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FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST 2023

THE ISUZU FA VASE | FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

KICK-OFF: 7.45PM



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MANAGER'S NOTES

JAMES SCOTT

A warm welcome to all our fans and opponents today for our first game in the FA Vase.

The first set of games has shown some real promise that has helped the excitement build within the squad. After winning 2-1 in our opening game in the FA Cup, we were unlucky in our first league game in terms of the result and had to deal with a number of injuries in the second league game against Redhill.

Since then, we have had two games with Met Police in the FA Cup resulting in two clean sheets and progressing through to the first qualifying round for the first time in 11 years. An exciting 2-0 win away from home in the replay on Tuesday, thank you to everyone's support!

Today we welcome AFC Vardeanians who will provide a good test for the squad as we hope to continue our good performances from the last 2 games. I welcome all supporters and sponsors today as I hope everyone enjoys this evening's entertainment and the boys perform well.

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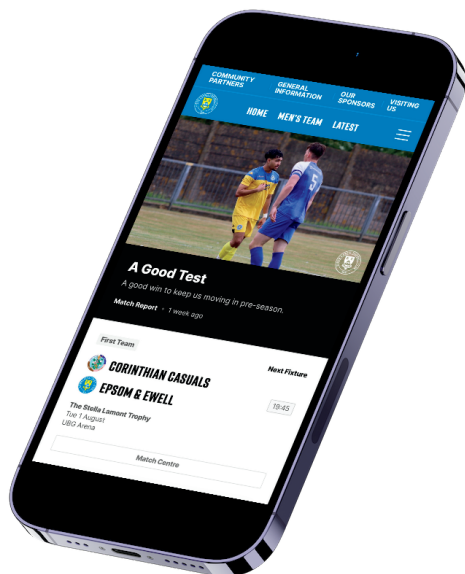
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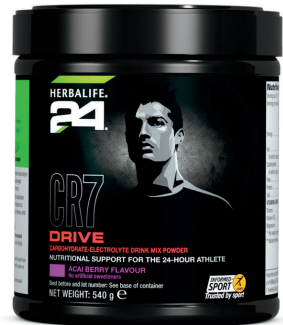
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AFC VARNDEANIANS

WEBSITE: WWW.AFCV.CO.UK

FOUNDED: 1929

HOME GROUND: WITHDEAN STADIUM, BRIGHTON



In 1920 Secondary Old Boys formed a team open to all local secondary schools. Due to an overwhelming proportion of ex-Varndeanian pupils in the team, the name was changed to Old Varndeanians and so our club was founded in 1929

After the war, the club was reformed in 1946. After a few years in the Brighton and Hove District league, the first team established itself in the County League eventually winning Division 2 in 1959/60 and after a couple of seasons were then relegated back to Div 2.

In 1972 an enforced return to the Brighton and Hove league, due to a failed ground grading at the school, saw us crowned champions. In the 70's the decision was made to allow brothers of ex-Varndeanians to play and by the 1980's it became an open club accommodating a lot of students from Brighton Poly most notably Nigel Pamplin and Derek Shipley.

During the '80s and '90s we were the near men but eventually won the Vernon and Wentworth and college cups 1996/97. After two decades of trying to win the Brighton league, we were crowned champions in 2000 under player/manager Dave Bridges and then followed this up with two more league wins and some cup finals along the way.

The committee made the decision in the 2003/4 season to try our luck in the Mid-Sussex League, where we had success winning the Premier title three times under successive managers Tony Eke and Simon Butterfield. In 2015, under the management of Ryan Gayler, the V's applied and were accepted into the Southern Combination League. Ryan was instrumental in finding our new first team home, here at the Withdean, and guided us to win the league at the first time of asking. We streamlined our name to AFC Varndeanians to reflect the youth set up but we are very much still the Old V's.

We established ourselves in Division One and the team improved season after season most notably under manager Kev Keehan.

who strengthened the squad with some seasoned players and oversaw our first-ever FA Cup run. Sweet Caroline! Law Edwards took over from Kev during the difficult period of Covid but maintained a winning mentality which ultimately saw us promoted in 2021 to the SCFL Prem after an absence of 50 years. In our first season back at step 5, Alex Walsh managed for a brief period followed by Ryan Gayler who, along with Dave Bridges, steered the team away from the relegation zone from a seemingly impossible situation at the foot of the table in December. Ryan was then followed by Justin Jones as manager last season, who again kept us up and we look forward to our third season at Step 5. Justin is joined by assistants Paul Etheridge, Law Edwards and Brad Watt as goalkeeping coach.

Our reserves won a treble last year under manager Ruben Hollis including the Sussex County Junior Cup and this season are managed by George Warren. Club legend Si Nat manages our third team, our Vets team is managed by James Emmerson, and our over 45' vets are managed by Chris Foulerton. Our walking football team won the league and cup double and are in the regional finals of the national cup while our women's social vets team, who are an important part of the club, play in Sussex tournaments.

Finally, we have concentrated our youth section on the higher age groups, to feed into the men's teams, with our U16s run by Alex Wrenn and our U18 county team managed by Ryan Pratt and Law Edwards.

MATCH ACTION METROPOLITAN POLICE

Metropolitan Police v Epsom & Ewell
The Emirates FA Cup | Preliminary Round (Replay)
Tuesday 22nd August 2023

YES, we are in the next round of the FA Cup after overcoming Step 4 side the Metropolitan Police in a replay on their home turf at Imber Court; we now progress into the first-round proper of the FA Cup away at Step 5 Eastbourne Town on Saturday 2nd September.

This was the best performance of the season thus far; the opposition is in a transitory stage having lost a lot of their playing squad from last year, but as someone with a good knowledge of football once said 'you can only beat the team that is put in front of you' - and we did.

A healthy crowd of 215, which was just short of the 234 who watched the original tie last Friday night, was on hand to view what was a far better match than the previous rather attritional affair.

There were no changes to our team that started the previous tie and we set about our business confidently playing good possession-based football; we certainly had the pace in all areas of the team to trouble the opposition and this proved to be decisive later in the match.

After the opening exchanges, we took a 13th-minute lead through Ethan Nelson Roberts, one of our marauding wing backs, after a wonderful slide rule pass from Kiyo Brown. Would this bring the home team onto us much more? Yes, in patches, but we had enough quality in all areas of the pitch to nullify what they had to offer, and the half began to drift away to the break. In fact, we had a wonderful opportunity in first-half injury time to increase our lead, but the close-range shot went over the bar with the goalkeeper beaten. Overall, a very satisfactory first half.

We expected an onslaught in the second half, but this never really came, and we never really felt that threatened. Yes, there was the odd attack that looked promising from our opponent's attacks, but all too often, the final ball would typically drift out of play. We were looking very solid again but still needed that second goal to seal the tie and it eventually came in the 79th minute after clever work on the right wing from Ade Batula, who got to the bye line within the opposition box, crossed and there was Tino Carpane to make it 2-0. There was still just over ten minutes and plenty of injury time to see the game out, which we did and so we marched into the next round on Saturday week.



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It would be extremely hard to pick a standout player from last night as all the players who were involved played very well and you could see that at the end of the game, the togetherness in this current squad is excellent. The 'Rank and file' (sorry about the pun) of our opposition support were very gracious in defeat, telling us that we were the better team and deserved to go through.

But before we get too excited about the next round of the FA Cup, we turn our attention to the FA Vase competition that Friday evening at the Reg Madgwick Stadium in Cobham against AFC Vardeanians with a 1945 kick-off. The following Tuesday we are playing away against our current homeowners of Cobham FC with another 1945 kick-off before we travel down to the coast to do battle with Eastbourne Town in the FA Cup. Why not come on down to give your support to the team; They would deeply appreciate it.



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FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING
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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Farnham Town	3	3	0	0	11	9
2	Redhill	3	3	0	0	9	9
3	Tooting & Mitcham United	3	3	0	0	5	9
4	Guildford City	3	3	0	0	4	9
5	Fleet Town	4	2	0	2	2	6
6	Horley Town	3	1	2	0	2	5
7	Sheerwater	3	1	1	1	1	4
8	Knaphill	2	1	1	0	1	4
9	Jersey Bulls	2	1	0	1	1	3
10	Cobham	3	1	0	2	-1	3
11	Balham	3	1	0	2	-4	3
12	Camberley Town	2	0	2	0	0	2
13	AFC Croydon Athletic	3	0	2	1	-2	2
14	Spelthorne Sports	3	0	2	1	-2	2
15	Alton	2	0	1	1	-2	1
16	Colliers Wood United	3	0	1	2	-4	1
17	Abbey Rangers	3	0	1	2	-7	1
18	Sandhurst Town	3	0	1	2	-9	1
19	Tadley Calvea	1	0	0	1	-2	0
20	Epsom & Ewell	2	0	0	2	-3	0

SATURDAY 19TH & TUESDAY 22ND LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 20th August Results

Fleet Town		0 - 2		Balham
Sandhurst Town		2 - 2		Camberley Town

Tuesday 22nd August Results

Cobham		0 - 3		Farnham Town
Fleet Town		4 - 0		Abbey Rangers
Horley Town		3 - 1 (HT 0-0)		Colliers Wood United
Redhill		2 - 0		Spelthorne Sports
Sheerwater		3 - 4 (HT 3-3)		Guildford City
Tooting & Mitcham United		4 - 2		AFC Croydon Athletic

FIRST TEAM 2023/24

APPEARANCES & STATS

Full Name	Played	Goals
Harvey Keogh	4 (0)	0
Toby Colwell	1 (0)	0
Ayran Kugathas	4 (2)	0
Zach Powell	5 (0)	0
Nick-Aaron Inwugwu	5 (2)	1
Steve Springett	0 (0)	0
Ollie Thompson	5 (3)	1
Reece Tierney	0 (0)	0
Tommy Williams	3 (0)	0
Callum Wilson	3 (0)	0
Chester Clothier	3 (0)	0
Rory Edwards	5 (1)	0
Ethan Nelson-Roberts	5 (0)	1
Ash Snadden	4 (0)	0
Jaan Stanley	3 (1)	1
Ade Batula	4 (0)	1
Valentino Carpene	4 (0)	1
George Owusu	1 (1)	0
Ben Amissah	4 (4)	0
Ben Bauchop	1 (0)	0
Sirak Negassi	3 (1)	0
Kiyo Brown	3 (0)	0
James King	0 (0)	0
Jabari Ofosu-Hernandez	1 (1)	0

Appearances: Numbers in brackets are the number of appearances as a substitute. The whole number is the total amount of appearances.



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Manager: Justin Jones

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