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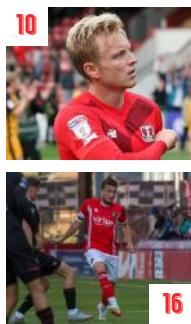
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## PRE-MATCH Teasers

Answers on page 37

- Which recently retired goalkeeper was between the posts for the Fleet in our FA Cup tie at Leyton Orient in 2021?
- During which decade did NorthFleet United play Clapton Orient in Round 2 of the FA Cup?
- In which year did Fleet new signing Jake Hesselthaler's father Andy manage Leyton Orient?
- Who is the only Fleet player, currently in League Two, who has scored more than one goal for us against Leyton Orient?
- Who was the Fleet manager when our clubs first met back in the 1993/94 FA Cup?
- Which Fleet midfielder, now playing in the Championship, signed for us in 2018 despite having spent the previous season on loan at Orient?
- Which Orient manager lost his job after they were defeated 2-1 here in November 2017?
- Leyton Orient's one and only campaign in England's top division coincided with a landmark season in our history. When was it?





# THE OPPOSITION *Leyton Orient*

## VISITORS' GUIDE

**Founded** 1881  
**Stadium** Brisbane Road  
**Capacity** 9,271  
**Highest finish** 22nd (First Division, 1962/63)  
**Total seasons in third tier** 45  
**Current seasons in League One** 2  
**Average attendance last season** 7,875  
**Team captain** Omar Beckles  
**Youngest player** Zac Hambury (17)  
**Oldest player** Omar Beckles (33)

## WHAT THEY'VE WON

**Division Three** 1955/56, 1969/70  
**Division Four/League Two** 2022/23  
**Division Two runners-up** 1961/62  
**Division Four/League Two promotions** 1988/89, 2004/05  
**National League** 2018/19  
**FA Trophy runners-up** 2018/19  
**London Challenge Cup** 1912, 1972, 1973, 1993  
**Anglo-Scottish Cup runners-up** 1976/77

## WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE



**Not so long ago, this pairing was a National League fixture (with Fleet unbeaten in four of them!).**

Since then there has been an FA Cup clash in 2021/22 and a pre-season friendly but with Fleet's relegation last season, the gap between the clubs has grown another tier wider. It was almost a further level still as Orient just failed to reach the second tier for the first time since 1982 when losing narrowly at Wembley to Charlton Athletic in the League One promotion final.

For the Os, it's now a case of regrouping and pushing on in League One, and to that end they have already played Brentwood Town (5-0), Cypriot champions Pafos (losing 1-0) and Welling United – with ourselves, Spurs U21s, Watford and Waltham Abbey to follow before the end of a busy month.

The opposition are also sending a side to Barnet this afternoon so the makeup of today's team is likely to include a half and half measure of first-teamers and other squad members. One of the latest arrivals for Orient is Josh Koroma returning to the club, signed on Wednesday from Huddersfield Town after an earlier spell in E10 from 2016–19.

The Os have actually played on this pitch as many times as the Fleet this pre-season having met Welling here in midweek as a result of the Wings' pitch issues so it's a quick return to a stadium where they might never have beaten us... but certainly enjoyed their recent visit to the tune of 10-0!



# IN CHARGE *Richie Wellens*



The former midfielder's career spanned almost 700 appearances for the likes of Blackpool, Leicester City and Doncaster Rovers. His first managerial job was at Oldham Athletic in 2017/18 and he then took the reins at Swindon Town (where he won the League Two title) and Salford City, winning the EFL Trophy with them. He had a brief spell in charge at Doncaster Rovers before taking over at Orient in March 2022. He won a second League Two title in 2023 and then took the Os to the League One final.

## LAST LINEUP



## PRE-MATCH FORM : LAST FIVE GAMES

### EBBSFLEET UNITED

WEST HAM UNITED	JUL 15th	H	W 2-0
AVELEY	JUL 12th	A	D 0-0
PUNJAB UNITED	JUL 5th	A	L 3-4
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	MAY 5th	A	L 0-2
MAIDENHEAD UTD	APR 29th	H	L 0-2

### LEYTON ORIENT

WELLING UNITED	JUL 15th	A	W 10-0
PAFOS	JUL 11th	N	L 0-1
BRENTWOOD TOWN	JUL 5th	A	W 5-0
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	MAY 25th	N	L 0-1
STOCKPORT COUNTY	MAY 14th	A	D 1-1

## MATCH FACTS



All Games	6	2	2	2	7	6
Home Games	2	2	0	0	4	1
	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST

## ONE WE PLAYED EARLIER...

Fleet 2-1 Leyton Orient Nat. League | 11.11.2017

This was a convincing win for the Fleet against a lacklustre Leyton Orient team in the two clubs' first league meeting as the stadium's new main stand officially opened for business. In front of the TV cameras, Andy Drury converted Luke Coulson's cross after just six minutes. Kedwell added the Fleet's second and his 40th for the club with a header five minutes before the break. The home side should have wrapped it up in the second half as Orient mounted a late rally when James Dayton pulled one back but the Fleet held on to record a deserved triumph.



**Team:** Ashmore, Magri, Connors, Mambo, Clark, Rance, Drury, Cook, Coulson (Powell 87), Weston (Shields 86), Kedwell.  
**Subs not used:** McCoy, Miles, Bubb



## AZEEM ABDULAI

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Swansea City, January 2025

**Played for** Leicester City, Celtic

**Fact** Scottish U21 international who played 24 times in the Championship for Swansea.

He scored a hat-trick in only his second game for Leyton Orient earlier this year.



## TYREEQ BAKINSON

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Wycombe Wanderers, July 2025

**Played for** Charlton Athletic, Sheffield Wednesday, Ipswich Town, Bristol City

**Fact** New signing who arrived for a fee after the Os had tried to sign the highly technical player the previous summer.



## OMAR BECKLES

### DEFENDER

#### Signed from

Crewe Alexandra, June 2021

**Played for** Shrewsbury, Accrington, Aldershot, Histon, Boreham Wood, Millwall

**Fact** Currently the chairman of the PFA, Beckles was born in Leyton and represented Grenada at international level.



## HAYDEN BULLAS

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Ebbsfleet United, June 2023

**Played for** Dartford, Erith Town

**Fact** The former Fleet Academy player who turned out for us in the Kent Senior Cup in 2022/23 played a big part in Dartford's promotion push while on loan at Princes Park last season.



## KILLIAN CAHILL

### GOALKEEPER

#### Signed from

Brighton & HA, June 2025

**Played for** Bognor Regis Town, Shamrock Rovers

**Fact** A Republic of Ireland U21 who was also a regular feature in Brighton's youth sides. He has signed on a two-year contract this summer.



## DAN CARTER

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Orient Academy, July 2025

**Played for** Leyton Orient U18

**Fact** A second-year scholar in the Os academy, he is an integral part of the successful U18 side and has battled back from a toe injury to travel with the first-team squad.



## SEAN CLARE

### DEFENDER

#### Signed from

Wigan Athletic, July 2024

**Played for** Charlton Athletic, Oxford Utd, Hearts, Gillingham

**Fact** The full-back played in the Scottish Cup Final with Hearts in 2019 and has more than 300 appearances since breaking through at Sheffield Weds.



## AARON CONNOLLY

### FORWARD

#### Signed from

Millwall, July 2025

**Played for** Sunderland, Hull City, Middlesbrough, Brighton

**Fact** Capped nine times by the Republic of Ireland, the Galway-born striker has 45 Premier League games from his time with Brighton.



**BRANDON COOPER****DEFENDER****Signed from**

Forest Green, January 2024

**Played for** Swindon Town, Newport, Yeovil, Swansea City**Fact** Signed permanently following an earlier loan stay in 2023 with the Os, the 26-year-old centre-back is a former Welsh U21.**MICHAEL CRAIG****DEFENDER****Signed from**

Reading, July 2025

**Played for** Tottenham U21s**Fact** The right-back is a Scottish youth international born in Barnet. He has made 60 appearances for Reading in League One across the past two seasons.**RARMANI EDMONDS GREEN****DEFENDER****Signed from**

Charlton Ath., February 2025

**Played for** Rotherham Utd, Swindon Town, Bromley, Huddersfield Town**Fact** The Peckham-born defender has won promotion in both Leagues One and Two as well as the EFL Trophy in 2022.**ZAC HAMBURY****MIDFIELDER****Signed from**

Leyton Orient Academy

**Played for** Leyton Orient U18**Fact** Attacking wide midfielder or striker with lightning-fast pace. The 17-year-old has made appearances with the first-team in pre-season this summer and scored against Welling.**DAN HAPPE****DEFENDER****Signed from**

Leyton Orient Academy, 2017

**Played for** Histon**Fact** The towering central defender has been at Orient his entire career, having come through the youth setup. He made his debut in 2017 and has played 220 times for the Os.**DIALLANG JAIYESIMI****MIDFIELDER****Signed from**

Charlton Athletic, May 2024

**Played for** St Johnstone, AFC Wimbledon, Swindon, Grimsby**Fact** A 27-year-old who started out with Dulwich Hamlet. The adaptable winger or striker won the League Two title with Swindon in 2020.**TOM JAMES****DEFENDER****Signed from**

Hibernian, July 2021

**Played for** Salford City, Wigan Athletic, Yeovil Town**Fact** Former Welsh U19 full-back who made a comeback from a serious hamstring injury in 2022. He won League Two with Orient a year later.**JOSH KOROMA****FORWARD****Signed from**

Huddersfield Town, July 2025

**Played for** Portsmouth, Rotherham United**Fact** Sierra Leone international who played almost 100 games for the Os from 2016-19. He then scored 35 in 168 games for Huddersfield before return.





## DEMETRI MITCHELL

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Exeter City, June 2025

**Played for** Hibernian, Blackpool, Hearts

**Fact** Left-sided player who represented England at U16-U20 level after coming through the Manchester United ranks, playing one PL game in 2017.



## ZECH OBIERO

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Tottenham Hotspur, 2019

**Played for** Cheshunt, Chelmsford City

**Fact** Played against the Fleet on loan for Cheshunt in our title-winning season, the central midfielder is in the middle of a two-year deal at Orient.



## OLLIE O'NEILL

### MIDFIELDER

#### Signed from

Fulham, January 2024

**Played for** Derry City

**Fact** Republic of Ireland U21 winger born in West London who cost Orient a fee from Fulham, where he was the club's Scholar of the Year in 2021.



## SONNY PERKINS

### FORWARD

#### Signed from

Leeds United, January 2025

**Played for** Oxford United, West Ham United

**Fact** Former England youth international with 12 goals at that level, he signed on a season-long loan from Leeds, made permanent in January.



## NOAH PHILLIPS

### GOALKEEPER

#### Signed from

Leyton Orient Academy

**Played for** Waltham Abbey, Bishop's Stortford, Hornchurch

**Fact** The Academy goalkeeper was rewarded with his third-year scholarship for 2023/24, before signing his first pro deal with the club in summer of 2024.



## JACK SIMPSON

### DEFENDER

#### Signed from

Cardiff City, February 2024

**Played for** Rangers, AFC Totton, Bournemouth

**Fact** An SPL champion from his time in Glasgow with Rangers, he played alongside Fleet's Charlie Seaman in Bournemouth's academy.



## THE ONE TO WATCH

*Idris El Mizouni*

Returning to Orient from Oxford United this summer, the attacking midfielder was a member of the Os side that won the League Two title in 2023/24, on loan from Ipswich Town. He has also played for Cambridge United, Grimsby Town and is a full Tunisia international player.





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# COMBINED XI



THE **FLEET** | THE **OS**

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CHARLIE **MACDONALD**



BARRY **FRY**



JOHN **MARTIN**



OUSS **CISSE**



JOSH **WRIGHT**



IAN **HENDON**



PETER **CAREY**



ALEX **FORBES**



STAN **ALDOUS**



SACHA **OPINEL**



DAVID **GREGORY**



## **Players who have worn the red of the Fleet and the Os could easily fill another team... but here's one such XI**

### **GOALKEEPER**

#### **DAVID GREGORY**

Here for three months in 2020 until Covid hit, the former Bromley and Boreham Wood keeper was on loan at Leyton Orient in 2016 from Crystal Palace.

### **DEFENDERS**

#### **STAN ALDOUS**

A tough, old-school local defender, he made 109 appearances from 1948-50 (and a further two in 1967 when he was manager here). He was signed by Orient and was skipper there, playing more than 300 times across the next eight years.

#### **PETER CAREY**

A left-back who had four years at the Os in the late 1950s, he played 55 times for the Fleet from 1968-70 before retiring. He managed Barking and Tilbury.

#### **IAN HENDON**

Our former assistant manager under Garry Hill, Hendon could operate defensively and in midfield. The one-time Spurs youth was at Orient from 1993 to 1997 and also managed them in 2015/16.

#### **ALEX FORBES**

A player who was a wonder at Arsenal from 1948-56, playing 250 games and picking up 14 Scottish caps. A knee injury meant he was past his best when he signed for the Os in 1956 and he managed only seven games for the Fleet in 1958/59.

#### **SACHA OPINEL**

Our fiery FA Trophy-winning right-back who played 124 games here from 2006-09, the Frenchman played 11 times for Orient in 2001 and also for Crawley Town and Farnborough.

### **MIDFIELDERS**

#### **JOSH WRIGHT**

The Fleet gaffer, who signed here as a player in 2022, had three spells at Brisbane Road, first on loan from Millwall, then permanently in 2015 and again from 2019-21. He played more than 75 times for today's visitors.

#### **OUSS Cissé**

A one-season signing for the Fleet in 2023/24, the French midfielder and occasional defender was at Orient in 2020/21, playing almost 50 times.

#### **JOHN MARTIN**

A skilful midfielder who was best known for his time with Grays Athletic and Stevenage. He played for the Fleet on loan in 2009 before moving to Chelmsford. He began his career at Orient as a youth, going on to feature 100 times from 1998-2003.

### **FORWARDS**

#### **BARRY FRY**

A former Manchester United youngster whose spell at the Fleet lasted 19 games through the first half of the 1966/67 season. Either side of that, Fry – who became much more famous as a manager and director of football – had two spells with Leyton Orient before injuries took their toll on his career.

#### **CHARLIE MacDONALD**

Our top scorer from 2005-07, the exciting former Charlton Athletic forward rejuvenated his career at Stonebridge Road. His 42 goals for us was the springboard to a return to the League with Southend and then Brentford. He had half a season at Orient in 2013, scoring three times in 20 games.

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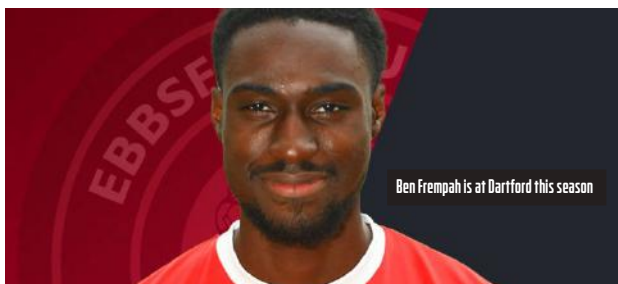
# NEWLY ARRIVED

## Who are the latest faces in the door for some of our upcoming opponents?

**THE BIG NEWS OF THE MOST** recent National South transfer business has to be Andy Carroll's arrival at Dagenham & Redbridge on a three-year contract after the club's recent Qatari investment – but he's not the only new name this week north of the river. The Daggers have also unveiled young Coventry City left-back Harvey Broad on a season-long loan, who was previously with Chatham Town.

Chippenham Town are first up at the Kuflink Stadium in the league and have just unveiled attacking midfielder Quevin Castro, the latest of seven new signings this summer. He most recently played for King's Lynn Town and York City, while he has also represented Notts County in the National League.

Chelmsford City, our second visitors of the season, have announced the arrival of winger Kai Corbett, who won an FA Trophy winner's medal with



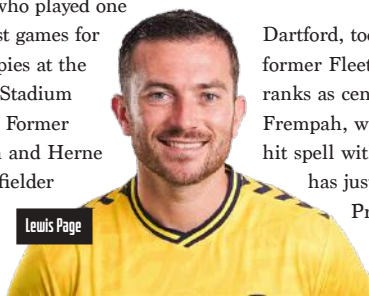
Ben Frempah is at Dartford this season

Aldershot Town last season, joining fellow ex-Shot Jack Barham in the new-look Clarets squad.

A visit to Hampton will close out our first month back in the South and Alan Julian's side currently are on 18 new signings! The most recognisable of those is former Maidenhead United skipper Alan Massey who played one of his last games for the Magpies at the Kuflink Stadium in April. Former Charlton and Herne Bay midfielder Eddie Allsop

is another new Beaver. Meanwhile, before the league season gets under way, we have two friendly visits to St Albans and Dartford. Clarence Park is the new home of three former Fleet players – Lewis Page, Michael Bostwick and one-game wonder Magnus Norman who played in goal for us in the FA Trophy last season.

Dartford, too, will have a former Fleet player in their ranks as centre-back Ben Frempah, who had an injury-hit spell with us in 2020/21, has just signed on at Princes Park.



Lewis Page





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PARKSIDE | FRIENDLY | ATTENDANCE: N/A



**AVELEY 0-0 EBBSFLEET UNITED**



**Fleet 1st half:** Bellagambi, Seaman, Coker, Nelson, Ehmer, Fielding, Edser, Chapman, Barnes, Appiah, Coley.

**Fleet 2nd half:** Cousins, Passley, Manktelow, Olagunju, Nelson (Uma 70), Hessenthaler, Kennedy, Peake, Moncur, Trialist A, Samuel





The first-team squad's first showing in front of supporters and they certainly started this pre-season match on the front foot with Charlie Seaman looking dangerous down the right flank. Ben Chapman had sight of goal from distance before the 10-minute mark but Aveley keeper Joe Wright forced that one wide.

Seaman swung a free-kick into the area following a foul from around the 35-yard mark and Kwesi Appiah arrived at the near post but he couldn't connect with the ball at close range. Max Ehmer joined in on the action as he looked to tee up Appiah but that effort went too high.

Aveley created their first chance of the match towards the closing stages of the half but Gio Bellagambi pulled off a save to keep his clean sheet intact.

The second-half saw a changed Fleet side with only Ronny Nelson remaining on the field. The visitors' first real chance of this period came on 67 minutes as Maxx Manktelow's long ball marginally missed the head of Dominic Samuel who was arriving in front of goal. The hosts looked more threatening in the second 45 minutes but there was nothing of any note to unnerve Mark Cousins between the sticks.







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**EBBFLEET UNITED 2-0 WEST HAM UNITED U21**



PEAKE 37', KENNEDY 56'

**Fleet:** Bellagambi, Seaman, Coker, Nelson, Olagunju, Manktelow, Kennedy, Peake, Moncur, Coley, Samuel  
**From 60mins:** Cousins, Uma, Ehmer, Fielding, Hessenthaler, Kennedy (Trialist 83), Chapman, Barnes, Edser, Cosgrave, Appiah







Chances began early for the Fleet who saw Lennon Peake, Maxx Manktelow and George Moncur hit efforts off target in quick succession. The young West Ham team went in search of an opener as Dan Rigge pulled the trigger from 25 yards out on a free-kick that skimmed across goal but it was the Fleet who hit the target when Manktelow steered a superb ball upfield into the path of Peake. The former young Hammer advanced down the flank with a quick run that gave him the space to get a shot past goalkeeper Mason Terry. Josh Ajala grazed the post at the other end and Gio Bellagambi did well with a dive to his right post to push away Sean Moore's effort.

In the second-half, a couple of dangerous corners delivered by Peake were an issue for the young Hammers – his first delivery was met by Manktelow and cleared off the line while the second on 57 minutes eventually fell into the path of Gene Kennedy who rifled his effort into the roof of the net to double the Fleet's lead. After a mass change on the hour mark, Aaron Cosgrave had a chance to add a third but had to watch his opportunity float just over the bar and a second chance went a similar way later on. West Ham came close to securing a consolation goal but Mark Cousins made a smart dive to his left to deny Josh Landers.



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# FIXTURES

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

 <b>BARNHAM &amp; REDBRIDGE</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 9 Aug</b>	 <b>CHIPPINGHAM TOWN</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 16 Aug</b>	 <b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Tue 19 Aug</b>	 <b>SLOUGH TOWN</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 23 Aug</b>	 <b>BATH CITY</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Mon 25 Aug</b>	 <b>HAMPTON &amp; RICHMOND</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 30 Aug</b>	 <b>HENLEY HEMPSTEAD Y.</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Tue 2 Sep</b>
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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

 <b>HORNCHURCH</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 6 Sep</b>	 <b>FA CUP 20</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Sat 13 Sep</b>	 <b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 20 Sep</b>	 <b>FA CUP 30</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Sat 27 Sep</b>	 <b>EASTBOURNE BOROUGH</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 4 Oct</b>	 <b>WESTON-SUPER-MARE</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 11 Oct</b>	 <b>BARKING WANDERERS</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 18 Oct</b>
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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

 <b>ENFIELD TOWN</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Tue 21 Oct</b>	 <b>SALISBURY</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 25 Oct</b>	 <b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 1 Nov</b>	 <b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Tue 4 Nov</b>	 <b>AFC TOTTON</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 8 Nov</b>	 <b>FA TROPHY R2</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Sat 15 Nov</b>	 <b>CHESHAM UNITED</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 22 Nov</b>
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NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

 <b>HORSHAM</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Tue 25 Nov</b>	 <b>FARNBOROUGH</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 29 Nov</b>	 <b>WORTHING</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Sat 6 Dec</b>	 <b>FA TROPHY R3</b> <b>TBC</b> <b>Sat 13 Dec</b>	 <b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Sat 20 Dec</b>	 <b>TONBRIDGE ANGELS</b> <b>HOME</b> <b>Fri 26 Dec</b>	 <b>DOVER ATHLETIC</b> <b>AWAY</b> <b>Tue 30 Dec</b>
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**HOME**  
Sat 24 Jan

**MAIDSTONE UNITED**  
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**MAIDENHEAD UNITED**  
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**SALISBURY**  
**AWAY**  
Sat 7 Feb

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Sat 21 Feb

**HORSHAM**  
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Tue 24 Feb

**FARNBOROUGH**  
**HOME**  
Sat 28 Feb

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**HOME**  
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**EASTBOURNE BOROUGH**  
**AWAY**  
Tue 10 Mar

MARCH

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**DORKING WANDERERS**  
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Sat 21 Mar

**SLOUGH TOWN**  
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Sat 28 Mar

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Mon 6 Apr

**HORNCHURCH**  
**AWAY**  
Sat 11 Apr

**HAMPTON & RICHMOND**  
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Sat 18 Apr

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## OTHER KEY DATES

**Sat 11 Oct** Emirates FA Cup Q4

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**Sat Dec 6** Emirates FA Cup R2

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# BARNES

**An in-depth look  
at the qualities of  
Fleet's new signing  
Finlay Barnes**

Two seasons ago, Finlay Barnes was signed by York City off the back of an impressive and prolific campaign with Southern League side Leiston – at the time, the [Off The Line Blog](#) published an in-depth analysis about the player who has since become one of Josh Wright's new arrivals at the Fleet.

Off The Line Blog kindly allowed us to reproduce part of their September 2023 player report for Fleet fans to savour ahead of this season's kick-off. So without further ado...

At Leiston, Finlay Barnes rubber-stamped his reputation as one of the brightest attacking midfielders in the non-league scene with 11 goals to his name. In total during his time at Leiston, he was able to maintain a record of around one goal in three as a wide player, scoring 35 goals in 117 games in all competitions.

At the time, the former Canary was well placed to spread his wings and fly high in the EFL in the future.

## PLAYING STYLE

One key part of Finlay Barnes' game is his output, which is unusually high for a largely

wide midfielder. His ratio of almost one goal in three for Leiston was exemplary by every metric. We saw glimpses of his end product early in 2023/24 when he scored twice on debut for Darlington.

His first goal in that game provided a real microcosm into the strengths of his game. The position he picks up ([see video here](#)) is indicative of where he is at his most dangerous, starting off on the left (shirt number 17) with freedom to drift inside and pick up more central areas. The finish speaks volumes of his composure in front of goal. He slows down his run ahead of the loose ball, and instead of lashing



at it he caresses the ball into the top left-hand corner of the net with real precision and placement.

The finish is of particular impression, given that he is naturally left-footed and the quality shown on his weaker foot; this encapsulates his competency off either foot.

The second goal from 1:15 ([click here](#)) shows the intelligence of his game, notably the deft touch to nurse the ball into the corner rather than swinging his head at it; that appreciation for the composure in the finish is notable.

The striking thing which I am a particular fan of is his desire to get into the final third and make things happen. It was evident in the clip above, where he is on the move and following the long-ball into the box, such that he is alert to the loose ball.

We can see further evidence of that as Barnes scored for Leiston (at 4:14 in [this clip](#)) against Aldershot Town. His awareness to react to the loose ball and follow in the shot from his teammate fashions a golden chance for him to tap into an empty net and he gets himself a goal. It is no surprise he scores as many goals as he does when he displays such burning desire to do so.

Another strength of Barnes' game is his composure with the ball and in particular his wand of a left foot.

That is evident within the opening minutes of the [clip here](#), especially at about 2:00 where he receives the ball and is quick to turn and recycle it out through the other side of midfield. At the start of this clip, we see Barnes playing slightly more centrally than he did at Leiston. The speed of his footwork and passing is impressive, with

his decision-making and pass selection indicative of a player understanding of when to keep it shorter, and when to play the more expansive passes. The best example of this is [at 9:14 onwards](#), where to begin with he plays a neat one-two to work it out of his feet into space, before going longer into the front man.

The speed and intricacy in his play is further emphasised [between 2:51 and 3:04](#): first the quick thinking to shimmy away from his opponent and move the ball into space before drawing the foul; secondly the alertness to take a quick free-kick by working it wide to a teammate. This is again [seen at 4:17](#); very rarely are we seeing Barnes take longer than a couple of seconds on the ball to bring it under control and move it on, often in a one-touch fashion.

Further evidence of his composure in the finish is seen [from 4:40](#), whereby he shows a calm and composed manner to bring the ball under control in a crowded penalty area before picking out the corner rather than simply lashing it at goal. Again, this appreciation for shot placement is key.

At Leiston, we saw Barnes play in a slightly wider role off the left. In interviews, he has highlighted a strength of

his own game as wanting to be a direct player that drives at the opposition, and this is [seen at 4:49](#) where he shows the speed of thought to intercept a loose ball and then drive forward through the lines at the opposition. His migration into a wider role at Leiston allows him slightly greater time and

space on the ball, allowing his technical quality to flourish.

Often during his time at Leiston, Barnes picked up clever pockets of space in between



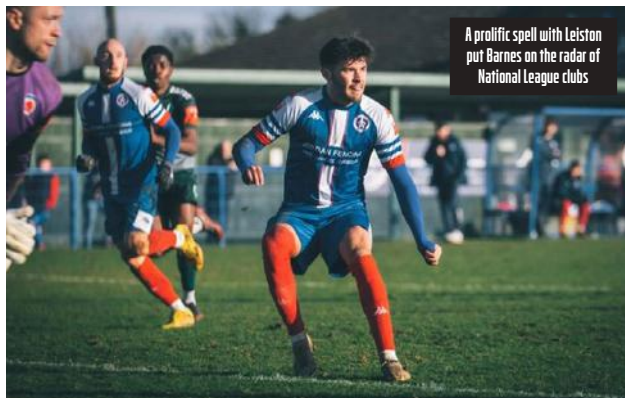
At 16 with Norwich City!

opposition full-backs and centre-backs; this is [shown at 6:11](#).

Barnes makes an intelligent run off the back of the full-back, drifting in off the wide flank. This is where he caused a lot of problems for Leiston, coming inside and then getting shots off.

West Brom scout Aaron Henworth watched Barnes extensively during his time at Leiston prior to his move to York City and this is what he had to say about the talented attacker.

“Brilliant player. Haven’t seen



A prolific spell with Leiston put Barnes on the radar of National League clubs

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much of him at Darlo but was the best player at Step 3 while at Leiston. He's deceptively strong, holds the ball up well considering his size (around 5ft 10in). Athletic and quick. Fantastic stamina, better than the vast majority of full-time National League players. A super fit lad.

"Brilliant workrate, presses from the front yet supports with recovery runs to help his full-back out. Closes distance quickly. Technical ability is outstanding. Flawless first touch. Threatening cross. Powerful shot when cutting in off the right.

"Fun to watch his dribbling, he's a confident, direct winger



who loves to isolate a full-back. Best as an inside forward on the right but his level of fitness and ball carrying mean he'll probably grow into a more rounded central midfield role as he gets older."

### CONCLUSION

After sealing a move to York City in summer 2023, there were high hopes that Barnes

would take the National League by storm. While we had not seen it as of September 2023, I stand by my view that in time he will be a success.

Barnes was at Step 1 with York and before that Step 3 with Leiston and earlier at Step 5 with Norwich United. He was still very new to life in first-team football in many ways. Give him game time to find the right opportunity to integrate him into the first-team, and he will flourish.

Technically he has all the attributes you would want from a midfielder, and has demonstrated accelerated progression after his exit from Norwich City.

■ Off The Line Blog showcases the best of the EFL and Non-League at [offtheline599656488.wordpress.com](https://offtheline599656488.wordpress.com) With thanks to Joe Pope for this article.

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# THE TRAGEDY OF THIRD LANARK

## The demise of the long-lost Glasgow club

Glasgow has always been a hotbed of footballing talent. In Queens Park, the city had almost certainly the best team in the world for much of the 19th century, followed by the giants of Rangers and, belatedly by the standards of Glaswegian football, Celtic. But a fourth club had multiple false starts in joining them, winning trophies and entertaining crowds of thousands before the Second World War, and pushing the big boys close for a couple of decades

after it. But in the end, for Third Lanark, ambition and mismanagement would lead to their vanishing altogether.

The 'Hi-Hi' were formed out of the Third Lanarkshire Volunteer Rifle Regiment, and in 1872 became Glasgow's third team, just nine months after the formation of Rangers and 15 years before Celtic. They joined the Scottish Cup and soon reached the final, which they lost to Queens Park in a replay.

Two years later they lost the final again, to Vale of Leven. It took 11 more years for the Thirds to find success, finally winning against Celtic in 1889. It was their first silverware, and they looked to grow. 1890 saw the formation of the Scottish Football League, and Third Lanark were founder members. In 1903 they moved to a purpose-built stadium at Cathkin Park, and in 1904 won their first league title. Sadly, it would also be their last. They lost momentum,

and six players, to the First World War and began to yo-yo between the divisions in the 1920s and 1930s. They reached the Scottish Cup final again, before war once more upset any momentum they were building.

At the end of that conflict, the Thirds once more aimed for glory. This time, they flew too close to the sun. The 1950s foreshadowed what was to come, with director Bill Hiddleston forced to resign for transfer irregularities. Things looked good for a time, but like a bad penny, Hiddlestone would return.

With attacking flair (but not so much defensive stability), they had a title charge in 1961, but their leaky backline started to cost them. Not that it stopped fans flocking to Cathkin Park. Games were frequent golfests, and manager George Young wanted the board to make the club fully professional, and high attendances were one way to make that look like viable. The Hi-Hi were secure in third going into the final game of the season, and sitting on 94 goals. They knew the drill against Hibs, and duly scored six to reach an historic century of goals, although 80 conceded somewhat undermined their prowess.

The following season was supposed to herald a new dawn, but instead it saw a disastrous slip backwards. Before the season started, disgraced director Hiddleston suddenly announced he had bought a majority share of the club. George Young resigned instantly. Chairman William McLean followed soon after. 'Good luck to the Thirds,' he said, 'and God help them'.

Hiddleston took asset stripping to new levels. The sale of the club's best players was nothing new – they had survived by player trading – but when no new talent was brought in, it raised alarm bells. The manager's office became a revolving door. Improvements to the pitch and ground were cancelled, but the Thirds held steady in the bottom half of the table over the next three years. But the cost-cutting had only just begun.

When the electricity went off, it was the beginning of the end. Visiting teams would bring their own soap as Hiddleston tried to save money by not providing it, and when

John Kinnaid – who coincidentally would score the last ever goal at Cathkin Park

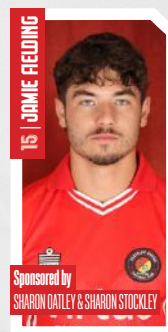
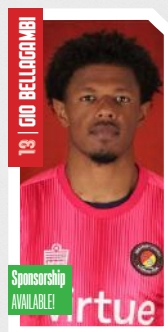
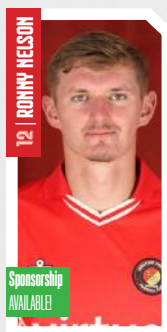
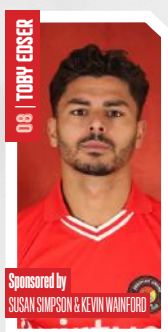
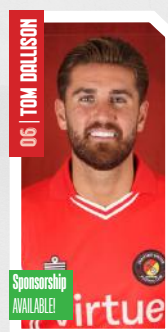
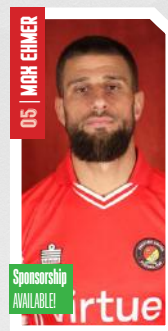
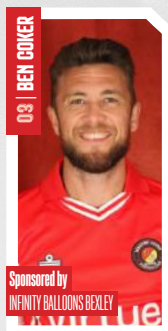
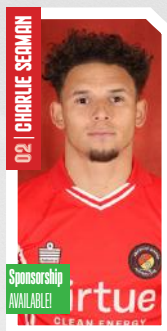
– broke his arm, the owner impressed upon him that the doctor shouldn't cut his shirt off, as the club didn't have any more. Fans entered raffles with prizes that mysteriously disappeared. Players' wage packets were filled with coins taken directly from the turnstiles. He even had the balls whitewashed to hide their age and damage.

When Glasgow council blocked the sale of Cathkin Park to property developers, Hiddleston's ultimate plan fell apart. A Board of Trade investigation discovered that club funds had been used to build his driveway. Some players bought out their own contracts, and others arranged their own moves away to ensure the signing bonuses went directly to them. In 1966 the club were relegated, and in 1968 it was all over. What players remained were handed envelopes of cash, and informed the club was no more.

While some of the board were investigated, Hiddleston escaped punishment. Before he could be questioned, he suffered a heart attack in a Blackpool hotel room. But the reasons, for fans of the Thirds, were clear. When his property development plan failed, he simply destroyed the club. It was a sad end.



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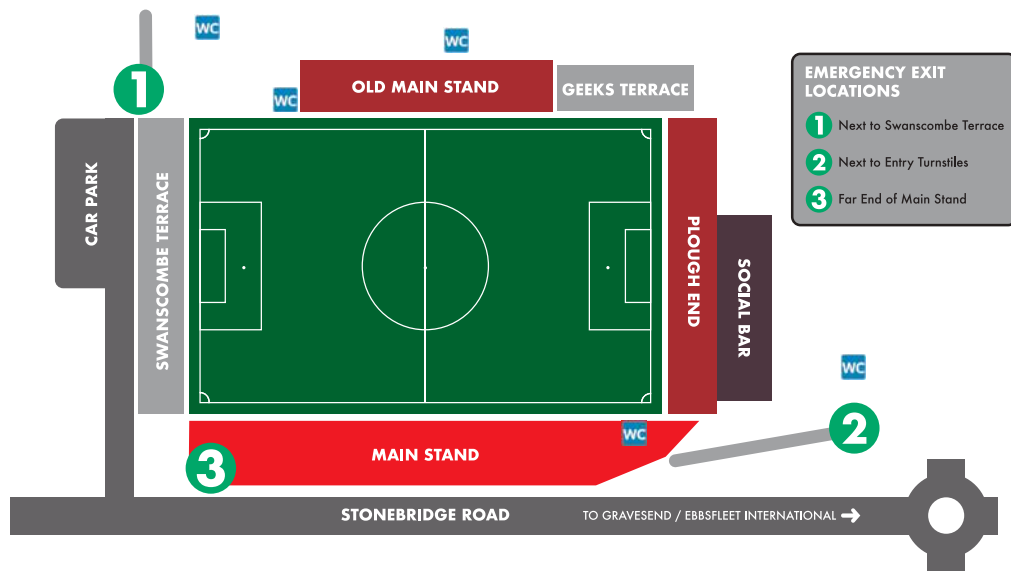
MARCH

MAY / APRIL

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	VENUE, ATTENDANCE	REFEREE	SQUAD
SAT 10	GATESHEAD	1-5	International Stadium / 1,242	M.McQuillan	Cousins O'Neill Page Cordern John Wright
SAT 17	BARNET	1-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,636	S.Copeland	Cousins O'Neill Page Cordern Phillips Wright
TUE 20	YEOVIL TOWN	2-3	Huish Park / 3,295	G.Rollason	Cousins O'Neill Page Dallison John Wright
SAT 24	WOKING	0-3	Kuflink Stadium / 1,575	A.Farmer	Cousins O'Neill Page Cordern Dallison Domi
MON 26	BRAINTREE TOWN	0-0	Cressing Road / 1,313	L.Impey	Cousins Phillips Page Cordern Dallison Wright
SAT 31	FC HALIFAX TOWN	0-1	Kuflink Stadium / 1,379	S.Morland	Cousins Phillips Page Cordern Dallison Wright
SAT 07	ALTRINGHAM	0-4	Moss Lane / 2,074	J.Westgate	Cousins Phillips Page Cordern Dallison Wright
TUE 10	ALDERSHOT TOWN	0-0	Kuflink Stadium / 1,175	F.Hallam	Cousins O'Neill Page Olagunju Dallison Domi
SAT 14	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	1-0	Kuflink Stadium / 1,424	O.Mackey	Cousins Chapman Page Olagunju Dallison Wright
SAT 21	SUTTON UNITED	2-3	Gander Green Lane / 3,131	R.Eley	Cousins Chapman Page Olagunju Dallison Wright
TUE 24	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	1-2	York Road / 1,006	E.Swallow	Cousins Chapman Domi Olagunju Dallison Wright
SAT 28	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,589	A.Farmer	Cousins John Page Olagunju Dallison Wright
TUE 01	WEST BROM U21 NLC	2-2	Kuflink Stadium / 213 (5-4 on PENS)	A.Byrne	Berry Phillips Anthony Olagunju Chapman Lawson
SAT 05	ROCHDALE	2-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,452	W.Cartmel	Cousins Kane Cundle John Dallison Wright
TUE 08	GILLINGHAM KSC R2	3-1	Kuflink Stadium / 410	N.Dunn	Berry Wakely Omole Olagunju Anthony Ondo
SAT 12	MAIDSTONE UTD / FRIC A4	0-3	Gallagher Stadium / 2,910	F.Hallam	Cousins Kane Domi John Dallison Wright
SAT 19	YORK CITY	0-4	LNER Community Stadium / 5,716	J.Bancroft	Cousins Kane Square John Stewart Wright
TUE 22	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	1-3	The New Lawn / 1,311	W.Davis	Cousins Stewart Square John Dallison Wright
SAT 26	WEALDSTONE	2-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,498	R.Martin	Cousins Stewart Square Domi Dallison Wright
TUE 29	TOTTENHAM U21 NLC	1-1	Kuflink Stadium / 865 (4-5 on PENS)	E.Swallow	Berry Wakely Cordern Domi Dallison Lawson
SAT 09	TAMWORTH	1-1	The Lamb Ground / 1,141	B.Wyatt	Cousins Kane Chapman Cordern Stewart Wright
SAT 16	SOLIHULL MOORS	0-6	Kuflink Stadium / 1,664	P.Johnson	Cousins Kane Chapman Cordern Stewart Wright
WED 27	EASTLEIGH	0-1	Kuflink Stadium / 1,023	A.Farmer	Cousins O'Neill Chapman Cordern Stewart Wright
SAT 30	BOSTON UNITED	0-0	Kuflink Stadium / 1,563	B.Atkinson	Cousins O'Neill Chapman Wakely Stewart Wright
SAT 07	SUTTON UNITED / FOT R3	3-3	Gander Green Lane / 955 (2-4 on PENS)	G.Rhodes	Norman Stewart Square Cordern John Kane
TUE 10	AFC FYLDE	2	Mill Farm / 963	P.Cooper	Berry Stewart Square Cordern Davies Wright
SAT 14	BARNET	1-4	The Hive / 1,583	O.Mackey	Cousins Dallison Square Cordern John Kane
SAT 21	GATESHEAD	1-4	Kuflink Stadium / 1,275	A.Humphries	Cousins O'Neill Page Cordern Dallison Domi
TUE 26	SOUTHDEN UNITED	0-4	Roots Hall / 8,423	A.Dale	Cousins O'Neill Page Cordern Dallison Kane
WED 01	DAGENHAM & RED.	0-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,995	K.Dowle	Cousins O'Neill Kane Cordern Olagunju Domi
TUE 07	WEST HAM U21 NLC	1-2	Kuflink Stadium / 508	J.Oldham	Goddard Chapman Kane Dallison Olagunju Davies
SAT 11	BOSTON UNITED	2-2	Jokemens Stadium / 1,909	C.Walchester	Cousins O'Neill Kane Dallison Olagunju Domi
TUE 14	YEOVIL TOWN	1-1	Kuflink Stadium / 1,125	R. Moss-Ellis	Cousins Chapman Kane Dallison Olagunju Cordern
SAT 18	WOKING	1-1	Kingfield / 2,048	R.Martin	Cousins O'Neill Chapman Dallison Stewart Domi
TUE 21	NOTT'AM FOREST U21 NLC	1-1	Kuflink Stadium / 215 (2-1 on PENS)	S.Parkinson	Firth Domi Lankshear Wakely Olagunju Manktelow
SAT 25	BRAINTREE TOWN	0-1	Kuflink Stadium / 1,385	D.Baines	Cousins O'Neill Stewart Dallison Olagunju Chapman
SAT 01	FC HALIFAX TOWN	0-2	The Shay / 1,465	S.Morland	Cousins O'Neill Stewart Dallison Olagunju Lankshear
SAT 08	ROCHDALE	0-0	Crown Oil Arena / 2,134	W.Cartmel	Cousins Passley Stewart Dallison Olagunju Lankshear
WED 12	BROMLEY KSC QUARTER FINAL	1-1	Kuflink Stadium / 244 (4-2 on PENS)	J.Williams	Firth Chapman Stewart Manktelow Ky. Thomas Carr
SAT 15	YORK CITY	0-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,745	A.Dale	Covalan Passley Stewart Dallison Olagunju Lankshear
TUE 18	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	0-0	Kuflink Stadium / 1,057	A.Farmer	Cousins Passley Stewart Dallison Olagunju Lankshear
SAT 22	WEALDSTONE	2-4	Grosvenor Vale / 1,401	D. Baines	Cousins Passley Stewart Dallison Olagunju Lankshear
SAT 01	TAMWORTH	2-3	Kuflink Stadium / 1,322	C.Walchester	Cousins Passley Stewart Dallison Domi Lankshear
TUE 04	EASTLEIGH	0-2	Silverlake Stadium / 2,090	S.Mulhall	Cousins Passley Stewart Dallison Chapman Lankshear
SAT 08	SOLIHULL MOORS	1-2	ARMCO Arena / 848	A.Jackson	Cousins Lankshear Page Dallison Olagunju Chapman
SAT 15	AFC FYLDE	1-0	Kuflink Stadium / 1,215	I.Searle	Cousins O'Neill Page Chapman Olagunju Lankshear
TUE 18	TONBRIDGE KSC SEMI FINAL	1-0	Kuflink Stadium / 501	B.McDonald	Goddard Manktelow Anthony Cordern Olagunju Ky. Thomas
SAT 22	ALDERSHOT TOWN	3-3	EBB Stadium / 2,685	W.Davis	Cousins O'Neill Manktelow Passley Olagunju Chapman
SAT 29	ALTRINGHAM	2-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,173	N.Smith	Cousins O'Neill Manktelow Stewart Olagunju Chapman
WED 02	WELLING UNITED KSC FINAL	0-1	Priestfield Stadium / 1,132	J.Dann-Pye	Goddard O'Neill Cordern Olagunju Chapman Aoraha
SAT 05	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	2-3	Prestige Group Stadium / 4,156	J.Mulligan	Cousins O'Neill Manktelow Olagunju Chapman Aoraha
SAT 12	SUTTON UNITED	4-1	Kuflink Stadium / 1,295	D.Brown	Cousins O'Neill Manktelow Olagunju Chapman Passley
FRI 18	DAGENHAM & RED.	0-1	Chigwell Construction St. / 1,747	A.Quech	Cousins Lankshear Manktelow Olagunju Chapman Passley
MON 21	SOUTHDEN UNITED	0-4	Kuflink Stadium / 2,125	P.Johnson	Cousins Lankshear Manktelow Olagunju Chapman Aoraha
SAT 26	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	0-2	Kuflink Stadium / 1,312	A.Humphries	Cousins O'Neill Lankshear Olagunju Chapman Bolger
MON 05	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	0-2	Boundary Park / 7,493	R.Aspinall	Goddard O'Neill Lankshear Olagunju Chapman Manktelow

FLEET					<div>KEY</div> <div> <div>Yellow Card</div> <div>Red Card</div> </div>	<div>First Sub</div> <div>Second Sub</div> <div>Third Sub</div>	<div>Fourth Sub</div> <div>Fifth Sub</div>	<div>HOME FIXTURES IN RED</div> <div>AWAY FIXTURES IN BLUE</div>
					SUBSTITUTES			
Kellermann	Chapman	Edser	Samuel	Poleon	Thomas, Dallison, Fonguck, Phillips, Tanner	I Cundle, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Domi	Samuel	Thomas	Poleon, Edser, Fonguck, Tanner, John	I Cundle, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Fonguck	Tanner	Thomas	Samuel, Poleon, Edser, Domi, Cundle	I Cordner, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Edser	Samuel	Poleon	Wright, Tanga, Tanner, Cundle	I Fonguck, Phillips, Berry		
Kellermann	Fonguck	Cundle	Tanga	Samuel	Poleon, Edser, Domi	I O'Neill, Chapman, Tanner, Berry		
Kellermann	Fonguck	Cundle	Dallison	Poleon	Edser, Ondo, Domi, Chapman, Tanner	I O'Neill, Berry		
Randall	Chapman	Edser	Bingham	Poleon	Domi, Fonguck, Kellermann, Thomas, O'Neill	I Olagunju, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Edser	Bingham	Poleon	Fonguck, Randall, Tanner, Cordner	I Cundle, Tanga, Berry		
Fonguck	Domi	Edser	Randall	Bingham	Cundle, Tanga, John	I Cordner, Phillips, Tanner, Berry		
Fonguck	Domi	Tanner	Randall	Bingham	Poleon, Lawson, John, Tanga	I Cundle, Ondo, Berry		
Fonguck	Lawson	Tanner	Bingham	Poleon	Cundle, Randall	I Page, John, Tanga, Anthony, Berry		
Fonguck	Chapman	Lawson	Domi	Poleon	Cundle, Tanner, Tanga, Randall	I Ondo, Phillips, Berry		
Domi	Ondo	Tanner	Randall	Tanga	Cundle, Kane, Thomas, Wright, Dallison	I John, Firth		
Domi	Chapman	Tanner	Tanga	Poleon	Lawson, Bingham, Randall, Wakely	I Olagunju, Anthony, Berry		
Fonguck	Lawson	Tanner	Randall	Cundle	Tanga, P, Manktelow, Domi, Dallison	I Firth		
Kellermann	Chapman	Tanner	Tanga	Bingham	Stewart, Fonguck, Thomas, Lawson	I Cundle, Olagunju, Berry		
Kellermann	Fonguck	Tanner	Domi	Thomas	Cosgrave, Bingham, Poleon, Lawson, Chapman	I Wakely, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Tanner	Cosgrave	Poleon	Cundle, Fonguck, Domi, Thomas	I Bingham, Wakely, Berry		
Chapman	Fonguck	Bingham	Cosgrave	Poleon	Thomas, Tanner, Tanga, Lawson	I John, Wakely, Berry		
Kellermann	Chapman	Tanner	Thomas	Poleon	Fonguck, Tanga, Olagunju, Manktelow, John, Cundle	I Firth		
Kellermann	Domi	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Tanner, Wakely	I Bingham, Fonguck, Poleon, Souaré, Berry		
Kellermann	Tanga	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Davies, Fonguck, Tanner, Wakely	I John, Dallison, Berry		
Domi	Tanga	Edser	Cosgrave	Bingham	Dallison, Kane, Poleon, Manktelow	I Fonguck, Wakely, Berry		
Kane	Tanga	Edser	Cosgrave	Bingham	Souare, Manktelow, Domi, Poleon, Fonguck	I Dallison, Berry		
Domi	Manktelow	Edser	Cosgrave	Bingham	Harriott, Dallison	I Wright, Tanga, Firth		
Aoraha	Harriott	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Manktelow, Tanga, Ky, Thomas, Domi, Bingham	I Wakely, Berry		
Aoraha	Davies	Edser	Harriott	Thomas	Poleon, Cosgrave, Domi, Bingham, Manktelow	I Tanga, Berry		
Aoraha	Davies	Tanner	Bingham	Poleon	Souare, Cosgrave, Manktelow, Thomas, Tanga	I Anthony, Berry		
Aoraha	Harriott	Edser	Cosgrave	Poleon	Souare, Manktelow, Thomas, Tanga, Domi	I Tanner, Berry		
Edser	Davies	Bingham	Cosgrave	Poleon	Tanga, Manktelow, Aoraha, Thomas	I Chapman, Tanner, Berry		
Aoraha	Moncur	Bingham	Samuel	Poleon	Domi, Odokonyero, John, Manktelow, Wakely	I Anthony, Firth		
Edser	Moncur	Harriott	Cosgrave	Thomas	Aoraha, Samuel, Bingham, Manktelow	I Odokonyero, Stewart, Goddard		
Aoraha	Moncur	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Davies, Stewart, Samuel, Manktelow, Bingham	I Odokonyero, Goddard		
Aoraha	Moncur	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Samuel, Manktelow	I Bingham, Odokonyero, Carr, Lankshear, Goddard		
Aoraha	Tanga	Bingham	Samuel	Odokonyero	Stewart, Tanner, Chapman, Moncur, Thomas	I Edser, Cousins		
Aoraha	Moncur	Edser	Cosgrave	Thomas	Lankshear, Manktelow, Tanga, Samuel	I Carr, Odokonyero, Firth		
Aoraha	Moncur	Edser	Samuel	Thomas	Domi, Odokonyero, Tanga, Manktelow	I John, Carr, Firth		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Cosgrave	Chapman, Thomas, Manktelow	I Bingham, Samuel, Aoraha, Firth		
Aoraha	Tanga	Bingham	Samuel	Odokonyero	Olagunju, Domi, Thomas, Cosgrave	I Bolger		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Cosgrave	Chapman, Thomas, Manktelow, Samuel, Bingham	I Aoraha, Firth		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Bingham	Thomas	Domi, Cosgrave, Chapman	I Samuel, Manktelow, Aoraha, Covolan		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Cosgrave	Chapman, Carr, Samuel, Thomas, Manktelow	I Bingham, Firth		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Samuel	Cosgrave	Harriott, Thomas, Manktelow, Chapman, Bingham	I Page, Carr		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Samuel	Thomas, Page, Cosgrave, Carr, Bingham	I Manktelow, Harriott		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Cosgrave	Samuel	Thomas, P, Aoraha, Domi, Manktelow, Bingham	I Stewart, Firth		
Bolger	Aoraha	Moncur	Domi	Cosgrave	Passley, Bingham, Thomas, Manktelow	I Poleon, Carr, Firth		
Carr	Aoraha	Bingham	Poleon	Thomas	Edser, Chapman, Domi, Cosgrave	I O'Neill		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Cosgrave	Anthony, Thomas, Poleon, Carr	I Bingham, Aoraha, Goddard		
Bolger	Moncur	Edser	Domi	Cosgrave	Cundle, Bingham, Poleon, Carr	I Anthony, Aoraha, Goddard		
Carr	Moncur	Cundle	Bingham	Poleon	Manktelow, Domi, Bolger, Cosgrave, Anthony			
Carr	Bolger	Edser	Moncur	Cosgrave	Harriott, Passley	I Wright, Anthony, Goddard		
Carr	Bolger	Edser	Moncur	Cosgrave	Aoraha, Harriott	I Poleon, Aoraha, Goddard		
Carr	Bolger	Edser	Moncur	Cosgrave	Poleon, Aoraha, Harriott	I Tanga, Anthony, Goddard		
Carr	Bolger	Edser	Moncur	Cosgrave	Poleon, Harriott	I Wright, Tanga, Anthony, Goddard		
Carr	Edser	Moncur	Poleon	Cosgrave	Tanga, Harriott, Manktelow	I Wright, Anthony, Aoraha, Goddard		
Carr	Bolger	Edser	Moncur	Cosgrave	Poleon	I Wright, Tanga, Ky, Thomas, Anthony, Cousins		

# THE KUFINK STADIUM EMERGENCY EXITS



## TODAY'S REFEREE: HARRY WAGER

A Kent FA referee from Tunbridge Wells who was here last pre-season as the referee against Cambridge United and at Tonbridge Angels last summer as well. He was also fourth official in our league match v FC Halifax Town in 2023/24, refereed our 6-2 win over Hampton in February 2023 and a Kent Senior Cup win over Dartford that same month. He was promoted to Level 1 in January 2025, enabling him to officiate National League and EFL Leagues One and Two. He was also in the middle for Gillingham's friendly v Reading last Saturday.

### Quiz answers from page 3

1. Josh Gould; 2. The 1920s (specifically 1929, losing 2-0); 3. 2016; 4. Corey Whitely; 5. Garry Aldous; 6. Ebou Adams; 7. Steve Davis; 8. 1962/63 (our first ever relegation and record FA Cup run)

## OUR NEXT MATCH



**SATURDAY JULY 19 - HOME  
GILLINGHAM - 1.00PM**

Last season's Kent Senior Cup meeting between the clubs was the first since a 2018 pre-season clash, with the Fleet winning 3-1 last November. The Gills recovered from a torrid mid-season period under new manager Gareth Ainsworth



towards the end of 2024/25 and go into this campaign with renewed optimism. They have retained a lot of their squad and added a couple more, with a 1-0 win at Dover coupled with a 0-0 draw against Reading. They face Luton Town at home this Saturday.





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8	TOBY EDSE
9	AARON COSGRAVE
10	KWESI APPIAH
11	GEORGE MONCUR
12	RONNY NELSON
13	GIO BELLAGAMBI
14	DOMINIC SAMUEL
15	JAMIE FIELDING
16	FRANKLIN DOMI
17	LENNON PEAKE
18	GENE KENNEDY
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20	MAXX MANKTELOW
21	JOSH GOLEY
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23	ELIJAH ANTHONY
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