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SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2025

/ EPSOM & EWELL

THE ISUZU FA VASE FOURTH ROUND Kick off 3:00pm

### Welcome to Oakwood

Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to The GT Stewart Stadium, VCD Athletic's home ground. It is our first home game of 2025, and we have the pleasure of playing in the FA Vase. We are currently second in our league, and our opponents are 18th in their respective league. However, as the saying goes, complacency is the enemy of progress, so we will need to be at the top of our game to progress to the next round.

For today's game, our opponents will be Epsom & Ewell. We welcome their players, supporters, and their committee to The GT Stewart Stadium. We hope everyone who visits enjoys their short stay with us and has a safe journey home afterwards.

Please also join me in welcoming today's officials: Mr Steven Marr and his assistants, Mr Tony King, Mr Toby Carlisle and the Fourth Official Mr Callum Dorling. As always, we hope they enjoy their visit to The GT Stewart Stadium this afternoon.

Our last game was away from home in the Challenge Cup against Glebe on Tuesday night. An entertaining game saw us advance to the next round with a stoppage time winner from Francis Babalola, the match ended 2-1.

Prior to Glebe, we were away from home against Kennington last Saturday. In a shock result, we lost 2-1. Francis Babalola again was the goal scorer for the Vickers on the day.

Prior to the Kennington game, we were at home to Erith & Belvedere on the 28th December. It was a fine performance against our local rivals to cap off the year. We ran out 4-1 winners with Ollie Freeman, Lee Bird and Nathaniel Olawale all on target for the Vickers; we were also helped with an own goal.

Our next game, we will be at home on Saturday 25th January against Faversham Town, kick off time at 3:00pm.

Following the Faversham game, we will be away from home against Corinthian. This game will be played on Saturday 1st February with kick-off at 3:00pm.

After the Corinthian game, we will be at home against Whitstable Town on Saturday 15th February with kick-off at 3:00pm.

Now more than ever, your support is vital to the success of the club. We hope as many of you as possible will attend the forthcoming games, where the support of our fans and local community is integral.



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VCD Athletic Social

### Manager's Notes

Good afternoon everyone, and after the disappointment of last week's postponement, welcome to the GT Stewart Stadium for today's Isuzu FA Vase fourth round tie against Epsom and Ewell FC. We would like to welcome their management, players, committee and supporters to our club, and hope they enjoy their short visit and have a safe journey home afterwards. We were very close to getting the game on last week, but despite all Steve Johnson's efforts, the deep frost left an icy stretch down one side of the pitch which rendered it dangerous.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new additions to the club, firstly Tom Carlse who joins us from Hythe Town, and also Rahman Kareem, who will be big additions to our squad.

Last week saw us on the road away to Kennington where we lost for only the second time in the league this season. We could have found ourselves 1 up in the first 30 seconds of the game, but unfortunately missed chances and poor defending saw us drop 3 points. We can only apologise to the VCD faithful that braved the cold for our performance last week, and can assure them it won't happen like that again.

Last Tuesday we made the trip to Glebe FC for a League Cup fixture and on a boggy, bumpy pitch we weren't able to play to our normal level. We went behind to a breakaway goal but just minutes later we equalised with a header from Francis Babalola. With the clock ticking down and penalties looking ominous we managed to win the tie in injury time when a free kick bounced loose in the area, and Francis reacted quickest to tuck the ball home. One bright note on the evening was the debut performance of Tom Carlse who gave an impressive display in defence.

On to today, and we're looking to equal the club record and reach the 5th round of the FA Vase, but I'm sure Epsom will not make it easy for us and will prove a big test.

We hope to have as many of you here as possible today, and your support means a lot to myself, Danny and the squad.

"Up the Vickers"

Baker and Joyo





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### VCD Club History

VCD Athletic FC is one of only a few clubs to have originated during the Great War when, in 1916 it was formed by workers employed at the Vickers armaments factory in Crayford. The Company originally played only inter-departmental games until it was decided that the best players from the various sections would be elected to represent the firm. The club have played at the firm's sports ground, Oakwood, in Old Road, Crayford, from the outset right up to the present time, except for eight seasons spent ground sharing whilst trying to get permission for the erection of floodlights.

In the early days, only friendly matches were played as there were no official competitions during the war years, and records show that a club called Vickers (Erith) joined the re-formed Kent League in 1919, changing their name to Vickers (Crayford) a year later. In their first season in the Kent League they visited Maidstone United on Boxing Day and played in front of a crowd of 13,500. The Vickers team that day contained seven Arsenal players who were finishing off their war service. Two years later, Vickers joined the Dartford & District League, followed by entry into the newly formed Kent Amateur League, Division One in 1923. Their first trophies came in 1927 when they won the Kent FA Junior Cup and the Kent Benevolent Cup.

It was a further 25 years before more silverware came their way, when they won the Kent Division One title in 1953. The Kent Amateur Cup was won in 1962 and in 1964 but the following season saw a spectacular slump and relegation, with a record of P24 W0 D2 L22, goals for 25, goals against 199. Promotion was gained in 1969, but after a mediocre period during the 1970s, they were relegated in 1980 back to Division Two. A season later they were promoted back to Division One and in 1985 won the championship, gaining promotion to the restructured Premier Division. By now the Kent Amateur League had changed its name to the Kent County League and the club enjoyed further success when they won the Kent FA Intermediate Shield in 1988. In the same year the club was involved in the last ever match played at Maidstone United's London Road ground when they won the West Kent Challenge Cup.

in season 1995/1996 a unique cup treble was achieved with wins in the Kent Intermediate Shield. Kent County League Cup, and the Erith Hospitals Cup. Season 1996/1997 then saw the club win the Kent County Premier Division title for the first time in their history, and by a record 15 points. Senior status was awarded that same year and a successful application was made to join the Winstonlead Kent League where, in their first season in modern times, VCD Athletic finished in a creditable ninth place. The following season saw the club begin a ground-share with Thamesmead Town, finishing up in seventh place but also reaching the final of the Kent League Cup, where they lost 1-0 to Deal Town in a closely fought match. Deal at this time were assembling the side that was later to win the FA Vase at Wembley.

A season later the club went one better, beating Faversham Town 4-0 in the final to bring the club a first ever senior trophy, and the season after that the taking virtually the whole team with him, and the club made its third consecutive cup final appearance when they reached the final of the Kent Senior

However, they narrowly missed out on more silverware when they went down 10-9 on penalties to Whitstable Town. The club eventually spent five seasons as tenants of Thamesmead Town before Lordswood FC kindly took their place for two seasons. Then the club embarked on a one year term with near neighbours Greenwich Borough, and despite the handicap of having to ground-share, VCD were consistently one of the league's strongest members during their time in the league. The club reached the final of the League Cup in 2002/2003, but on the day there was no celebration as VCD were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Cray Wanderers. The following season was a disappointment as far as the cups were concerned, but a creditable third place was achieved in the league. Further cup success followed however when, in season 2005/2006 the club reached the final of the Kent Senior Trophy for the second time. Having suffered a loss in the first final on penalties, there was a reversal of fortune this time when, after having drawn 1-1 with Tunbridge Wells at the end of extra time, the VCD players held their nerve to win the penalty shoot-out 3-1.

During 2005 the long awaited news the club wanted to hear finally arrived when planning permission for floodlights and the development of the Oakwood ground was granted by Bexley Council. This, together with a substantial grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, part of the Football Foundation, enabled work to commence early in 2006. The pitch was levelled, rotated 90 degrees and re-laid. New perimeter paths were laid, along with perimeter fencing to enclose the pitch. Floodlights were erected in June 2006, at the same time that work on enhancing the changing rooms also began. The spectator stand was re-sited and extended, and further additions included a new raised hospitality area situated to overlook the pitch, and a new tea bar adjacent to the popular members bar.

At the end of the 2007 season Martin Ford resigned as manager, and the club are grateful for his vision and enthusiasm over the years that took VCD from being a Kent County League side to one that was always around the top of the table in the Kent League, and on his departure the club had just reached the last 16 of the prestigious FA Vase for the second consecutive season. Head coach Dean In 1993, Martin Ford joined the club as manager and, Frost took over as caretaker manager, and under his guidance the club obtained runners up spot in the league, narrowly missing out to Whitstable Town, and then the following season Paul Foley was appointed manager of the first team, with Dean Frost reverting to his former position of head coach. Under their stewardship the club finished runners up once more. A year later, the club finally won the Kent League Premier Division title together with the Kent Senior Trophy, culminating in the long awaited promotion to the Ryman Football League.

> The first season was a success with an 8th place finish, but the club were left stunned when the Ryman League deemed ground issues warranted demotion, and despite an appeal to the Football Association, the decision was upheld and the club went back to the Kent League.

Manager Paul Foley resigned to join Chatham Town, club appointed former reserve team manager Ricky Bennett his replacement.

Under his leadership VCD achieved third place in his first season, and the season after the team was also challenging for honours and, but for a disappointing end to the campaign we certainly would have given Herne Bay a closer run to their title. Once again third place was attained but this time we had the added bonus of winning the Kent League Cup, beating Corinthian 2-0 in the final. We also lifted a second trophy with a 3-2 victory over league champions Herne Bay in the Kent League Challenge Shield which gave the club a pre-season boost.

Midway through season 2012/2013 Ricky Bennett left the club due to outside pressures, and in his place the club secured the services of Tony Russell, previously manager of Erith Town FC, who joined with his assistant Ray Powell. With most of the players leaving with the previous manager the club was in disarray, but a side was quickly formed by the new management, and a magnificent record breaking run of 17 victories and 2 draws in the last 19 league fixtures enabled the club to once more gain promotion to the Ryman Football League Division 1 North. Starting as favourites for relegation, the club had a stunning run, winning the first15 games and heading the table for all but a couple of weeks throughout the campaign, and on the last day of the season, sitting in 2nd place the Vickers defeated Romford FC 6-0 while leaders Witham Town could only draw their last game which saw us secure the title by a point, taking the club to the Premier Division, its highest ever level in the pyramid. The club struggled for a lot of the season, spending most of the time in the relegation places but winning the last 6 games saw us climb to safety, finally finishing in 18th position to maintain our place in the

Manager Tony Russell then resigned, taking the entire side with him, but the club acted quickly to secure the services of Keith McMahon as new First Team Manager. Keith came with a wealth of experience having taken neighbours Thamesmead Town from the Kent League to the Ryman League Premier Division but, following a difficult start to his appointment with the club, we couldn't find the level of consistency needed in the Premier Division and were relegated. After spells in Division 1 (North) and the South East Division we were unable to achieve our expectations, and Keith left the Vickers to be replaced by former VCD player Nick Davis. His tenure began with the upsets caused by the Covid pandemic until we finally got back to normal last season, and after a promising start were always around the play-off spots, but we finished poorly and ended the season in a disappointing 9th position. After the campaign ended Nick informed the club that he had accepted a position back at his former club Sittingbourne, leaving the club with a search for a new manager. Former VCD favourite Grant Basey was appointed, bringing with him former player Michael Power as his assistant, but Grant resigned near the end of the season with Michael taking over the reigns, and after a struggle we were unable to put a sustained run together resulting in our relegation to the SCEFL Premier Division after losing narrowly in a play off. Michael Power was released at the end of the season and the club quickly appointed Danny Joy and Ross Baker as joint managers, who took on the unenviable task of quickly getting together a new team. This gave us a lot of problems with an unsettled side in the early months, but in the run in we put together an excellent number of performances with the squad looking very accomplished. With a number of new signings, the hope for this season is that we can carry this on and push even further to make a serious challenge for the play off spots.



### **Match Statistic**

Date		Comp	Res	1	2	3	4	5
27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	LYDD TOWN	SCEFL	1-0	Walker	Lawrence	Clark	Dymond	Fitchett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Metropolitan Police	FAC	3-1	Walker	Lawrence	Clark	Dymond	Fitchett
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	HOLLANDS & BLAIR	SCEFL	2-1	Walker	Lawrence	Leach	Dymond	Fitchett
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Stansfeld	SCEFL	1-0	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Dymond	Fitchett
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	AFC Croydon	FAC	0-4	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Dymond	Fitchett
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Westside	FAV	4-1	Cafer	Lawrence	Cousins	Dymond	Fitchett
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Erith & Belvedere	SCEFL	0-0	Cafer	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	SCEFL	2-1	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Glebe	SCEFL	3-2	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Whitstable Town	SCEFL	1-0	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	FISHER	SCEFL	2-0	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Snodland Town	SCEFL	2-0	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Amoah	Fitchett
21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Chipstead	FAV	3-0	Walker	Lawrence	Clark	Amoah	Fitchett
24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	HOLMESDALE	SCEFL	1-1	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Lordswood	SCEFL	2-0	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LARKFIELD & NEW HYTHE	SCEFL	2-1	Walker	Leach	Cousins	Bryon	Dymond
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Croydon	KST	4-0	Waller	Leach	Cousins	Bryon (1)	Dymond
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ROFFEY	FAV	1-1 *	Hyde	Leach	Cousins	Dymond	Sargent
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Punjab United	SCEFL	2-3	Waller	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Dymond
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KENNINGTON	SCEFL	4-2	Cafer	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Rusthall	SCEFL	3-3	Cafer	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	ARUNDEL	FAV	2-0	Cafer	Lawrence	Fenn	Bryon	Fitchett
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	CORINTHIAN	SCEFL	2-2	Waller	Lawrence	Cousins	Bryon	Fitchett
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	WHITSTABLE TOWN	KST	1-2	Waller	Lawrence	Cousins	Dymond	Gboda
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	CORINTHIAN	L/CUP	2-1	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Burton	Dymond
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Faversham Town	SCEFL	1-1	Walker	Lawrence	Cousins	Dymond	Fitchett
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	STANSFELD	SCEFL	4-0	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Amoah	Fitchett
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Windsor & Eton	FAV	2-0	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Amoah	Fitchett
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Holmesdale	SCEFL	5-5	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Amoah	Fitchett
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ERITH & BELVEDERE	SCEFL	4-1	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Dymond	Fitchett
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Kennington	SCEFL	1-2	Walker	Lawrence	Whitelock	Dymond	Fitchett
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Glebe	L/CUP	2-1	Walker	Lawrence	Carlse	Dymond	Fitchett
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	EPSOM & EWELL	FAV						
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	FAVERSHAM TOWN	SCEFL						
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Corinthian	SCEFL						
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WHITSTABLE TOWN	SCEFL						
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Hollands & Blair	SCEFL						
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fisher	SCEFL						
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	GLEBE	SCEFL						
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	PUNJAB UNITED	SCEFL						
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tunbridge Wells	SCEFL						
5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Lydd Town	SCEFL						
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	RUSTHALL	SCEFL						
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	SUTTON ATHLETIC	SCEFL						
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bearsted	SCEFL						

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6	7	8	9	10	11	Subs Used	ATT	OG
Sargent	Jimoh	Bird	Gboda	Shoderu	Heatley (1)	Arnold, Whitelock, Odedoyin, Cousins	120	
Sargent	Gboda (1)	Bryon	Heatley	Bird (1)	Jimoh (1)	Cousins, Falade, Whitelock, Olawole, Shoderu	64	
Fenn	Gboda (1)	Bryon	Falade (1)	Shoderu	Cousins	Desanges, Shepherd, Odedoyin	110	
Fenn	Dieko	Bryon	Desanges	Shoderu (1)	Gboda	Bird, Jimoh, Whitelock, Odedoyin	96	
Fenn	Gboda	Bryon	Desanges	Bird	Jimoh	Whitelock, Falade, Shoderu, Olawole	139	
Fenn	Olawole (2)	Gboda	Falade	Shoderu	Whitelock (1)	Bryon, Bird, Jimoh, Sargent, Odedoyin (1)	70	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Falade	Gboda	Jimoh	Whitelock, Shoderu, Freeman, Odedoyin	228	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird (1)	Freeman	Gboda (1)	Whitelock	Jimoh, Falade, Shoderu	110	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Freeman (2)	Gboda (1)	Whitelock	Amoah, Odedoyin, Shoderu, Jimoh, Clark	187	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Freeman	Gboda	Jimoh	Heatley (1), Amoah, Shepherd	391	
Sargent	Gboda (1)	Amoah	Freeman (1)	Bird	Whitelock	Clark, Odedoyin, Shepherd, Heatley	110	
Sargent	Olawole	Bird	Freeman	Gboda (1)	Whitelock (1)	Clark, Odedoyin	223	
Sargent	Olawole	Bird	Heatley (2)	Gboda	Whitelock (1)	Bryon, Cousins, Shepherd, Odedoyin, Fenn	75	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Heatley	Gboda (1)	Whitelock	Spencer, Burton, Sargent	145	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Freeman	Gboda	Spencer (1)	Jimoh (1), Burton, Leach, Odedoyin	170	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Freeman (2)	Gboda	Spencer	Amoah, Heatley, Jimoh, Burton	382	
Fenn	Jimoh (3)	Amoah	Heatley	Burton	Kelly	Clark, Lawrence, Spencer, Sargent	77	
Fenn	Jimoh	Bird	Freeman (1)	Burton	Kelly	Lawrence, Olawole, Heatley, Whitelock	88	
Fenn	Olawole	Amoah	Freeman	Bird	Heatley	Jimoh (1), Burton (1), Kelly, Sargent, Whitelock	154	
Dymond	Olawole	Bird (1)	Freeman (2)	Gboda (1)	Kelly	Burton, Whitelock, Fenn, Jimoh, Heatley	120	
Dymond	Olawole (1)	Bird	Freeman (1)	Gboda (1)	Kelly	Burton, Heatley, Whitelock (1), Jimoh	232	
Dymond	Olawole (1)	Burton		Gboda	-		155	
			Freeman (2)		Kelly	Bird, Heatley, Whitelock, Cousins, Jimoh		
Dymond	Olawole	Burton	Freeman (1)	Gboda	Whitelock	Fenn (1), Heatley, Bird, Kelly, Jimoh	243	
Fenn	Heatley	Bryon (1)	Freeman	Bird	Kelly	Amoah, Jimoh, Whitelock	65	
Fenn	Kelly	Bird	Babalola	Marsh	Heatley	Freeman (1), Jimoh (1), Sargent, Gboda	50	
Fenn	Olawole	Bird	Freeman (1)	Gboda	Heatley	Whitelock, Jimoh, Kelly, Morris	482	
Fenn	Jimoh	Bird	Freeman	Gboda (3)	Kelly	Babalola (1), Olawole, Morris, Cousins, Heatley	80	
Fenn	Babalola	Bird	Freeman	Gboda (1)	Heatley	Cousins, Kelly, Olawole, Jimoh, Morris	263	1
Dymond (1)	Babalola (2)	Bird	Freeman (1)	Morris	Olawole (1)	Jimoh, Cousins, Marsh	80	
Lisbie	Heatley	Bird (1)	Freeman (1)	Gboda	Babalola	Bryon, Olawole (1), Cousins, Jimoh	185	$\square$
Fenn	Olawole	Bryon	Freeman	Gboda	Babalola (1)	Jimoh, Heatley, Bird	170	
Fenn	Heatley	Bird	Freeman	Gboda	Babalola (2)	Olawole, Jimoh, Whitelock	120	
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### Appearances & Scorers

	League			Cup 2024-2025			To		VCD Career		Club Debut
Player	App	024-20 Sub	25 Goals	App	024-20 Sub	25 Goals	2024- App	Goals	App		
Andy Walker	16	0	0	6	0	0	22	0	22	0	27/07/2024
Harry Lawrence	20	0	0	9	2	0	31	0	77	2	29/07/2023
Tom Cousins	16	4	0	5	4	0	29	0	48	0	09/09/2023
Tom Carlse	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	14/01/2025
Ben Fitchett	19	0	0	7	0	0	26	0	56	1	19/08/2023
Harry Sargent	3	2	0	3	3	0	11	0	51	2	12/11/2019
Michael Fenn	13	2	1	9	1	0	25	1	55	3	12/08/2023
George Whitelock	10	7	2	4	6	2	27	4	48	5	29/07/2023
Connor Dymond	12	0	1	9	0	0	21	1	21	1	27/07/2024
Zak Bryon	15	1	0	5	2	2	23	2	60	8	01/02/2022
Bethel Gboda	19	0	10	8	1	2	28	12	70	20	05/08/2023
Lee Bird	17	3	3	8	2	1	30	4	52	5	18/11/2023
Kwasi Amoah	5	3	0	3	1	0	12	0	12	0	04/09/2025
Ollie Freeman	16	1	12	5	1	4	23	16	23	16	26/08/2024
Robbie Burton	1	6	1	4	0	0	11	1	11	1	24/09/2024
Richard Jimoh	4	13	2	4	6	5	27	7	59	17	16/09/2023
Charlie Heatley	5	8	2	7	2	2	22	4	36	9	04/02/2023
Francis Babalola	3	1	4	3	0	2	7	6	7	6	26/11/2024
Nathaniel Olawole	15	2	3	3	5	2	25	5	25	5	03/08/2024
Neil Spencer	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	4	1	24/09/2024
Jimmy Shepherd	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	16	0	19/08/2023
Connor Kelly	3	3	0	5	1	0	12	0	12	0	12/10/2024
Toby Waller	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	12/10/2024
Matthew Cafer	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	0	24/08/2024
Malachi Morris	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	30/11/2024
Kalan Lisbie	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	28/12/2024

### League Table

			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
#	1	Faversham Town	21	15	5	1	59	18	+41	50
	2	VCD Athletic	21	13	6	2	45	25	+20	45
0	3	Fisher	24	14	3	7	44	28	+16	45
<b>3</b>	4	Larkfield & New Hythe	24	11	5	8	45	36	+9	38
0	5	Punjab United	21	10	4	7	27	33	-6	34
Ø	6	Glebe	21	9	6	6	41	34	+7	33
7	7	Holmesdale	24	8	9	7	42	43	-1	33
V	8	Erith & Belvedere	22	9	5	8	30	32	-2	32
<u> </u>	9	Rusthall	21	9	4	8	43	42	+1	31
-	10	Corinthian	20	8	6	6	41	33	+8	30
0	11	Whitstable Town	20	8	3	9	37	35	+2	27
	12	Sutton Athletic	18	6	7	5	31	31	0	25
<b>%</b>	13	Kennington	24	6	7	11	27	42	-15	25
<b>(3)</b>	14	Snodland Town	22	6	6	10	36	47	-11	24
<b>①</b>	15	Hollands & Blair	24	6	5	13	38	47	-9	23
0	16	Stansfeld	24	7	2	15	29	51	-22	23
	17	Tunbridge Wells	17	6	4	7	25	25	0	22
(8)	18	Bearsted	19	6	2	11	29	39	-10	20
<b>*</b>	19	Lordswood AFC	19	5	3	11	30	39	-9	18
<b>(1)</b>	20	Lydd Town	20	3	4	13	26	45	-19	13

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### **VISITORS' HISTORY**

#### **HONOURS**

Isthmian League
Division Two champions 1977–78

London League Premier Division champions 1927–28

Southern Combination League Division One Runners Up & Play off Winners. 2022–23

Corinthian League Memorial Shield winners 1959–60

Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup winners 2012–13

Surrey Senior League Champions 1925–26, 1926–27, 1974–75 League Cup winners 1973–74, 1974–75 Charity Cup winners 1926–27

Southern Suburban League Champions 1923–24

Sutton and District League
Premier Division champions 1922–23

Surrey Senior Cup Winners 1980–81

Surrey Senior Shield Winners 1932–33, 1954–55

Southern Combination Challenge Cup Winners 1979–80

#### **RECORDS**

Best FA Cup performance: First round, 1933-34

Best FA Trophy performance: Second round (last 32) 1981–82

Best FA Vase performance: Finalists, 1974-75

Biggest win: 13–1 vs Reigate Priory, FA Amateur Cup, 12 October 1935

Heaviest defeat: 14–0 vs Chelmsford City Reserves, London League, 14 February 1948

Most appearances: Graham Morris, 658 (1990–2004)

Most goals: Tommy Tuite, 391 (1973–1988)

Most goals in a season: Reg Marlow, 65 (1926–27)

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Club Groundsman - Steve Johnson

Stadium Announcer - Jonathan Watkins

Turnstile Manager - TBA

#### Team Managers

First Team - Danny Joy & Ross Baker

Under 18 JPL - KGLFL - Manager - Ian Biggam

Under 18 JPL - KGLFL - Assistant Manager - Barry Gibson

Under 18's Kent Girls - Manager - Danny Johnson

Under 16's KYL – Manager – Krishnen Soopramenien

Under 15's Selkent - Manager - Ian Grant

Under 15's Selkent - Assistant Manager - Jordan Byrne

Under 13's Kent Girls/Ladies - Manager - Len Hodkin

Under 12's Kent Girls/Ladies - Assistant Manager - Spencer Gale

Under 12's Selkent - Manager - Spencer Gale

Under 12's Selkent - Assistant Manager - Len Hodkin

Under 11's Selkent - James Reed

Under 8's Selkent - Rikki Cable

#### **Senior Club Committee**

Gary Rump

Dave Joy

Brenda Dudley

#### **HONOURS:**

#### **Kent Senior Trophy**

Winners 2005 / 2006, 2008 / 2009 Runners Up 2001 / 2002

#### **Kent Premier League Cup**

Winners 1999 / 2000, 2011 / 2012 Runners Up 1998 / 1999, 2003 / 2004, 2005 / 2006

#### **Kent Premier League**

Champions 2008 / 2009 Runners Up 2001 / 2002, 2006 / 2007, 2007 / 2008, 2012 / 2013

#### Kent League Challenge Shield

Winners 2011 / 2012

#### FA Vase

5th Round 2004 / 2005. 2005 / 2006

#### Ryman League Division 1 North

Champions 2013/2014

#### Kent County League

Champions 1996 / 1997

#### **Kent Intermediate Cup**

Winners 1995 / 1996

#### Kent County League Cup

Winners 1995 / 1996

#### **Erith Hospitals Cup**

Winners 1995 /1996

#### Kent Amateur League Div 1

Winners 1985

#### Kent Amateur Cup

Winners 1962, 1964

#### Kent Amateur Div 1

Winners 1953

#### **Kent FA Junior Cup**

Winners 1927

#### **Kent Benevolent Cup**

Winners 1927

# VCD Code of Conduct

These Ground Regulations shall apply to each Match taking place at the Ground. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of these Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations. These Ground Regulations incorporate the Club's Customer Charter (if any).

#### Definitions:

"Club" means this football club.

- "Football Authorities" means the Football League, the Premier League, The Football Association, the Football Association of Wales, the league of which the Club is in membership from time to time, FIFA, UEFA and any other relevant governing body of association football.
- "Ground" means this football stadium and all locations owned, occupied or utilised by the Club.
- "Ground Regulations" means these ground regulations, as amended from time to time.
  "Match" means any association football match (or any part or aspect of such a match) taking place at the Ground.

"Material" means any audio, digital, visual or audio-visual material or any information or data.

- "Rules and Regulations" means each of the rules and regulations of the Football Authorities that may be relevant to the Match, the Club and/or the Ground from time to time.
- Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of these Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations. All persons entering the Ground must have paid the relevant admission charge. Proof of age, where an age concession is claimed, and proof of identity may be required and must be supplied on demand.

2. Notwithstanding possession of any ticket the Club, any police officer or authorised steward may refuse entry to (or eject from) the Ground any person:

- 2.1 who fails (or in the Ćlub's reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with these Ground Regulations or any reasonable instruction issued by a police officer or authorised steward; and/or
- 2.2 whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club's reasonable opinion), constitute a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person.
- 3. On no account will admission be granted to á person who is the subject of a current Banning Order under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended) or has been convicted of ticket touting offences under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (as amended).
- 4.The Club excludes, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons and property in or around the Ground. Nothing in these Ground Regulations shall exclude the Club's liability for death or personal injury caused by the Club's nedigence.
- 5. No guarantees can be given by the Club that a Match will take place at a particular time or on a particular date, or at all, and the Club reserves the right to reschedule or cancel a Match without notice.
- 6. In the event of the postponement, cancellation or abandonment of the Match (or if the Match hor, for any reason, to be played out of the view of the public), refunds (if any) will be made in accordance with the specific ticket terms and conditions applicable to your ticket purchase. The Club will have no further liability whatsoever, including (but not limited to) liability for any in direct or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment or travel costs.
- 7. All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge and agree to the Club's reasonable right to search any person, and their belongings, entering the Ground and to refuse entry to or eject from the Ground any person refusing to submit to such a search. 8. Further, you may not bring into the Ground any sponsorship, promotional or marketing materials save in respect of folical club merchandise and/or other football related dothing nor may you offer (either free or for sale by any person) any goods (including literature) of any nature without the express written approval of the Club.
  9. The following articles must not be brought within the Ground knives, fireworks or any
- 9. The following articles must not be brought within the Ground knives, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground.
- To. The use of threatening behaviour and/or foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and may result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban (including, but not limited to, a ban for one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) for any such behaviour.
- 11. Any act of victimization as defined in the Equality Act 2010 or any act of discrimination by reason of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, disability age, pregnancy, maternity, marital status or civil partnership, or other forms of harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban (including, but not limited to, a ban for one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) for any such behaviour.
- 12. Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Ground and, in addition, the Club may impose a ban (including, but not limited to, a ban for one or more Matches) and/or the removal of season ticket(s) for any such behaviour.
- 13. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground

- 14. With the exception of the designated smoking areas, smoking (including the use of electronic cigarettes) is not permitted in any part of the Ground and will result in ejection from the Ground.
- 15. Mobile telephones, smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices are permitted within the Ground provided that they are used for personal and private use only (which, by way of example only, shall not include the capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing, or any other communication of any Material for any commercial purposes).
- 16. Alcohol may only be consumed within the Ground if purchased from the Club's own facilities and in accordance with the Club's licensing conditions. Under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act. 1985 (as amended), the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act. 1989 (as amended):
- 16.1 Attempting to enter the Ground or being inside the Ground whilst drunk;
  16.2 Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container which could cause damage or personal injury, when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed.
- 17. Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.
- 17.1. The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;
- 17.2. The chanting of anything of a racist, homophobic or discriminatory nature; and/or 17.3. The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not
- generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.

  18. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for these of any
- 18. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for these of any group of supporters to which he does not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of his own safety or for any other reason.
- 19. Save as set out in Condition 15 above, no person (other than a person who holds an appropriate licence) may capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate (by digital or other means) any Material in relation to the Match, any players or other persons present in the Ground and/or the Ground, nor may they bring into the Ground or use within the Ground (or provide to, facilitate or otherwise assist another person to use within the Ground) any equipment or technology which is capable of capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing or otherwise communicating (by digital or other means) any such Material. Copyright, database rights and any other intellectual property rights in any unauthorised recording or transmission is assigned (by way of present assignment of future rights) to the Club and the relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match. You further agree (if and whenever required to do so by the Club) to promptly execute all instruments and do all things necessary to vest the right, title and interest in such rights to the Club and the relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match absolutely and with full title quarantee.
- 20. Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of the Club or otherwise as set out in the express terms and conditions of such tickets. Any tickets offered for sale in breach of the terms and conditions thereof may be confiscated by any steward or officer of the Club or any police officer. The Club reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject from the Ground, any person who has transferred his/her ticket in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions (and/or the holder of any ticket that has been transferred in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions). In the event of any refusal of admission or ejection from the Ground no refund shall be payable. Tickets remain the property of the Club at all times.
- 21. By entering the Ground, all persons acknowledge that photographic images and/or video recordings and/or stills taken from those video recordings may be taken of them and may also be used by the Club for marketing or promotional purposes. Entry into the Ground is confirmation that all persons have consented to such use of their image unless the Club is notified in writing to the contrary. If any images should feature an individual prominently the Club will make reasonable efforts to gain the consent of that person before publishing such image. If such person is under 18 years of age, the parent, guardian, responsible adult who is accompanying them into the Ground shall be deemed to have provided consent on their behalf.
- 22. CCTV cameras are in use around and in the Ground and the Club may itself use or transfer to the police or any Football Authority any recordings for use in any proceedings, or for health, safety or security purposes. By entering the Ground, you consent to such use and transfer of CCTV footage.
- 23. At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all reasonable instructions and directions of any steward or officer of the Club, any police officer or any officer of any other safety or security service. Failure to comply with any such instruction or direction may lead to the refusal of entry to, or the immediate ejection from, the Ground.
- 24. Any person found damaging or defacing the Ground may be prosecuted.
- 25. No re-entry to the Ground is permitted unless permission is given by an officer or a steward of the Club.
- 26. The Club reserves absolutely the right to refuse entry and eject from the Ground any person that fails (or in the Club's reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with any of the Ground Regulations or the Rules and Regulations or whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club's reasonable opinion), be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. This could lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any Club membership and or match ticket and/or season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.
- 27. The Club reserves the right to make changes to any of these Ground Regulations from time to time.





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