelmsford City, but returned briefly to Bowers & Pitsea before spending end of 2024/25 with Whitehawk. Joined Hamlet this summer.

### Joseph ADEWUNMI

Promising young CB. Began with nearby Fisher. Made a big impression in the Isthmian North with Heybridge Swifts in 2024/25. Signed by Hamlet in the summer of 2025.

### Giovanni PALMER

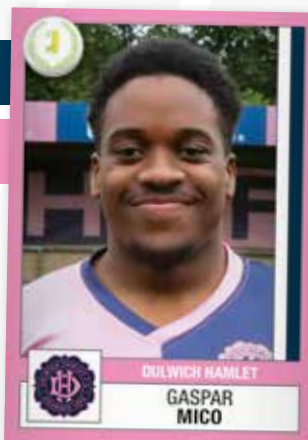
LB/LWB who joined from Farnham Town this summer, having featured in their 2024/25 Isthmian South Central championship winning run-in. Previously



with Canaries spent on loan at King's Lynn. Joined Braintree Town in Oct 2020. Made 150+ appearances and helped them win Essex Senior Cup and promotion from National South in 2023/24. Work commitments prompted 2024/25 move to St Albans City. Joined Hamlet during the summer of 2025.

### Amadou KASSARATE

A South Londoner capped by Senegal at U20 level.



### Mannie MENSAH

Dynamic ball winner. At Sevenoaks Town before step up to the Isthmian Premier Whitehawk in 2024/25 - scoring against Dulwich in 3-3 Champion Hill draw. Joined Hamlet this summer.

### Jordan WYNTER

Seven appearances for Arsenal U21s in 2012/13. Bristol City and Cheltenham Town

to Kingstonian a year later. Spent the last three seasons with Cray Wanderers before returning to Dulwich this summer. Primarily a right winger, he can also play as a striker or at RB. Club captain.

### Danny MILLS

Talismanic 6'4" striker now in his 7th season at Hamlet. An accomplished youth basketball player who retains an ability to 'hang' in the air - many of his Dulwich goals come via his head. Croydon FC youth, before Crawley Town then three years at Peterboro Utd preceded 2012 move to Carshalton Ath. Over 100 goals in five seasons at Whitehawk, then two seasons at Ebbsfleet.

### Solomon BAUGH

Promising, pacy young winger with fast feet originally at Charlton Athletic's Academy. Spells at Three Bridges, Sevenoaks Town and Cheshunt followed. Joined Hamlet in summer 2025.

### Anthony JEFFREY

Fast and direct London-born winger with 4 full caps for Guyana. 'AJ' can cross or shoot with either foot. At Arsenal from 8 through to U21s. Gunners release led to Wycombe Wanderers then Boreham Wood, Forest Green Rovers, Sutton Utd, Dover Ath and Wrexham. Billericay Town in 2022/23. Arrived at Champion Hill summer 2023.

Saturday 9th August 2025

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

**DULWICH HAMLET** .....4  
**DARTFORD** ..... 0

Hamlet made a spectacular start to the new season in their first competitive match under **Mark Dacey's** management. This was the club's best opening day result since defeating reigning Isthmian League champions Barking by the same score in 1979. It took just eleven minutes for Dulwich to take the lead against last season's beaten play-off finalists. Following a break down the left involving **Luke Wanadio**, debutant midfielder **Lonit Talla** seized upon some hesitancy inside the visitors' box to steal possession and quickly fired off a low, hard shot that hit the net via keeper **Jonny Henly's** body at the near post. Six minutes later the lead was doubled as Hamlet went back-to-front to add an impressive second. **Michael Chambers** mopped up a Dartford break by passing safely back to goalkeeper **Toby Bull** who released right-back **Sean Bonnett-Johnson**. He initiated a fine passing move out of the Hamlet half as the ball moved inside to **Talla** who was quick to clip a pass that released left-back **Tom Chambers** down the flank. The cross that followed was gathered in by **Danny Mills** eight yards out and he teed up **Wanadio**, lurking just inside the area, who thrashed a first time shot past **Henly**. It was no more than Hamlet deserved after a high tempo start. A visibly stunned Dartford regrouped from those early setbacks and enjoyed more of the play, but the tenacity of Dulwich's defending ensured that half-time arrived without the Darts having had a meaningful attempt on goal. The game then took a decisive turn in Hamlet's favour within a minute of the resumption. Veteran striker **Mills** latched onto **Tom Chambers'** high ball over the top and was clumsily brought down from behind outside the left corner of the penalty area by last man **Ben Frempah** who was shown a straight red card. The resultant direct free-kick from around thirty yards out saw **Wanadio** make it 3-0. Having shaped

to curl into the far corner, he instead sent a vicious swerving shot between the heads of the two men in the defensive wall. It dipped in low at the near post – completely fooling the desperate, scrambling **Henly**. There were still nearly 25 minutes to go when Hamlet's leading scorer of the last two seasons completed his opening day hat-trick. Yet again Dartford were unzipped down the right side of their defence. A challenge from **Nyren Clunis** saw the ball break to **Talla** and he was quick to release **Wanadio**. A first touch kept the ball moving goalwards, a second steadied his nerve, before a third coolly slipped one through the legs of the advancing **Henly**. New Hamlet 'keeper **Toby Bull** then made a couple of saves whilst new Darts striker **Dan Smith** hit a post late on from a corner as the visitors sought a consolation goal. But ultimately the clean sheet was preserved to win with style.

Tuesday 12th August 2025

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

**WINGATE & FINCHLEY** .....0  
**DULWICH HAMLET** .....1

Hamlet won an August away game for the first time since 2021 by edging a close fought match in north London. The play was interesting rather than exhilarating, with few clear scoring

chances – both sides favouring a quick short passing game on an excellent grass surface. The decisive moment arrived midway through the first-half when the best move of the match pierced the home defence. Dulwich built sustained pressure with lengthy and patient possession inside the Wingate half. When **Alfie Payne** played the ball back to **Michael Chambers** on the halfway line, the tall defender saw the opportunity to step forward. A slick offload allowed top scorer **Luke Wanadio** to play **Gaspar Mico** in on the left-hand side of the area. He took one touch before firing across former Hamlet keeper **Charlie Grainger** into the opposite corner from a narrow angle. **Toby Bull** then made a couple of saves before the half ended and soon after the restart **Bull** tipped another long range effort over. The pattern was soon set for Wingate to test Hamlet's defence with frequent crosses and corners – but all were capably dealt with. Dulwich had remained dangerous on the break, but spurned a glorious chance to seal the win on the stroke of ninety minutes. **Nyren Clunis** intercepted a pass high up the pitch and quickly bore down on goal, only to skew his shot wide of the target as **Grainger** advanced. But four minutes of stoppage time was then negotiated with no real alarm.

Saturday 16th August 2025

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

**RAMSGATE** .....0  
**DULWICH HAMLET** .....2

Hamlet completed maximum points from the first three matches for the first time since the 2012/13 Isthmian Division One South championship winning season, thanks to another impressive all-round display on the Kent coast. The newly promoted Rams made the stronger start, as Hamlet were forced to defend in depth for much of the opening ten minutes. **Sha'mar Lawson** saw a shot deflected wide before **Billy Munday** headed over from eight yards out off a corner. But **Alfie Payne** went close when his snapshot forced a smart save from Ramsgate goalkeeper **Aiden Prall** from Hamlet's first attack. The corner was cleared, but Dulwich attacked again with **Gaspar Mico** racing into the right side of the box and firing in a low cross, which **Luke Wanadio**, arriving unattended at the far post, slammed home. The remainder of the first-half produced few clear chances with Ramsgate largely restricted to shots from distance, one of which from **Ryan Kingsford** was touched over by **Toby Bull**. The second-half followed a similar pattern, as Ramsgate again began assertively whilst Hamlet looked solid in defence. A great run from **Mico**, bypassing the substantial figure of former Dulwich captain **Jerome Binnom-Williams** in the process, took him deep into the box before he was crowded out when poised to shoot. **Lonit Talla** saw a strike then saved by **Prall** and **Payne's** beautifully flighted cross from the right was headed over by **Geoffrey Okonkwo** as Hamlet pushed to double their lead. The decisive second goal arrived in the 78th minute. **Wanadio** slipped his marker 30 yards from goal and accelerated clear through the middle. Having shaken off the last defender, he turned sharply to take the ball past the goalkeeper and was promptly brought down for a clear penalty. It was **Wanadio** himself who stepped up to beat **Prall** from the spot. A low shot inside the keeper's right-hand post sealing victory.



■ With Champion Hill basking in August sunshine, new skipper **Nyren Clunis** controls under pressure during Hamlet's emphatic 4-0 win over visiting Dartford on the opening day of the season  
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2025/26



*Lewis*  
**TALLA**

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## TODAY'S VISITORS CANVEY ISLAND FC

**ESTABLISHED** 1926  
**STADIUM** Park Lane  
**CAPACITY** 4,100  
**MANAGER** Peter Taylor  
**NICKNAMES** The Gulls / The Yellows



### 2024/25 AT A GLANCE LEAGUE RESULTS

W  
13

D  
5

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24

17th

### FINAL POSITION

GOALS FOR  
48

GOALS AGAINST  
66

AVG GF PER GAME  
1.14

AVG GA PER GAME  
1.57

TOTAL POINTS  
44

2024/25 League Data - Isthmian League Premier Division

**C**anvey Island were founded in 1926, but unfortunately most of their early records were lost in the floods that devastated the east coast of England in 1953. We do know that they won many cups and league championships during their time playing in local leagues and at one point appointed Denis Neville as manager – his first job after leaving his role in charge of the Dutch national side. However, by the end of the 1980's they had fallen on hard times and the very existence of the club was in serious doubt. With the end seemingly imminent, local businessman and former Canvey player Jeff King took over as manager and helped to generate enough funds to avert disaster.

### Meteoric rise...

Canvey's meteoric rise up the football pyramid began in 1992/93 – the Gulls won the Essex Senior League and reached the semi-final of the FA Vase. Having joined the Isthmian League they achieved promotion from Division Three and then Division Two in successive seasons. In 1995/96 after beating Conference side Hednesford Town in FA Cup Qualifying, they reached the First Round Proper and drew 2-2 with Football League Brighton & Hove Albion at Park Lane in front of a then a record crowd of 3,400. Although the replay in Brighton in front over 7,000 was lost. As well as being crowned Division Two champions, the 1995/96 side also won the Carlton Trophy and Thameside Trophy. 1998/99 saw them clinch the Division One title and beat Leyton Orient to lift the Essex Senior Cup. They retained that trophy in 1999/00 by beating Purfleet, whilst finishing fifth in the Isthmian League Premier Division – their first season at that level.

### Canvey's cup(s) runneth over...

The following season saw the Islanders lift the FA Trophy at Villa Park after beating Forest Green Rovers 1-0 in front of over 10,000. That 2000/01 Trophy triumph saw them beat four Conference sides in succession – Stevenage Borough, Telford United, Chester City (over two legs in the semi-final) and then Forest Green. Earlier that season they had enjoyed another

FA Cup run - beating Braintree Town, King's Lynn and Cambridge City before being drawn against Second Division Port Vale. Trailing 4-2 at Park Lane with two minutes left, they fought back to force a 4-4 draw and then won the replay 2-1 after extra-time in the Potteries. The reward was a home draw against then Football League neighbours Southend United. Due to ticket demand, Canvey agreed to switch the tie to Roots Hall where a capacity crowd of 11,400 saw the non-leaguers narrowly beaten. However, the cup exploits meant their season finished with a gruelling ten league games in just 15 days and they finished runners-up. A record-breaking season followed in 2001/02 as the club reached the FA Cup Third Round for the first time before finally getting knocked out by Burnley at Turf Moor. They had beaten five sides en route, including two from the Football League's Second Division - winning away at Wigan Athletic and beating Northampton Town in front of a full house at Park Lane. In the league they won 30 games and scored 108 goals, but again finished runners-up, with their defence of the FA Trophy ending in a narrow defeat away to eventual winners Yeovil Town. They did however win the Essex Senior Cup - beating Dagenham & Redbridge in the final.

### Isthmian League champions...

Canvey were Isthmian League Premier Division runners-up for a third successive season in 2002/03 - finishing 13 points clear of third place. Towards the end of the season they set a new attendance record of 3,553 at a midweek match at home against the eventual league champions Aldershot Town. Canvey Island were finally crowned Isthmian League champions themselves after they finished with 104 points - 19 clear of second place - in a 2003/04 season that also saw them return to the FA Trophy Final. However, this time they lost an exciting final at Villa Park 3-2 against Hednesford United. They did reach the FA Cup First Round - losing a home replay against Third Division neighbours Southend United by the same score after drawing 1-1 at Roots Hall. The league title was clinched at Easter - with no less than seven league games to spare!

### Dizzy heights before the bubble bursts...

Canvey's first season at Conference level began with a draw at Carlisle United in front of 7,000 and just one defeat in their first seven games - against eventual champions Barnet. But injuries to key players saw a dip in form and they ultimately finished 18th. Canvey achieved their highest ever position in the pyramid when they finished a respectable 14th in 2005/06. However, the lack of success compared to previous seasons adversely affected attendances and Jeff King made the difficult decision to withdraw both his financial and footballing interests from the club.

### Dig the new Batch and Alzapiedi's glory...

Supporters rallied to enable the team to continue playing in the Isthmian League Division One North in 2006/07. John Batch took over as manager, the bulk of his 2005/06 reserve side making up of the new first team squad. The Gulls finished sixth and only narrowly missed out on the playoffs. Five wins from their final six games earned a playoff spot in 2006/07 and Canvey were promoted back to the Isthmian Premier Division after beating AFC Sudbury away 3-2 after extra time in the semi-final and then Redbridge - 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw. Batch stood down in January 2012 with the club sitting tenth. First team coach Glen Alzapiedi took over as manager and guided the club to their first Essex Senior Cup triumph in a decade - the Islanders didn't concede a single goal in the competition beating Football League sides Dagenham & Redbridge (on penalties in the semi-final) and, in the final, Colchester United - Rob King's headed goal seven minutes from time being enough to win a tight contest 1-0.

However, Alzapiedi departed in July 2012. His replacement, former Canvey skipper and Southend United manager Steve Tilson, only lasted a single season before he was replaced by another ex-player - Danny Heale. After staying up on the last day of the season in 2015, Canvey were relegated on the final day of the 2015/16 campaign - a first demotion as a result of league position in 19 years. Canvey's first attempt to bounce back from the Isthmian



ELLIOTT RONTO

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## RECENT MEETINGS

19/04/25	H	Champion Hill (ILP)	W	2-1
07/09/24	A	Park Lane (ILP)	W	3-2
13/04/24	A	Park Lane (ILP)	W	2-0
15/08/23	A	Champion Hill (ILP)	W	4-1
07/01/17	H	Park Lane (ILP)	L	0-1
27/08/16	A	Champion Hill (ILP)	L	1-2
24/10/15	H	Park Lane (ILP)	W	2-1
08/08/15	A	Champion Hill (ILP)	W	3-0
07/02/15	H	Champion Hill (ILP)	L	0-3



TYLER FORBES

North division, saw them lose 3-1 in the 2017 playoff final away at Haringey Borough.

### Bentley, Aunty, Wellman and Knott...

In October 2018, former-Southend United and Gillingham player Mark Bentley took over. After finishing ninth in his first season in charge, his next two were cut short due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. 2021/22 saw Bentley lead the Gulls to the FA Cup Second Round after beating Banbury United 2-1 away in a First Round tie televised live on BBC TV. But they then exited after a 3-0 defeat at home to Millwall. With Canvey top of the league, Bentley stepped down to take on a role at Southend United in October 2021. Assistant boss Brad Wellman took charge with coach Sammy Knott alongside him. The team finished second before a 3-1 playoff semi-final win at home to Felixstowe & Walton United set up a playoff final against Brentwood Town. In front of 2,532 supporters, Canvey fell behind early on, levelled before the break, then gained promotion after winning 4-2 on penalties.

### Adjusting to life back at Step 3...

Back in the Isthmian Premier Division for 2022/23, the Gulls made a late title charge before finishing third and losing the playoff semi-final on penalties to eventual winners Aveley. They suffered through an injury ravaged campaign in 2023/24 and ultimately slipped to 14th - although they did manage a 'derby double double' by beating both Concord Rangers and Billericay Town twice for the first time in over a decade. 2024/25 was a poor season in the league, but Canvey managed to avoid relegation - finishing just one place above ourselves on goal difference - and they did win the Essex Senior Cup after beating Hornchurch on penalties in the final. At the end of the campaign, the club parted company with boss Wellman after nearly four seasons in charge. 72-year old ex-England player Peter Taylor - who began his youth career at the club - took over in the summer. Only four players remain from last season: keeper Bobby Mason, Aussie skipper Elliott Ronto, versatile attacker Finlay Dorrell and defender Elliott Johnson.

## THE AWAY END...

### **Bobby MASON (GK)**

Popular GK who first joined in August 2020. A pivotal part of the Canvey squad that reached the FA Cup Second Round Proper in 2020, making more saves in the competition than any other keeper that season – including five penalty saves in the Second Qualifying Round. Promoted with the club in 2021/22. Left for a season with Step 4 Isthmian South East Sittingbourne in 2023/24. Returned to Park Lane in 2024.

### **Lewis GREENE (GK)**

43 Apps for Brightlingsea Regent in 2023/24. Began last season with Walthamstow before heading back to Regent and playing 11 times - his last game was the narrow Isthmian North Promotion Final defeat to Bury Town. Previously first choice GK for Hullbridge Sports making over 100 Apps during their last four years in the Isthmian North. He'd joined January 2019 from Redbridge having been at Canvey and Bowers & Pitsea on loan earlier

### **Elliott JOHNSON (DF)**

CB who re-joined the club in Dec 2022. Originally played three times for Canvey Island during the 2020/21 season whilst on loan from Welling Utd. A stint in the US followed before his return to Essex.

### **Michael FINNERAN (DF)**

Returning DF who first joined Canvey in July 2019 and skippered their Isthmian North promotion-winning squad in 2021/22. A popular

player who adds experience to the Gulls's defence, he will combine playing with a coaching role. Started career with Romford before moving to Grays Ath in Feb 2018 (40 Apps). After his success with Canvey, he ended 2022/23 with Maldon & Tiptree but having first been club captain, he appeared just five times for the Jammers in 2023/24. Returned to Grays in late 2023 and made 64 Apps for them over the past two seasons.

### **Joe HALSEY (DF)**

Former Luton Town Academy FB who played for all the Hatters sides below the first team. Spent last season at



**BOBBY MASON**

Bowers & Pitsea (35 Apps) then Hendon (11 Apps). With Concord Rangers in 2023/24 after being at Corinthian Casuals in 2022/23.

### **Danny NESBITT (DF)**

64 Apps at Heybridge Swifts the last two seasons. Started 2022/23 with Stanway Rovers but made 17 Apps for Maldon & Tiptree. Previously with Romford and Witham Town.

### **Alex MOSS (DF)**

Summer arrival who adds strength to their defensive line. Played 34 times for Grays Ath last season having started the previous season with Maldon & Tiptree (8) before moving to Basildon Utd (31 Apps). Came through the youth sides at Hullbridge Sports before graduating to the first team in 2020/21 and making over 60 appearances in three seasons.

### **Matas SKARNA (DF)**

20-year-old DF who can also play in MF. Summer 2025 arrival who has represented Lithuania at U17 level having come through the youth ranks at Hashtag Utd. Made 13 Apps for Concord Rangers in 2023/24 before joining Grays Ath mid-season and appearing 11 times. Played another 40 times for Grays last season.

### **George BROUGH (DF)**

Young DF given opportunity in Men's Senior football for 24/25

### **Elliott RONTO (DF/MF)**

Skipper who joined from Heybridge Swifts in July 2020. Played for several clubs in his native Australia before signing for Bishop's Stortford in the UK. At Witham Town before joining Heybridge in Winter 2018. Won Manager's Player of the Year award in 2023/24, switching between roles in central midfield and defence.

### **Lewis JAGGS (MF)**

Summer arrival who captained Maldon & Tiptree and then Concord Rangers the last two seasons having appeared

14 times for the Jammers in 22/23. Previously with Tilbury and Great Wakering Rovers.

### **Louie REMI (MF)**

Winger with an eye for goal. Scored 10 goals in 46 Apps for Grays Ath last season after



**ELLIOTT JOHNSON**

arriving from Maldon and Tiptree – 29 Apps, 5 goals in 2023/24 after 1 goal in 6 Apps in the closing stages of 22/23. Scored 11 goals in 20 games at previous club New Salamis.

### **Tyler FORBES (DF/FW)**

Versatile British Virgin Islands international who can play RB or RW. Ended last season with 14 Apps at Witham Town. As a youngster he played for Heybridge Swifts and Maldon & Tiptree before spending time in Dorset playing for both Poole Town and Weymouth.

### **Codey COSGRAVE (MF)**

Summer addition from Step 4 Sittingbourne who reached the FA Trophy Quarter Finals in 2024/25. He played 41 times scoring 4 goals before going on loan with Cambridge City towards the end of the season.

A Brentford youth who then spent time at Grays Ath and Bishop's Stortford in 2023/24.

### **Kenedi DARIRI (DF/MF)**

Versatile DF/MF who arrived in the summer having been at Grays Ath last season. Young, pacy and formidably powerful, he can play at CB or FB. Joined Barking at 16 making his first team debut in 2020/21 and going on to make 120 Apps and scoring 11 goals.

### **Kwabena YEBOAH (MF)**

Midfielder 'Koby' emerged from Southend Utd's youth setup. Appeared 10 times for Aveley in 2021//22 before playing 29 times for Redbridge in 2023/24. Another dozen Apps came at the start of last season but he then moved on to Ipswich Wanderers (6) and then Brentwood Town (5).

### **Finlay DORRELL (MF/FW)**

Talented young winger who joined in summer of 2024. Had been part of Essex Senior League Romford's side that won the FA Vase in 2023/24.

### **Charlie STIMSON (FW)**

33-year old Geordie striker who came through the academies at Tottenham Hotspur and Gillingham. After leaving the Gills spent time with Barnet, Concord Rangers and Tooting & Mitcham Utd, before six years back with his dad Mark at Thurrock. The pair stayed together for a short stint at Waltham Abbey and were then a big part of the Hornchurch side which won the FA Trophy in 2021

and reached two successive Isthmian Premier Play Off Finals during a five-year stay between 2018–23. Scored 16 goals in 33 Apps for Grays Ath in 2023/24. Six goals in 21 games last season at Heybridge Swifts, having started with Redbridge where he scored 4 times in 15 Apps.

### **Chris REGIS (FW)**

Much travelled 6ft 3in 28-year old summer arrival from Hanwell Town. Camden born, former England U17 MF. His youth career took in Arsenal, Southampton and Colchester Utd. A tough-tackling box-to-box MF who now plays in attack. Multiple previous



**CHRIS REGIS**

clubs include Barton Rovers, Braintree Town, Torquay Utd and Kent side Sittingbourne.

### **Shaun MAVIDIDI (FW)**

20-year old Romford-born winger who arrived from Fleetwood Town in the summer of 2025. Made 26 apps for Newcastle Utd's U18s in 2022/23 after joining the Magpies' youth set-up from Arsenal in the summer of 2021.

## THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

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## SUPPORTERS' TRUST NEWS

**W**hisper it, but, we're doing rather well. Three wins on the spin to kick-off the new season, and a Saturday home game in the August sunshine to look forward to – what a time to be in East Dulwich. As always, our paramount concern is the experience fans have at the games, particularly when it's busy, so come and find us at the shop or shed behind the goal, or drop us a line on [info@dhst.org.uk](mailto:info@dhst.org.uk) if you have any thoughts or questions. Enjoy the game...

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## FA AMATEUR CUP

### Winners (4)

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### Semi-finalists (4)

1908/09, 1921/22, 1928/29, 1934/35, 1955/56

## FA TROPHY

### Quarter-finalists (2)

1979/80, 2016/17

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

### Champions (4)

1919/20, 1925/26, 1932/33, 1948/49

### Runners-up (8)

1921/22, 1923/24, 1929/30, 1930/31, 1933/34, 1946/47, 1958/59, 2017/18

Division One champions 1977/78

Division One South champions 2012/13

Premier Division play-off winners 2017/18

Premier Division play-off finalists

2010/11, 2012/13

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP

Finalists (2) 2010/11, 2012/13

## ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

Winners 2013/14

## LONDON SENIOR CUP

### Winners (5)

1924/25, 1938/39, 1949/40, 1983/84, 2003/04

### Finalists (5)

1905/06, 1907/08, 1920/21, 1927/28, 2001/02

## LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

Winners 1998/99

Finalists (2) 1991/92, 1999/2000

## OTHER HONOURS

Norwood Charity Cup 1889/1900; Surrey Charity Shield 1902/03, 1905/06; South London Charity Cup 1918/19; Kings College Hospital Cup 1924/25 (also joint winners 1921/22, 1923/24, 1926/27); Bromley Hospital Cup 1921/22, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1948/49); Liege Tournament Cup 1928/29; Guernsey Victory Cup 1932/33, 1948/49; Connaught Hospital Cup 1932/33 (joint winners); Oxford Hospital Cup 1935/36; Wycombe Hospital Cup 1953/43; Harris Cup 1954/55, 1955/56; Mayes Memorial Cup 1959/60, 1960/61, 1964/65; Kennedy Cup 1996/97, 1998/99, 2003/04, 2007/08; Muir Memorial Cup (joint winners 2000/01)

## SURREY SENIOR CUP

### Winners (16 times - record)

1904/05, 1905/06, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1919/20, 1922/23, 1924/35, 1927/28, 1933/34, 1936/37, 1946/47, 1949/50, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1973/73, 1974/75

Finalists 1911/12, 1931/32, 1932/33, 1937/38, 1950/51, 1967/68

## LONDON CHARITY CUP

### Winners (9) 1919/20, 1920/21, 1922/23,

1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1947/48, 1956/57, 1957/58

Joint Winners (3) 1910/11, 1923/24, 1930/31

## SURREY SENIOR SHIELD

Winners 1972/73

## SURREY CENTENARY SHIELD

Winners 1977/78

## SOUTH OF THAMES CUP

### Winners (4)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60

## SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP

Winners 1973/74

## SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Champions (2) 1901/02, 1903/04

## WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP

Finalists 2021/22

## LONDON AND SE WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Champions 2023/24

## WOMEN'S CAPITAL CUP

Runners-up 2024/25

# 2025/26 RESULTS & STANDINGS

#	ISTHMIAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	DULWICH HAMLET	3	3	0	0	7	0	+7	9
2	CRAY WANDERERS	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7
3	CHATHAM TOWN	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7
4	BRENTWOOD TOWN	3	2	1	0	8	6	+2	7
4	BURGESS HILL TOWN	3	2	1	0	6	4	+2	7
6	CHESHUNT	3	2	0	1	8	4	+4	6
7	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	3	2	0	1	4	2	+2	6
8	LEWES	3	2	0	1	4	2	+2	6
9	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	3	1	2	0	4	2	+2	5
10	CHICHESTER CITY	3	1	2	0	3	1	+2	5
11	ST ALBANS CITY	3	1	1	1	4	3	+1	4
12	WHITEHAWK	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
13	BILLERICAY TOWN	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
14	HASHTAG UNITED	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
15	RAMSGATE	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3
16	AVELEY	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
17	POTTERS BAR TOWN	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
18	DARTFORD	3	0	1	2	1	7	-6	1
19	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	3	0	0	3	3	6	-3	0
20	WELLING UNITED	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
21	CRAY VALLEY PM	3	0	0	3	3	7	-4	0
22	CANVEY ISLAND	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0

Information correct up to and including Friday 22/08/2025

## FRIDAY 8th AUGUST

Aveley v Brentwood Town.....1-1

## SATURDAY 9th AUGUST

Billericay Town v Wingate & Finchley.....2-1  
Cheshunt v Welling United.....4-2  
Chichester City v Folkestone Invicta.....1-1  
Cray Valley PM v Carshalton Athletic.....0-2  
Cray Wanderers v Canvey Island.....2-0  
Dulwich Hamlet v Dartford.....4-0  
Lewes v Hashtag United.....0-2  
Potters Bar Town v Burgess Hill Town.....0-1  
Ramsgate v Whitehawk.....3-2  
St Albans City v Chatham Town.....0-0

## MONDAY 11th AUGUST

Carshalton Athletic v Lewes.....1-2

## TUESDAY 12th AUGUST

Brentwood Town v St Albans City.....3-2  
Canvey Island v Cheshunt.....1-4  
Chatham Town v Ramsgate.....4-2  
Cray Valley PM v Burgess Hill Town.....1-2  
Cray Wanderers v Folkestone Invicta.....1-1  
Dartford v Billericay Town.....1-1  
Hashtag United v Potters Bar Town.....0-0  
Welling United v Aveley (LO-1).....A-A  
Whitehawk v Chichester City.....0-0  
Wingate & Finchley v Dulwich Hamlet.....0-1

## FRIDAY 15th AUGUST

Aveley v Burgess Hill Town.....3-3

## SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

Canvey Island v Folkestone Invicta.....0-2  
Carshalton Athletic v Billericay Town.....1-0  
Chatham Town v Cheshunt.....1-0  
Cray Wanderers v Wingate & Finchley.....3-2  
Hashtag United v Chichester City.....0-2  
Potters Bar Town v Brentwood Town.....3-4  
Ramsgate v Dulwich Hamlet.....0-2  
St Albans City v Dartford.....2-0  
Welling United v Lewes.....0-1  
Whitehawk v Cray Valley PM.....3-2

## 2024/25 LONDON SENIOR CUP FINAL

TUESDAY 19th AUGUST  
Hanwell Town v Brentford B.....3-0

## NEXT UP AWAY WHITEHAWK

Monday 25th August 2025  
Isthmian Premier Division  
KO 3pm

McLaren Enclosed Ground  
East Brighton Park  
Wilson Avenue, BN2 5TS

## COMING UP AWAY GRAY WANDERERS

Tuesday 9th September 2025  
Isthmian Premier Division  
KO 7.45pm

Flamingo Park  
Sidcup Bypass  
Chislehurst, BR7 6HL

## COMING UP AWAY CHESHUNT

Saturday 20th September 2025  
Isthmian Premier Division  
KO 3pm

The Stadium,  
Theobalds Lane, Cheshunt,  
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DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Sat 09	H	DARTFORD	ILP	4-0	2,067	Bull ● Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo Payne ●
Tues 12	A	Wingate & Finchley	ILP	1-0	379	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo ● Payne ●
Sat 16	A	Ramsgate	ILP	2-0	1,215	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo ● Payne
Sat 23	H	CANVEY ISLAND	ILP			
Mon 25	A	Whitehawk	ILP			
Sat 30	H	WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Sat 06	H	WELLING UTD	ILP			
Sat 13	H	BRENTWOOD TOWN	ILP	OR	FAC	
Sat 20	A	Cheshunt	ILP			
Sat 27	H	AVELEY	ILP			
Tues 30	A	Cray Wanderers	ILP			
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Sat 04	-	(FAT 3QR)	ILP			
Sat 11	A	Chatham Town	ILP			
Tues 14	H	CRAY WANDERERS	ILP			
Sat 18	A	Folkestone Invicta	ILP			
Sat 25	H	CRAY VALLEY PM	ILP			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Sat 01	A	Chichester City	ILP			
Sat 08	H	ST ALBANS CITY	ILP			
Tues 11	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	ILP			
Sat 15	A	Burgess Hill Town	ILP			
Sat 22	H	HASHTAG UNITED	ILP			
Sat 29	A	Dartford	ILP			
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Sat 06	A	Billericay Town	ILP			
Sat 13	H	LEWES	ILP			
Sat 20	H	RAMSGATE	ILP			
Sat 27	A	Carshalton Athletic	ILP			
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Sat 03	H	WHITEHAWK	ILP			
Sat 10	A	Potters Bar Town	ILP			
Sat 17	H	CHESHUNT	ILP			
Sat 24	A	Brentwood Town	ILP			
Sat 31	H	CHATHAM TOWN	ILP			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Sat 07	A	Aveley	ILP			
Sat 14	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	ILP			
Sat 21	A	Cray Valley PM	ILP			
Sat 28	H	CHICHESTER CITY	ILP			
<b>MARCH</b>						
Sat 07	A	St Albans City	ILP			
Sat 14	A	Lewes	ILP			
Sat 21	H	BILLERICAY TOWN	ILP			
Sat 28	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	ILP			
<b>APRIL</b>						
Sat 04	A	Canvey Island	ILP			
Sat 06	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	ILP			
Sat 11	A	Welling United	ILP			
Sat 18	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	ILP			
Sat 25	A	Hashtag United	ILP			

SUBSTITUTES					
Talla <sup>1</sup>	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio <sup>3</sup>	Mico	Baugh / Adewunmi / Palmer / Wynter / Mensah
Mico <sup>1</sup>	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio	Baugh	Adewunmi ● / Palmer ● / Mensah / Talla / Wynter
Talla ●	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio <sup>2</sup>	Mico	Adewunmi / Baugh / Palmer / Wynter / Mensah



## 📷 SNAPSHOT

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST 2025  
H vs DARTFORD W 4-0



<sup>1</sup>Hamlet score is first in results column; ILP = Isthmian League Premier Division; FAC = FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; LC = Velocity Cup; LSC = London Senior Cup; Results & Fixtures correct up to and including Friday August 22nd 2025

\* = Penalty Shoot-Out Decided Winner

NOTES DISCIPLINE ● GOALS<sup>1</sup> 1ST SUB ● 2ND SUB ● 3RD SUB ● 4TH SUB ● 5TH SUB ●

# DHFC 2025/26 PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE			CUP			2025/26 TOTAL		CAREER TOTAL	
	STARTS	SUB	GOALS	STARTS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
Joseph ADEWUNMI	0	3	0				3	0	3	0
Solomon BAUGH	1	2	0				3	0	3	0
Sean BONNETT-JOHNSON	3	0	0				3	0	59	1
Toby BULL	3	0	0				3	0	3	0
Michael CHAMBERS	3	0	0				3	0	235	16
Tom CHAMBERS	3	0	0				3	0	4	0
Nyren CLUNIS	3	0	0				3	0	489	117
Anthony COOK	0	0	0				0	0	43	3
Anthony JEFFREY	0	0	0				0	0	65	5
Amadou KASSARATE	0	0	0				0	0	0	0
Emmanuel MENSAH	0	0	0				0	0	0	0
Gaspar MICO	3	0	1				3	1	3	1
Danny MILLS	3	0	0				3	0	235	75
Geoffrey OKONKWO	3	0	0				3	0	3	0
Giovanni PALMER	0	2	0				2	0	2	0
Alfie PAYNE	3	0	0				3	0	3	0
Lonit TALLA	2	0	1				2	1	2	1
Luke WANADIO	3	0	5				3	5	126	49
Jordan WYNTER	0	0	0				0	0	34	0

Information correct up to and including Friday 22nd August 2025



## SNAPSHOT

**SATURDAY 16th AUGUST 2025**  
A vs RAMSGATE W 2-0



### GROUND REGULATIONS

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## VIEWS FROM THE TOILETS ADJACENT

**W**hat a start to the season it has been - the best in recent memory. The Rabble are reeling; Clasper (euphoric) is still rocking the shorts; and I've yet to see one bloody minute of it, marooned on holiday in Cornwall for a fortnight.

I was forced to watch the humbling of Dartford unfold on my phone, sat on a beach, buttocks moistening on the tide-soaked sands of Porthcurnick, with only a *Hidden Hut* cauliflower dhal for pitiful solace. Said dhal would later rebel, ripping through me like ordure through a goose - much like Luke Wanadio through the Dartford defence.

The Dartford match coincided with the torment of that most dismal of interregnums, Changeover Day - the blight of any multi-stay West Country furlough. You wake up sweating like Andrew Tate, knowing the next couple of hours will be a toilsome gehenna of frantic packing while fruitlessly trying to duct-tape away the hairy evidence you've failed to keep your dogs off the furniture. Then comes the state of homelessness during the lacuna between your old place being voided of your filth and your new one being purged of someone else's. Don't tell me the middle-class know nothing of suffering.

The holiday gave rise to further suffering when on the day of the Wingate match for I was forced to do my first ever 'Big Shop' at a Tesco's. Not quite as bad as I'd feared. But the Spanish wine selection was an affront, frankly.

I was back in civilisation by the day of the Ramsgate match. But by then I'd had a bellyful of tatty coastal towns, so gave it a big swerve. I am confident however that today's cakewalk, my inaugural match this season, will resolve any dark vestigial memories of my Summer. Because after seasons of torpidity, mediocrity and rancidity, The Hamlet are embodying vastidity, everywhere we go (there's a terrace



chant in there somewhere). In fact, I had a great idea for a meme to celebrate our newly found dominance. Namely, if any of the Hamlet's resting graphic designer community have time on their hands, could someone source a picture of a Type 26 frigate, slap a Hamlet badge on it, and include the caption "*HMS Win the League Relatively Easily.*" Reckon that could go viral.

Today we welcome our old friends Canvey. The Gulls are one of only six liminal teams in the Isthmian Premier (seven if, controversially, you count Lewes). So that adds to the excitement of today's clash. The Island is of course synonymous with pub-rock proto-punk pioneers, Dr Feelgood. I often wonder what Feelgood would have been like had they come from our neck of the woods. Dr Wellness, featuring AJ Farmer Johnson on guitar, Lee Coconut Fibre Scouring Pad on vocals, with their first album, *Down By The Jumbi*, about to drop. They'd have been rubbish, probably. Up The Hamlet.

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