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ON TODAY'S COVER

A deep lying playmaker with an enviable range of passing, **Alfie Payne** looks like the real deal

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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 Emirates FA Cup visitors Whitstable Town...

Well, you didn't *really* think we were going to win every game without conceding for the rest of the season did you? A job well done against a stubborn, defensive Canvey Island was followed by a reality check down in East Brighton. Whitehawk is never an easy place to go, a dry ski slope of a pitch against a tough, competitive side with a good home record.

But it's often how you respond to adversity that defines you, so today is a chance to pick ourselves up and get back to winning ways. As ever, your voices and support will be a huge help to the players, so get behind the team, make some noise and remind the players that we all still believe they might just be on to something special this season. Today, the club commences its 100th FA Cup campaign. Will Luke Wanadio choose this afternoon and that occasion to score his 50th Hamlet goal? Let's hope so.

Enjoy the read.
And of course, enjoy the game...

Phil

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BEN CLASPER CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Welcome to Champion Hill and thank you for joining us for the start of our 100th FA Cup campaign.

Last season's FA Vase winners Whitstable Town are the side that stand in the way of us progressing beyond the First Qualifying Round for the first time since we returned to the Isthmian League back in 2023.

Since we've been back at Step 3, the last two seasons have seen us draw at home, before replay defeats away against opposition from leagues below. So we know only too well that there is no room for complacency, especially against a side with a recent Wembley triumph fresh in the memory and 16 goals in their two FA Cup ties this season.

The games are coming thick and fast and we are still waiting on a few players to regain match fitness, so it wasn't a huge surprise to see our unbeaten start come to an end in extremely tough conditions at Whitehawk last Monday. We knew it wouldn't be a pitch on which we would be able to play the way we prefer, but even I was shocked at just how dangerous it was with many of the Whitehawk team succumbing to non-contact injuries during the match – some of them on multiple occasions. We can only wish them all a speedy recovery and thank our lucky stars that we escaped with only a cut to Danny Mills' head.

That trip to East Brighton came after a resilient victory at home to Canvey Island just 48 hours earlier. This was the sort of match we have become almost used to losing recently – often to a sucker punch after failing to break down opponents set up in a low block. It was therefore extremely positive to see our new look team remain patient and find a way through to earn a fourth straight win. Being unable to find a way to overcome such stubborn defensively-minded opponents was another negative trait we set out to fix as part of our offseason reset. It was good to see an early season performance offer such promise.



PHOTO: ROB AVIS

■ Proven Cup Pedigree: Dacey and James both tasted success in the knockout competitions last season with Rayners Lane and AFC Whyteleafe

Today we can take a breather from the Isthmian League and concentrate on the first of the cups. Hopefully that's another negative trait we can tick off. It's understandable why Dulwich fans believe that they have a passion for the knock-out competitions that has not been shared by Hamlet's recent managers. They are right to want and expect more. In Manager Mark Dacey we have someone who led Rayners Lane to a Middlesex Senior Cup triumph last season, whilst First Team Coach Junior James was part of AFC Whyteleafe's run to that Wembley FA Vase final against Whitstable Town. Everything points to an exciting afternoon of football and I'd like to thank you all for your support, as I know it's tough when we are at home, week in, week out, during the early stages of the season...

Ben

MARK DACEY

VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



Hello and welcome back to Champion Hill on what is a special day for the club, our 100th campaign in the world's oldest knockout competition – the FA Cup. Today's match will bring a close to what has been a decent first month in charge. Last Monday's fixture down at Whitehawk was disappointing. The way we chose to set up was, in retrospect, something we didn't quite get right. I'll hold my hands up. Lessons have been learned and it is something to build on when that situation arrives again. I'd like to welcome all of those associated with



■ Despite last Monday's setback, it's been a positive start in 2025/26

Whitstable Town including their manager Jamie Coyle. I'd also like to offer my belated congratulations on winning the FA Vase. It's a dream of

everyone's to reach Wembley and win and the Oysters did just that back in 2024/25. After today, we face a tough September with league fixtures against the sides sitting above and below us in the table. It will be a real test of our character and of our squad depth. But three games on the spin at Champion Hill excites us. There is nothing better than playing here in front of our fans. You've been amazing so far, keep getting behind the boys. Enjoy the warm weather and more importantly today's game.

Mark

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE CHAMPION HILL

SEPT HAMLET COMEDY CLUB NEXT THURSDAY'S LINEUP...

■ After a top August bill that saw **Jamie Allerton** back on MC duties, **Michelle Shaugnessy** 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 week will be **Felicity Ward** along with **Tom Mayhew**, who does fancy things on Radio 4 and is making his Hamlet Comedy debut. **Alex Haddow** returns to host and we've also 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 recently stumbled across – **Maddie Coombe** and **Raj Poojara**. Tickets available here: 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

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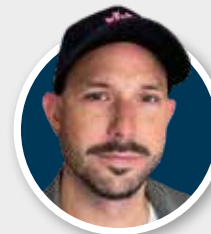
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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST 2025 FA YOUTH CUP RETURNS...

■ On **Monday September 1st (KO 7.45pm)** we see the return of youth team football at Champion Hill when our new U18s side take on **Rusthall** in the **FA Youth Cup**. This will be the first chance to see the new team in action. The Youth team are also playing at home against **Dulwich Village** in the league (**Sun 7th**) and at home against **Bromley** in the **League Cup (Sun 14th)**. An away trip to **Danson Sports (Sun 21st KO 10.30am)** follows before home games against **Erith Town (Sun 28th)** and **Cray Wanderers (Sun 5th Oct)**. All of the Sunday home matches will be at the Club's **Training Ground (KO 10am)** located on Green Dale. The venue is also known as Saint Olave's, St. Saviour's Grammar School Clubhouse.

FIXTURE NEWS UPDATE... REPLAY INFO & CRAY CHANGE

■ If this afternoon's match ends in a draw after 90 minutes, then there will be an **FA Cup Replay in Whistable next Tuesday night**. If that match were to also be tied after 90 minutes, there will be 30 minutes of **extra-time** and then, if necessary, a **penalty shootout**. ■ **Cray Wanderers'** commitments in the Kent Senior Cup mean that our **away League fixture** at **Flamingo Park** has now been switched to **Tuesday September 30th (KO 7:45pm)**.



JEZ REID

Age Middle-aged
Supporting Hamlet Since 2014/15

What first drew you to Champion Hill?

The atmosphere at the ground and the silky skills of Nyren Clunis

What was your first Hamlet match?

No idea, my memory for games is terrible – I remember feelings not results! But it would have involved Ethan Pinnock, Xavier Vidal and Nyren doing Nyren things.

What keeps you coming back?

I feel like I should say excellent company of my mates Craig and Nick, but I'd still come without them, so it's definitely the hope

Your favourite ever Dulwich player?

Nyren. When the King of Camberwell is back, no other answer is acceptable.

Favourite season?

It's got to be promotion season. I'm also a sucker for a decent view and the KNK Stadium at Tooting definitely provided that.

Your favourite match watching Hamlet?

It's got to be winning 3-1 away under the lights against Billericay during the height of the Glenn Tamplin era in March 2018.

Best DHFC Away Trip?

We've had a lot of fun at Eastbourne, less so on the Eastbourne 'Loop bus' – they call it the bus that never ends.

Thoughts on this season?

After recent seasons just having Nyren, Danny, Cookie and Chambo on the same pitch is a delight, but fair play to new boss Dacey, he's got this team 'cooking' (*Will that term ingratiate me to the youth?!*)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HAMLET FAN TOM FENDER EXPLAINS HOW A RECENT CHARITY BIKE RIDE CULMINATED HERE AT CHAMPION HILL

Last Saturday, three Dulwich Hamlet supporting cyclists – Tom Fender, Andy Goddard and Simon Robinson – completed a tough six hour charity bike ride. The finishing line was Champion Hill Stadium – our trio of pedalling fundraisers making it just in time to watch the second-half of Dulwich's Isthmian League match against Canvey Island.

Dulwich was the seventh and final football ground the three had cycled to that day having already visited Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, QPR's Loftus Road, Brentford's Community Stadium, Chelsea's Stamford Bridge, Craven Cottage in Fulham and AFC Wimbledon's Plough Lane stadiums before arriving in SE22.

But why did they take on such a challenge? What was the charity involved and what was the cause? The cyclists had recently heard of a teenage boy who had lost his life in a knife crime incident that had left his loving family devastated. Their lives will never be the same again. The young man, himself a promising footballer, still had the best days of his life ahead of him. Moved by the story, Tom, Andy and Simon began delving into the statistics around knife crime in the UK. They were shocked at what they discovered:

- the most recent **12 months** have seen **53,000 knife crimes** in the UK
- there have been **265 deaths**
- statistically someone is now almost **nine times** more likely to die from knife crime than from crimes involving guns
- the **biggest cause of homicide death** (both men and women) in the UK is **knife crime**
- **knife crime** incidents have **almost doubled since 2013**

However in the last 12 months, knife crime incidents have fallen in the UK by 1%. So now, whilst the number of incidences are already falling, is the time to act. Knife crime requires preventative education as well as strong policing supported by a robust judiciary – custodial sentences for possession of knives



have increased significantly. Highly effective **preventative educational programmes** to reduce the risk of young people falling into wrong habits are organised by the charity **Action4Youth**. Each **three month intervention programme** costs **£5,000**. The riders raising £5,000 for A4Y's next programme.

So what's the **connection with football clubs**? Well, how many football players over the years have you heard say that they'd have ended up drawn towards drugs or gangs had the scout, manager or coach not spotted them? **Football clubs** are well-positioned to combat knife crime because they can offer **positive diversionary activities, provide trusted role models, build community engagement and trust, and create safe spaces for young people**. By leveraging the widespread love and passion for the game we all love, **community-focused programmes** can effectively reach and support vulnerable young people, steering them away from violence and promoting healthier, safer outcomes. Currently around half of the £5k target has been raised. If you

would like to support Tom, Andy and Simon, simply scan the QR Code shown left or go online and donate here: [justgiving.com/page/drop-the-knife](https://www.justgiving.com/page/drop-the-knife)



TEAM TALK

WE SIT DOWN WITH 2025/26's MR VERSATILITY – SBJ...

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Team you support and your childhood footballing hero?

Arsenal and childhood football hero was definitely Ian Wright. With France's Thierry Henry a close second.

When did you join Hamlet?

I joined from Concord Rangers in September 2023 - so this is my third season here at Champion Hill.

How did your move to Dulwich Hamlet happen?

One of my old team mates, goalkeeper R'avan Constable, recommended me to the old management team. The rest, as they say, is history.

Where do you play and can you play anywhere else?

My best position is in midfield

but I've been plying my trade at RB lately. In my heyday I'd do a job on the left wing. To be honest, I'll play anywhere apart from centre-back.

What other clubs have you played for previously?

Dundee, Wealdstone, Braintree, could go on for a while but I don't know if we'd have enough space... *(laughs)*

Any trophies in the cabinet?

Scottish Championship, Surrey County Cup, Essex Cup twice and the Isthmian League Cup. I'm still looking for a first promotion in England...

Who would you consider the best player you've ever played alongside and why?

I've probably played with more talented footballers than him, but I'd say former Jamaican international Micah Hyde. His leadership, intensity and attention to detail was second to none at Billericay.



■ Jamaica's Micah Hyde had intensity and attention to detail

Best moment in football?

Has to be Arsenal winning the league after going unbeaten. Manchester United almost ruined my childhood, so to do something they've never done was something special

Tell us about the best goal you've ever scored?

I'm not a man of many goals, but I'd probably go back to one I scored away against Worthing a few years ago. I ran from the halfway line, did a few chops on the edge of the box then finished top left in the bins.

Favourite moment since joining Dulwich?

It was bittersweet as we weren't doing too well last season, but seeing the relief and happiness on the faces of so many people once we confirmed our status in this league, which meant people kept their jobs. Hopefully we see smiles again this year, but for different reasons...

Hopes for this season?

To play and contribute in as many games as possible and help us to gain promotion.

Favourite other sport?

Has to be basketball.

If you could change one rule in football, what would it be?

Get rid of VAR – it stinks!

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HAMLET AND THE FA CUP

AS OUR 100TH CAMPAIGN IN THE COMPETITION BEGINS,
RICHARD WATTS RECAPS THE STORY SO FAR...



The Hamlet first entered football's oldest competition in the first season after the Great War, 1919/20. Our

very first tie was at the Fourth Qualifying Round stage, at home to local rivals **Nunhead**, and resulted in a 1-0 win. The competition was structured differently in those days, with the Football League still having just two divisions. All the Football League clubs entered at the First Round Proper, which consisted of 32 matches much like the modern Third Round, with six qualifying rounds having already taken place for non-league clubs. Back in 1919/20 Hamlet fell at the second hurdle with a 3-1 defeat at home to **Thornycrofts**, a shipyard works team from Southampton, who ultimately lost 5-0 at Burnley in the First Round Proper. This was a predecessor club to Vosper Thornycroft (aka VT FC) who knocked us out in the First Qualifying Round exactly 90 years later and have since been renamed Sholing.

Our club has long held the somewhat unwelcome record for the most appearances in the First Round of the FA Cup without ever winning a game and progressing to the Second Round of the competition. The first of these First Round appearances came in 1925/26, by which time the Football League had expanded to four divisions and the competition was structured as it is today.

Dulwich Hamlet were one of seven top non-league clubs awarded a bye to the First Round Proper, where we lost 5-1 away to **Southend United** of the Football League Third Division South. We made further appearances in the First Round in 11 of the next 12 seasons, sometimes entering at the Fourth Qualifying Round stage and occasionally receiving a bye. But every single time we were defeated. Our best efforts were a pair of 2-2 draws at home to **Newport County** in 1930/31 and 1933/34, but on both occasions Hamlet then lost the replay in Gwent.

Dulwich's thirteenth appearance in the First Round came shortly after the Second World War. During the 1948/49 Isthmian League championship winning season, Hamlet were beaten 2-1 away at **Northampton Town**. This campaign also featured a notable tie at the final qualifying round stage away against **Bognor Regis Town**, which the Hamlet won 8-1. It was clearly a huge occasion for the home club, who erected a temporary stand at their Nyewood Lane ground.

However, shortly before kick-off the packed stand collapsed, causing injuries to several spectators, the worst of which was reportedly a broken leg. The late Bill Kirby, who passed away five years ago shortly after his 100th birthday, was sitting in the stand when it

collapsed that day and recalled having badly bruised shins because of the incident.

Incredibly it took another half century for the Hamlet to appear in the competition proper for a fourteenth time in the 1998/99 season. On this occasion we were drawn at home to **Southport** of the Football Conference, now the National League, but lost 1-0 to a Tony Houghton own goal. On two separate occasions in the second-half, Hamlet hit the post and crossbar in the same attack, with a rebound from the goalframe also being fired directly against the woodwork each time. It just wasn't our day.

There was a further gap of 21 years before the Club's fifteenth and most recent attempt to reach the Second Round ended the same way as all the others. This was a momentous occasion for the club and a deserved reward for a decade of steady progress on and off the pitch, with the BBC selecting Dulwich's home tie against **Carlisle United** for live television coverage on a Friday evening.



■ Carlisle and the BBC were the visitors the last time Hamlet reached the First Round Proper in 2019

■ Peter Garland, left, Russell Edwards and Mark Garland along with manager Dave Garland slip away from training ahead of the FA Cup First Round match against Southport in 1998



An all-ticket capacity crowd of 3,321 assembled under the lights at Champion Hill on a damp November evening, including 400 or so from Cumbria. But an early goal for the visitors ensured Hamlet were always chasing the game. Having fallen further behind, Christian Smith's powerful near post header from a free-kick briefly gave us hope of a fightback, but almost immediately Carlisle restored their two-goal advantage with a spectacular long-range strike into the top corner, and we eventually lost 4-1.

During our five year stay in the National League, we enjoyed the privilege of a bye to the Second Qualifying Round, but we once again now find ourselves having to enter one stage earlier along with all the other Isthmian League Premier Division clubs.

Despite Hamlet's failure to make much of an impression in the FA Cup, that inaugural 1919/20 season was arguably the club's greatest ever, ending triumphantly in winning both the Isthmian League championship FA Amateur Cup for the first time, the final of the latter being played just a couple of miles away at Millwall's home ground of The Den.

With thanks to Richard Watts and the Dulwich Hamlet FC History Group

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EIGHTY-NINE YEARS AGO, DULWICH PROGRESSED TO THE FA CUP FIRST ROUND PROPER AFTER A FAMOUS WIN...

One of the Hamlet's greatest FA Cup victories came in November 1936 when they beat a, then professional, Margate side which contained three future internationals - striker Reg Lewis, outside-right Mal Griffiths and Welsh outside-left Horace Cumner. Later in his career, Lewis would go on to score both the goals when Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-0 in the 1950 FA Cup Final.

With the school leaving age 14, but players not allowed to sign professionally until they were 17, some professional clubs at the time had taken to adopting nursery teams. In the 1934/35 season London side Leyton Orient were drawn against their nursery side Ashford in the FA Cup which led to concerns about potential match fixing. In 1934 Southern League Margate had been similarly 'adopted' by north London giants Arsenal. The Gunners provided managerial staff, players and covered 60% of Margate's wage bill. By November 1936 Margate's manager was Yorkshire born Jack Lambert. A large and robust centre-forward or inside forward during his playing days, Lambert had scored 109 goals in 161 games for the Gunners, helping the north London club to two First Division titles and an FA Cup in his time at Highbury.

Despite having an average age of 19, Margate were considered the strongest team in the Fourth Qualifying Round draw and with Hamlet having conceded 11 goals in their two previous meetings, few gave visiting Dulwich much of a chance. A football special train transported Hamlet fans to Margate and they saw Lewis give Margate an early lead. Hamlet quickly equalised through either Ball or Wright - contemporary reports differed as to the identity of the scorer. A few minutes later World War Two casualty Reg Anderson, playing in only his second first team match, scored what proved to be the winner.

Hamlet held on with relative ease, not tiring despite competing against professionals



who supposedly enjoyed superior fitness over Amateur sides when they met. Margate did have a goal disallowed - recalled Dulwich goalkeeper Norman Cummings dropped the ball into his net but was adjudged to have been fouled. Hamlet's thoroughly deserved 2-1 victory was reported as Dulwich Hamlet's first ever win over a professional outfit. A crowd of 3,967 had paid £246 in gate receipts on the day of which Hamlet banked around £90.

The Hamlet side that beat Margate was: *Cummings; Robbins, Osmond; Murray, Hugo, Toser; Morrish, Anderson, Wright, Ball, Miller*

Shortly after the Margate match, it was confirmed that nursery clubs would not be permitted to enter the FA Cup henceforth and in 1938 Arsenal withdrew from their arrangement with Margate prompting Jack Lambert to transfer to a staff job at Highbury. A potential future Arsenal manager, Jack tragically died in a car crash in 1940.

Meanwhile Hamlet exited in the First Round Proper after losing 6-0 away at Swindon Town. **With thanks to Roger Deason and the Dulwich Hamlet FC History Group**

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.

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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

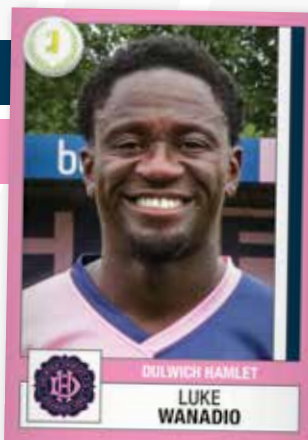
LB/LWB who joined from Farnham Town this summer, having featured in their 2024/25 Isthmian South Central championship winning run-in. Previously



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.

PINK'N'BLUE REVIEW

Saturday 23rd August 2025

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

DULWICH HAMLET2
CANVEY ISLAND 0

This fixture had taken place just four months ago on Easter Saturday. Then it was a crucial relegation six-pointer with Hamlet coming from behind to win with ten men thanks to a stoppage time **Luke Wanadio** penalty, although other results meant that both teams were safe by the final whistle. Now in 2025/26, it was suddenly a top versus bottom home banker. A 2-0 win was probably about the right result in the end. In a first-half that was something of a stalemate, Canvey sat deep while Hamlet repeatedly passed the ball across the back four only probing the visiting defence with the occasional thrust. The division's leading scorer **Wanadio** forced an early corner for Dulwich with a terrific strike from thirty yards out. He was then played in by a beautifully weighted chipped pass from deep-lying 'regista' **Alfie Payne**, but again visiting goalkeeper **Lewis Greene** denied him. The best the visitors managed was an optimistic effort from a 35-yard **Matas Skarna** free kick, which was held comfortably at shoulder height by **Toby Bull**.

Hamlet went ahead just eight minutes into the second-half. A sustained spell of pressure, saw blocked shots from **Wanadio** and **Sol Baugh** lead to a corner. Canvey twice cleared well beyond their penalty box, but each time the ball was recycled to the clever **Payne**, who sent a pinpoint pass out to the right flank to maintain the impetus. The second of these found **Wanadio** in space and his cross picked out tall defender **Michael Chambers** who nodded a perfect close-range header inside the near post. The lead was then almost doubled within five minutes – **Wanadio** hitting a shot just wide. Suddenly chasing the game, Canvey had **Kwabena Yeboah** sent off with twenty minutes to go for a rather needless tactical foul when he pulled back defender **Tom Chambers** from behind only ten yards outside Hamlet's area. That left referee

Marcus Tingey little option but to show a second yellow card having already brandished one to the same player in the first-half for a similar offence. With the visitors now forced to press harder, Hamlet didn't seem to quite know how to exploit their sudden numerical advantage. Instead, Dulwich suddenly made some minor unforced errors. However, this dip in form, led to just the one real alarm when Canvey worked the ball into the box for a forward to turn and shoot, only for big central defender **Geoffrey Okonkwo**, once again imperious in Hamlet's back-line, to stay strong and snuff out the danger with a vital block.

Wanadio then went close to sealing victory when his shot was deflected just wide after a slick exchange of passes with substitute **Lonit Talla**. The points were finally secured in memorable fashion in the last of four minutes added on. **Bull's** goal kick out to the right flank was headed on by a prodigiously leaping substitute **Anthony Cook**. **Nyren Clunis** won enough of the second ball to knock it back inside and **Cook**, with the ball sitting up nicely, unleashed a stunning lob from 35 yards out that dipped before ruffling the net with **Greene** helpless. Job done again, as Hamlet made it maximum points from their first four games.



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Monday 25th August 2025

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

WHITEHAWK1
DULWICH HAMLET0

Hamlet suffered their first defeat of the season on a sunny Bank Holiday Monday down in East Brighton – **Charlie Lambert's** goal just before half-time the difference. After some initial probing, it was the 'Hawks who threatened more with new boy **Ed Leach** often involved in their best moves – the Wimbledon loanee heading the first chance wide at the back post. At the other end **Luke Wanadio** had a shot blocked just after the quarter hour mark after **Nyren Clunis** and **Gaspar Mico** combined to give him a shooting opportunity on the edge of the area. Twenty-five minutes in and Whitehawk's **Oscar**

■ Summer signing **Toby Bull** made it four clean sheets in his first four Isthmian League matches in the pink and blue, as Hamlet overcame the stubborn resistance of Canvey Island to make it four wins out of four to start the 2025/26 season
 PHOTOGRAPH: ROB AVIS

Borg was booked after a cynical foul on **Mico** when Hamlet looked to break quickly through the middle. Just after the half-hour mark **Toby Bull** turned a **Charlie Harris** effort over. From the resulting corner, **Nathan Cooper's** header was blocked and **Leach's** follow-up looked goalbound until it was cleared off the line. **Danny Mills** then wasted Dulwich's best chance of the half – taking too long to work the ball onto his right before blazing over after good work by **Wanadio** found him free in space just ten yards out. At the other end, **Geoffrey Okonkwo** needed to make a last ditch clearance, acrobatically hooking away from under his own crossbar after **Lambert** had seized on a rare mistake by **Alfie Payne** to lift the ball over the on-rushing **Bull**. Hamlet's No.1 then tipped **Harry Bridle's** looping cross from the byline away for another corner as Whitehawk continued to build pressure. On the stroke of half-time, the hosts finally hit the front. **Okonkwo's** attempted clearance cannoned back off **Payne** into the path of **Lambert** and he guided the ball home from close range. There was still time for **Bull** to deny the home side a second, when he clawed another shot out of the top corner. Kicking down the slope in the second-half, Hamlet huffed and puffed. **Mico** played **Mills** in on goal ten minutes in, but the veteran's touch deserted him and the chance was gone. Two minutes later **Clunis's** effort was turned away at the near post by **Josh Shattell**. Just after the hour Hamlet's best chance came and went when a headed effort was kept out by **Shattell's** fingertips, before **Cooper** and **Harris** combined to clear off the line.

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2024/25 AT A GLANCE LEAGUE RESULTS

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23

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FINAL POSITION

GOALS FOR
83

GOALS AGAINST
47

AVG GF PER GAME
2.18

AVG GA PER GAME
1.24

TOTAL POINTS
75

2024/25 League Data – SCEFL Premier Division (Step 5)

The first recorded football match in Whitstable took place October 1885 when, under the name Whitstable United, a team played Whitstable College. The earliest use of the name Whitstable Town can be traced to the 1886/87 season when matches were played on a Friday at 'Mr Saddleton's Field' – an area of ground near the railway station. The use of the club's current Belmont ground began in January 1888 with a friendly against Herne Bay. There was a brief change of name to Whitstable Swifts in 1893 before reverting to 'Town' just two years later.

Whitstable Town played their first competitive match in 1897 – a 7-1 Kent Junior Cup defeat to Dover Star FC. Shortly after this, the club joined the East Kent League and later played in both the New Brompton and Faversham & District Leagues. The club folded in 1904, but reformed to finish fourth in the Kent League Division 2 in 1908/09. Whitstable's first FA Cup campaign came in 1910. A 3-2 victory over Folkestone preceded defeat to Dartford in front of an estimated crowd of 2,150. Following the First World War, Town re-joined the Kent League and remained in the competition until 1939. The club won the Division 2 title in 1927/28 and 1933/34. However, the key success came in 1928/29 when Whitstable lifted the Kent Amateur Cup.

Post-war boom before the wilderness...

After one season in the New Brompton League, Whitstable returned to the Kent League in 1947/48. The club won the Division 2 title in 1949/50 gaining promotion to the First Division where they remained until the League disbanded in 1959. Whitstable temporarily became a professional club but the problems of competing against wealthier clubs proved a challenge. The demise of the Kent League was a further blow – without the money-spinning East Kent derbies against Folkestone, Sittingbourne, Dover and Margate, the 1960's became a financial challenging period. Whitstable joined the Aetolian League but finished bottom in 1959/60. A Senior club with a rich history, Town made the difficult decision to drop into the Kent Amateur League

for a short period. Champions in 1960/61, at the end of 1961/62 they entered the Seanglian League for 1962/63 before returning to the Aetolian League and then joining the Greater London League.

Return to the Kent League...

The Kent League was reformed in 1967 and Town re-joined immediately. However, this was not the same Kent League as the 1930s and 50s – it now comprised a large number of Southern League clubs reserve sides. Gradually, former Kent League clubs began to return and at last the League was able to remove reserve sides from its competition. East Kent derby matches against Ramsgate, Canterbury City, Folkestone, Deal, Faversham Town, Chatham and, of course, oldest and nearest rivals, Herne Bay, returned. Whitstable built a club house and attempted to restore the Belmont to its former glory. Town celebrated their centenary in 1985/86 in a healthier state with the occasion marked by games against Charlton Athletic and Crystal Palace – both attracted large crowds. Many developments followed the appointment of Joe Brownnett as chairman in the late 1980's.

Success on the pitch had been elusive since the re-formation of the Kent League, despite regularly finishing in the top ten including a couple of third places. Cup competitions yielded greater success – but also heartache. Whitstable were beaten in two Kent League Cup finals and three Kent Senior Trophy finals. The club did lift the Kent League Cup in 1980 at the Bull Ground, Sittingbourne when they beat Chatham 4-3. The club returned to Sittingbourne to win the 2000/01 Kent Senior Trophy beating VCD Athletic on penalties after a 1-1 draw - 'keeper Lee Hook was the hero of a dramatic shootout Whitstable won 10-9 following 26 spot-kicks! Brownnett, the club's longest serving chair, stepped aside at the end of 2004/05 with supporter Tony Rouse taking over the chair. Under player manager Marc Seager the team won the Kent League and the Kent Senior Trophy in 2006/07. There was also had a good FA Cup run that ended with a narrow home defeat against Margate.

Twice amongst the Isthmians...

Promoted to the Isthmian League, 2007/08 saw a mid-table finish. Rouse stepped aside with Brownnett returning as chairman and there was another finish in the lower reaches of mid-table. The following five seasons saw a number of managerial changes and survival ensured by late season form. Gary Johnson became chairman at the start of 2012/13 and manager Nicky Southall led Whitstable to the last 32 of the FA Trophy in 2013/14 – eventually losing 2-1 to Ebbsfleet United at the Belmont. Joint bosses Jim and Danny Ward took over for 2014/15 and finished eighth before departing for Ramsgate. 2015/16 was a season of flux with managerial changes and a high turnover of players. Johnson stepped down as Chairman with Brownnett once again returning as the safe pair of hands providing stability. Scott Porter was tasked with avoiding relegation, but despite some encouraging results, the club was relegated to the Southern Counties East Football League (Step 5). With both Chairman and Manager remaining in place, Whitstable finished 5th in 2016/17 before bouncing back in 2017/18 – an incredible four month unbeaten run bringing two cup final wins (defeating Sheppey United in the Kent Senior Trophy and Tunbridge Wells in the SCEFL Challenge Cup) and promotion as league runners-up. During 2018/19, both Brownnett and Porter announced they would be standing down from their positions at the end of the campaign, although both would continue in other roles. The team finished 12th.

The club had set up a football academy at the start of the 2017/18 season and had begun working closely with the Whitstable Town Junior Football Club setup to offer more opportunities for young players. This relationship grew stronger and led to the two clubs merging in June 2019 under a new chairman, Steve Clayton, who had held that position in the Junior club. The ownership of the senior club formally transferred from the unincorporated members club to a new company, limited by guarantee. Former player Lloyd Blackman was appointed manager and a Reserve side was reintroduced into the Kent



FINN COTTON

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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/03/13	H	Champion Hill (IL1S)	W	3-0
23/10/12	A	The Belmont (IL1S)	W	2-1

2025/26 FORM GUIDE

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Note: A club's most recent result is listed on the right

2025/26 RESULTS SO FAR...

26/07/25	H	Punjab Utd (SCEFL)	W	2-1
02/08/25	A	Lingfield (FAC)	W	7-2
12/08/25	A	Bearsted (SCEFL)	D	1-1
16/08/25	A	Edware & Kingsbury (FAC)	W	9-0
23/08/25	A	Sutton Ath (SCEFL)	L	1-4
25/08/25	H	Faversham SF (SCEFL)	W	2-1



FINN O'MARA



JAKE McINTYRE (C)



JAVAU SPLATT

County League – a clear pathway had been established for young players in the town. Following two Covid disrupted seasons and a poor start to 2021/22, Blackman resigned in September 2021. He was replaced by former Thamesmead Town and VCD Athletic boss Keith McMahon. Unfortunately, the team continued to struggle and Andy Drury was appointed Player Manager for the last seven matches. But Whitstable finished bottom and were relegated back to the SCEFL Premier Division for the second time in six years.

The summer of 2022 saw major transformation at the Belmont, with the installation of a 3G pitch and other ground improvements including new LED floodlights. Following Drury's exit, former Lordswood and Tunbridge Wells boss Richard Styles was tasked with achieving promotion, but following a disappointing start to 2022/23, he was replaced by Marcel Nimani in October. Former Sheppey No.2 Nimani led the team for almost two seasons before parting ways with the club.

In the summer of 2024 the club had a new club crest and a new manager with former Dulwich Hamlet player Jamie Coyle arriving as boss with Matt Longhurst and Dan Eason as coaches. The season certainly proved to be memorable one. Having reached the last 16 of the FA Vase back in 1996/97 – losing 1-0 away against North Ferriby United – Whitstable went all the way to Wembley in 2024/25. They then lifted the trophy after beating Surrey side AFC Whyteleafe 2-1 after extra-time with almost 10,000 of those in attendance having travelled from Kent. Harvey Smith and Ronald Sithole scored the goals that saw the Vase return to the county for the first time in 25 years. Whitstable had broken their attendance record during the Vase run, with 2,905 watching the semi-final first leg. After a mixed start to the season, Whitstable played 28 games from mid-January and won 22, drew four, with the only defeats coming in the Kent Senior Trophy final (they lost 3-2 against Larkfield & New Hythe) and, after finishing third in the league, they conceded a late equaliser before losing on penalties at home against Fisher in the Step 5 Promotion Playoff semi-final.

THE AWAY END...

Daniel COLMER (GK)

23-year old 6ft 5" 'keeper. A Dartford academy product who joined from Sevenoaks in the summer of 2024 having been at Herne Bay and Margate. Played a big part in last season's triumphant FA Vase campaign.

Zach KEEBLE (GK)

Very promising young 'keeper who has recently become part of the first team squad at 16 after featuring in pre-season. Has played for Kent Schools.

Jayden BOULTON (DF)

Pacy young LB signed from Dartford in the summer. The 20-year old is proving a valuable addition and has much ability. Played for Sutton Ath a few times in 2024/25.

Jake McINTYRE (DF)

The club captain is an experienced, left sided CB. Another who began at the Dartford academy, the 31-year old signed from Sheppey Utd in the summer of 2024, having previously worked with Coyle and Longhurst at Ramsgate. Has also played for Ashford Utd and Faversham Town. Had the honour of lifting the FA Vase at Wembley last May.

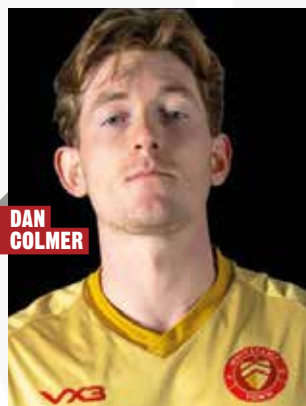
Finn O'MARA (DF)

Summer 2024 addition from Faversham Town. The 26-year old CB subsequently returned to one of his former clubs, Hastings Utd, before returning to Whitstable. An experienced DF, he spent the 2017/18 season at Gillingham

after progressing through their academy. Also played under Longhurst and Coyle at Erith & Belvedere. Other clubs include Folkestone and Herne Bay

Theo OSINFOLARIN (DF/MF)

Energetic 26-year old wing-back or winger, who likes to get forward and can score goals. Joined this season having worked with Coyle and Longhurst at previously. Former clubs include Erith & Belvedere, Ramsgate, Welling Utd, Greenwich Borough, Ashford Utd, Cheshunt, Brightlingsea Regent, Harlow Town, Ramsgate, Herne Bay, Tunbridge Wells, Erith Town.



Will THOMAS (DF)

27-year old CB who played for a number of clubs after leaving Maidstone's Academy including East Grinstead Town, Hythe Town, Sheppey Utd, Canterbury City, Ramsgate. Joined Whitstable in 2020 now has over 160 Apps for the club.

Essa JADAMA (DF/MF)

18-year old Dover Academy graduate who joined on a dual-registration deal in pre-season.

He can play as a left-footed central defender or in midfield.

Luke MANDRY (DF/MF)

Versatile 18-year old signed last season, having progressed through Dartford's Academy. A tough tackling player with a lot of potential who gained much experience during the latter part of the FA Vase run.

Ricardo THOMPSON (DF/MF)

Appeared for Whitstable on loan from Gillingham in 2015/16. Re-joined last season and became a Wembley winner. Previous clubs include Gillingham, East Grinstead Town, Whyteleafe, Corinthian-Casuals and Sevenoaks Town

Fin COTTON (MF)

Creative and energetic product of the Soccer Elite FA Education Programme. Youth football for Charlton Ath, before earning a scholarship and subsequently a professional deal at Millwall.

Mikey DALTON (MF)

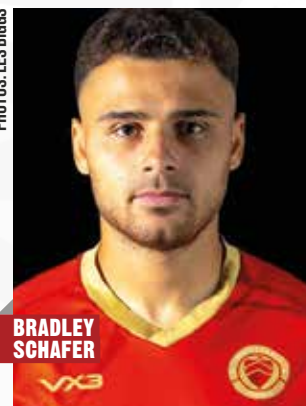
Experienced, hard-working 29-year old CM who won promotion to Step 3 with Chatham Town. Joined Whitstable from Phoenix Sports in October 2023. Has also played for Ashford Utd, Sevenoaks Town and Erith & Belvedere.

Joe HEALY (MF)

38-year old who played for Millwall as a younger player, before spending time at Maidstone and Welling Utd. An intelligent player who can play a number of positions and his

wealth of experience is a great asset for their young squad. Joined in March 2025. Other previous clubs include Fisher, Beckenham Town, Margate, Dover Ath and Dartford

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Bradley SCHAFER (MF)

26-year old creative, AM who has played successfully at higher levels including Herne Bay, Sevenoaks Town, Hythe Town, Sheppey Utd and Lordswood. Signed from Faversham Town in January 2025 and now a key member of their side, regularly contributing goals and assists.

Tristan HOLDEN (MF)

Industrious 18-year old DM who captained the Dover's Academy team and joined on a dual-reg deal from there. Has previously featured for Ramsgate and Lydd Town and has also played a number of games for Gibraltar U21s.

James MILES (MF)

Creative 25-year old midfielder who joined this season from Erith Town. Made 151 Apps and scored some important goals playing a key role in their

2024/24 treble winning side. Also played for Ebbsfleet Utd, Faversham Town and Rusthall

Callum PECK (MF)

25-year old AM who signed in the summer having tasted success at Ramsgate, Erith & Belvedere and Chatham Town. Has also played for Hollands & Blair, Rochester Utd, Kennington and Lordswood.

Jake ABRAHAMS (MF)

Quick and exciting 17-year old AM who graduated from Whitstable's Academy.

Tagan KRAY (MF)

Promising 19-year old midfielder who captained Whitstable's U23 team. Made his Oysters First Team debut in the FA Cup earlier this season.

Jack PETERS (MF)

20-year old AM who progressed through Dartford's Academy. Joined on dual reg deal from Margate. Has previously played for SCEFL clubs Lordswood, Hollands & Blair and Welling Town

Connor WILKINS (MF)

Signed from Isthmian League leaders Ramsgate in February 2025, having spent many seasons as a fan favourite at Sheppey. A tall, all-action 26-year old MF who can also play as a DF.

Javaun SPLATT (FW)

24-year old striker with plenty of experience. Joined from Hythe Town last summer having started as a youth at Derby County. Has since

played for Tonbridge Angels, Whitehawk, Worthing, Billericay Town, Leatherhead, Sittingbourne, Sheppey Utd and Clitheroe. He has also recently featured for the British Virgin Islands in World Cup qualifiers.

Dean GRANT (FW)

Popular 35-year old striker who can also play out wide. Original Whitstable debut aged 19 in October 2009 after progressing through the club's youth set up. Has had successful spells at Faversham Town, Margate, Hythe Town, Sheppey Utd, Canterbury City, Herne Bay and Hollands & Blair.



Returned to Whitstable during 2022/23 and again in 2024.

Ashdon DAY (FW)

Promising young 19-year old striker who was on loan last season having progressed through Dartford's Academy. Signed ahead of the new season. A powerful FW who can play centrally or out wide and already has a great record of goals and assists.

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TODAY'S TRIVIA TEASER...

Which culinary dish is most closely associated with Whitstable?
(A) A plate of fresh oysters (B) Lobster bisque (C) Moules Mariniere

Last Programme Answer – (C) 188



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Winners (4)

1919/20, 1931/32, 1933/34, 1936/37

Semi-finalists (4)

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

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

Information correct up to and including Friday 29/08/2025

FRIDAY 15th AUGUST

Aveley v Burgess Hill Town 3-3

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

Canvey Island v Folkestone Invicta 0-2
 Carshalton Ath v Billericay Town 1-0
 Chatham Town v Cheshunt 1-0
 Cray Wanderers v Wingate & Finchley 3-2
 Hashtag Utd 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 Utd 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

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST

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

MONDAY 25th AUGUST 2025

Canvey Island v Aveley 1-2
 Carshalton Ath v Chichester City 0-3
 Chatham Town v Folkestone Invicta 1-2
 Cray Wanderers v Brentwood Town 1-5
 Hashtag Utd v Billericay Town 2-3
 Lewes v Burgess Hill Town 3-0
 Potters Bar Town v Wingate & Finchley 3-3
 Ramsgate v Dartford 4-4
 St Albans City v Cheshunt 1-2
 Welling Utd v Cray Valley (PM) 0-3
Whitehawk v Dulwich Hamlet 1-0

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

Dulwich Hamlet v Whitstable Town

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Tuesday 2nd September 2025
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DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES	ATT	STARTING XI
AUGUST						
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	2-0	2,013	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers ¹ Okonkwo Payne
Mon 25	A	Whitehawk	ILP	0-1	580	Bull ● Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo Payne
Sat 30	H	WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC			
SEPTEMBER						
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			
OCTOBER						
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			
NOVEMBER						
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			
DECEMBER						
Sat 06	A	Billericay Town	ILP			
Sat 13	H	LEWES	ILP			
Sat 20	H	RAMSGATE	ILP			
Sat 27	A	Carshalton Athletic	ILP			
JANUARY						
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			
FEBRUARY						
Sat 07	A	Aveley	ILP			
Sat 14	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	ILP			
Sat 21	A	Cray Valley PM	ILP			
Sat 28	H	CHICHESTER CITY	ILP			
MARCH						
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			
APRIL						
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 ¹	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio ³	Mico	Baugh / Adewunmi / Palmer / Wynter / Mensah
Mico ¹	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio	Baugh	Adewunmi ● / Palmer ● / Mensah / Talla / Wynter
Talla ●	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio ²	Mico	Adewunmi / Baugh / Palmer / Wynter / Mensah
Mico	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio	Baugh	Talla / Cook ¹ / Palmer ● / Adewunmi
Kassarate ●	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio	Mico	Cook / Baugh / Talla / Adewunmi ● / Palmer



📷 SNAPSHOT

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2025
H vs CANVEY ISLAND W 2-0



¹Hamlet 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 29th 2025

* = Penalty Shoot-Out Decided Winner

NOTES DISCIPLINE ● GOALS¹ 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	5	0				5	0	5	0
Solomon BAUGH	2	3	0				5	0	5	0
Sean BONNETT-JOHNSON	5	0	0				5	0	61	1
Toby BULL	5	0	0				5	0	5	0
Michael CHAMBERS	5	0	1				5	1	237	17
Tom CHAMBERS	5	0	0				5	0	6	0
Nyren CLUNIS	5	0	0				5	0	491	117
Anthony COOK	0	2	1				2	1	45	4
Anthony JEFFREY	0	0	0				0	0	65	5
Amadou KASSARATE	1	0	0				1	0	1	0
Emmanuel MENSAH	0	0	0				0	0	0	0
Gaspar MICO	5	0	1				5	1	5	1
Danny MILLS	5	0	0				5	0	237	75
Geoffrey OKONKWO	5	0	0				5	0	5	0
Giovanni PALMER	0	4	0				4	0	4	0
Alfie PAYNE	5	0	0				5	0	5	0
Lonit TALLA	2	2	1				4	1	4	1
Luke WANADIO	5	0	5				5	5	128	49
Jordan WYNTER	0	0	0				0	0	34	0

Information correct up to and including Friday 29th August 2025



■ Dulwich Hamlet lineup ahead of the home match against Canvey Island seven days ago. Back row (left to right): Toby Bull, Tom Chambers, Danny Mills, Michael Chambers and Geoffrey Okonkwo
Front Row: Luke Wanadio, Sean Bonnett-Johnson, Sol Baugh, Gaspar Mico, Alfie Payne and Nyren Clunis
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VIEWS FROM THE TOILETS ADJACENT

I finally broke the seal on our 2025/26 campaign last Saturday. Befitting of our relative league positions, we were very much top to Canvey's bottom and duly doled out a seeing to. Perhaps it will be our turn in the barrel when we journey to the Thames Delta next April because, as our great redeemer Peter Crouch once observed, "Nothing ever stays the same for very long."

To today's clash, now, where it strikes me The Hamlet are at the omnivorous end of the bivalve/gastropod deliberation in Spartacus, while Whitstable are firmly of the oyster persuasion. It is all a matter of taste. Isn't it? Historians have long thought that, after Julius Caesar's vacillation, Claudius' decision to return to this septic isle was driven by the Roman passion for the rough-shelled mollusc that continues to profuse the Thames Estuary. It follows that Whitstable can claim in many ways to be the fons et origo of Romano-Britain and all it has ever done for us. One can imagine conquering general Aulus Plautius, sat eating in a Farrow and Ball distempered shack on the banks of the Swale, exclaiming to Verica of the Atrebrates, "Well this is rather nice."

Personally, I have avoided bottom-feeders since an ill-advised holiday interaction with a razor clam at a Padstow restaurant in the nineties. I have seldom been so ill, my misery heightened by the fact the tiny en suite bog to my sick bed had a saloon-bar like entrance. So the indignity of my spasmodic malaise was compounded by being slapped on either my head or my arse by the two swinging doors, depending on which end of my body I had most urgently thrust into the lavatory's foul maw.

Nonetheless, I retain a fondness for Whitstable having visited it agreeably on a few occasions. Moreover, recently I re-established contact, after many years, with my old university girlfriend. We met for



a few drinks, talked briefly of old times, and begun to swap stories of the ailments that now afflicted us as we clattered through our fifties. Like the famous scene in Jaws, it got rather competitive, as I offered up a detached retina and cardiac ablation in support of my case. But she – Shaw to my Dreyfus – countered with the menopause and, rolling up her trouser leg, said she was a martyr to something called "Bungalow Knee." Why do I mention this? Well reader, her bungalow is in Whitstable, where she now lives with her husband and a small dog called Pickle.

Anyhow, welcome to our visitors. They are clearly the rank underdogs today. The Hamlet are enjoying a superb run of form and are renowned for our consistency of performance in cup competitions. In contrast, the Oyster Boys are a couple of steps below us in the pyramid and have a measly cup record; save for last season's epic FA Vase final victory [*We're so going to lose. Ed*]. So enjoy your day in the big smoke, but don't get too cockley.

Up The Hamlet.

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