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# PEACOCKS



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### CUP HONOURS

#### FA VASE

Winners 2000-01

#### SOMERSET PREMIER CUP

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2014-15, 2016-17

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The Gaffer

# ROB DRAY

Welcome to the Cygnet Health Care Stadium for our Vanarama National League South games as we host Champions elect and runaway league leaders Ebbsfleet United and Concord Rangers over the next few days.

Our quest for National League South football next season continues and the boys have done a great job recently picking up 6 points from a possible 9 that has given us an even better chance of reaching our pre-season goal.

We know the next two games here at home are going to be very difficult with Ebbsfleet flying high at the top of the league and Concord at the other end of the table fighting for as many points as they possibly can. So we will be prepared as always and go into both of these games looking to put more points in the bank.

The games continue to come at us as we are still playing catch up, we are trying to utilise the full squad wherever possible to avoid any long term injuries, so every single player for us now is vitally important.

Keep doing what you have all season and really get behind the boys for these two big games, we need you on the terraces to play your part too.

Enjoy the game and.....UP THE PEACOCKS!

Rob

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## The Away End

# EBBSFLEET UNITED

Ebbsfleet United Football Club was born as Gravesend & Northfleet, a merger of two existing neighbouring clubs – Gravesend United and Northfleet United. Both had been playing football in the area since the 1890s, with Northfleet in particular notable as a Tottenham nursery side in the 1930s.

The newly merged club formed in April 1946, moving into Northfleet's superior facilities at their Stonebridge Road ground, with most of the directors coming from Gravesend United. The Fleet played their first ever game on 31 August 1946, against Hereford United, and ran out 3-0 winners in front of over 5,000 fans.

Despite lofty ambitions and full-time investment, the Fleet teams of the Forties and early Fifties yielded only two Kent Senior Cups and it was not until 1957-58 that the club tasted league success, with manager Lionel Smith's star-studded and attacking side claiming the Southern League title and scoring 135 league and cup goals along the way.

But the success did not last, and financial concerns meant that the Sixties were a torrid time for Fleet fans. Nevertheless, during this period the club enjoyed their best ever FA Cup run when they reached a Fourth Round replay at Sunderland, setting an existing record of five months as the longest cup run of any team in the long history of the competition.

Relegation and promotion seasons came and went, notably in 1967 when the entire Board resigned en masse, leaving the club with nothing but a ground and considerable debts. Things picked up after Tony Sitford's appointment as manager in 1974, and the Fleet duly won the Southern Division title in 1974-75.

Despite a hoped-for Premier Division title challenge over the next few years, consolidation instead followed. A brief title challenge was mounted in 1976-77, but the Fleet did take home the Southern League Cup that season, following victory over Weymouth in the final.

Fleet's decent showing over the next two seasons meant they qualified as founder members of the newly created Alliance Premier League (later Conference) in 1979-80, finishing an excellent fifth in its inaugural season.

But the Eighties spelled more hard times for the club and relegation followed in 1981, and a further relegation to the Southern Division in 1985-86 meant Fleet were back in the doldrums of non-league football. Having almost gone to the wall as financial problems beleaguered the club, a group of directors under new chairman Lionel Ball rescued the Fleet and were rewarded with a promotion back to the Premier Division in 1988-89 and a best-ever FA Trophy run, with two Conference scalps claimed along the way.

Following relegation once again in the early Nineties, the Fleet won the Southern Division by a country mile in 1993-94, with hot-shot goalscorer Steve Portway netting goals for fun.

Another cup run followed in 1995-96, Fleet playing 10 games to reach Round 3 and lose out 3-0 to Aston Villa at Villa Park.

In May 1997, the club transferred to the Ryman Premier Division in an effort to cut travelling distances and reduce costs, and after a few seasons in mid-table, came from nowhere

Under manager Andy Ford to land the Ryman League Championship in 2001-02, following a nervous and titanic struggle with Canvey Island, which saw the two meet at Stonebridge Road in April 2002 in front of an official 4,068 (but probably more like 6,000) fans.

Back in the top-flight of non-league football, the Fleet had a few narrow brushes with relegation, with Andy Ford stepping down in January 2005. New manager Liam Daish oversaw a move to full-time football and made slow but steady progress. 2007 was the year it all changed for the Fleet. First, in May, 61 years after the formation of Gravesend & Northfleet, the club announced a change of name to Ebbsfleet United to take advantage of the massive regeneration of their locality. Then in November 2007, it was announced that the club was to be taken over by internet venture MyFootballClub.co.uk, a revolutionary idea involving paid members owning the club, voting on decisions and picking the team, a deal that was ratified in February 2008.

On the footballing side of things, the Fleet enjoyed their most memorable moment in more than six decades, clinching victory in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium, a 1-0 win over Torquay United in front of 40,186 proving enough to take home the silverware.

With hopes high for 2008-09 and the club's highest-ever playing budget voted on by MyFC members, the eventual league position of 14th was disappointing while defence of the FA Trophy fell just short of another trip to Wembley, the Fleet edged out by Stevenage Borough at the semi-final stage.

With the fall in MyFC membership in February 2009, Fleet faced an uncertain future, releasing almost their entire first-team squad. Liam Daish remained as manager and rebuilt a squad that almost, heroically, defied the odds but fell to relegation on the final day of the 2009-10 season. The manager was forced to rebuild again in 2010-11 as the club embarked on its

first season at a lower level in nearly a decade and once more the manager proved his talent for assembling a squad as Fleet unexpectedly won promotion back to the Premier Division at the first attempt. It came courtesy of a third-place finish in the league and a 4-2 win at Farnborough in the play-off final.

Returning to the Conference Premier for the 2011-12 season, the club finished a creditable 14<sup>th</sup> in their first season back in non-league's top flight. The following season, however – despite much initial optimism – saw the Fleet struggle to compete and a relegation that looked inevitable from early on was confirmed in April 2013, Fleet finishing second bottom of the division, a long way adrift of safety. Off-field matters dominated, with several appeals for investment throughout the season until fans were faced with the very real threat of the club closing or taking voluntary demotion down the non-league Pyramid.

In May 2013, a purchase proposal from a Kuwaiti company, KEH Sports Ltd, was put to MyFC who voted to sell their interests in the Fleet and so began a new era for the club as it pulled back from the brink of closure. KEH – with former Charlton CEO Peter Varney as vice chair – began an immediate ground restoration programme, with the long overdue replacement of two roofs at Stonebridge Road and refurbishment of the entire stadium. Ex-Charlton defender Steve Brown replaced Liam Daish, his record-breaking eight-year term ended by mutual consent, with ex-Charlton manager Steve Gritt as assistant, while KEH promised a competitive transfer budget in a bid to propel the Fleet back towards the Conference Premier.

That season Fleet were just pipped to promotion by Dover Athletic, losing the promotion final 1-0 though did pick up the Kent Senior Cup at the same opposition's expense. With promotion still very much a target, former Welling United boss Jamie Day took over in mid-season 2014/15. His considerable shake-up



of the squad didn't quite produce the desired effect and although Fleet reached the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy, they dropped away badly in the league to finish 8th. Former club skipper Daryl McMahon was handed the manager's reins in time for the 2015/16 season and began with a bang, winning 10 of his first 11 matches in charge. Fleet led the league for eight months of the season but were pipped to the title by Sutton United and lost a second promotion final, this time to Maidstone United, on penalties. There was no mistake in 2016/17 with Fleet getting over an indifferent start to remain unbeaten throughout 2017. Despite amassing 96 points, Fleet were just beaten to the title by Maidenhead United on 98 points, but erased the previous season's play-off heartache by coming from behind with 10 men to overhaul Chelmsford City 2-1 in the final and spark joyous celebrations at the club.

Off the field, the club demolished the Liam Daish Stand in 2016 to build a new £5m Main Stand and the Plough End behind the goal will soon follow to incorporate a hotel during 2018/19 as the Fleet seek to redevelop the entire site for the benefit of the club and local community. In our first season back at National League level, the club reached the play-offs for the first time with a remarkable run in the final 14 games to finish in sixth place, our second-highest finish ever, and we progressed to the semi-finals, defeating Aldershot in a remarkable penalty shootout before succumbing only after extra-time to eventual winners Tranmere Rovers. Daryl McMahon departed the club after three-and-a-half years in charge in November 2018, making way for the appointment of the experienced Garry Hill who oversaw a major reshaping of the squad amid a financial restructuring off the pitch. But with Fleet rooted to the bottom in his second season, Hill parted ways with the club in October 2019, to be replaced by his assistant Kevin Watson who gained sufficient points to see the Fleet climb out of the dropzone by March 2020. That, however, coincided with the global Covid pandemic and Fleet were one of

only three clubs to be relegated on points per game, our total of 0.02 points difference deemed enough to send us down.

Fleet headhunted new boss Dennis Kutrieb from Germany in the summer of 2020, who came with an excellent reputation as a go-ahead coach and had just won promotion with Tennis Borussia Berlin. He recruited a whole new side and in 2021/22 - the club's 75th anniversary season - the Fleet finished in third place, making it to the promotion final where despite taking the lead in time added on, a late equaliser and subsequent extra-time goal denied the club promotion. But the Fleet have regrouped for 2022/23 with new determination to succeed.



# ONES TO WATCH



**Shaquille Coulthirst**

A February 2022 arrival signed after leaving Billericay Town, Shaq is an experienced front man who came through Tottenham's academy, earning loan moves to clubs including Torquay United, Southend United and York City. Peterborough United paid a fee to sign him permanently in 2016 and he also played in the EFL for Mansfield Town and Barnet.



**Josh Wright**

32-year-old midfielder who brought with him a wealth of experience gained across more than 400 games in the EFL upon signing for the Fleet from Billericay Town in summer 2022. An all-round skilful and visionary midfielder, Wright was a former Charlton Athletic and England international youth who spent two seasons in the Championship with Scunthorpe United. Wright has also played for a number of other Football League clubs throughout his career.

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## VIEW FROM THE STANDS - by Dave Webster

### Hampton & Richmond Borough 3-1 Taunton Town

No better place to start on this one, than at the beginning. The writing was on the wall that this was going to be a bad night, for me personally, the moment our minibus arrived. As a cash only person, with utter contempt for banks and the manner in which they are gaining complete control over the masses, I was bloody fuming that at this venue, my cash was worthless and that plastic was the key! I won't rabbit on about this as others opinions are sure to differ. So on to the game itself.

I will say now, we will not see a better first half than the opening 45 minutes we witnessed here tonight. H&R hit the field of play faster than a bullet being fired by a .45 Winchester Magnum. They bombarded the Taunton goal in a blitzkrieg type fashion. The opening goal was inevitable as they went 1-0 up inside 10 minutes.

Taunton were in no mood to lie down and be walked all over. Coming into this game on the back of 2 away wins, our intentions were to make it 3, as we launched attacks of our own. It was not long before the score was 1-1 after a goalmouth scramble in a packed goalmouth, ended with Jake Wannell slamming the ball into the back of the net. All hell let loose amongst the H&R players where almost the entire team surrounded the referee indicating there had been a handball in the build up. Why oh why, did this official not have the backbone to produce a flurry of yellow cards to this whinging mob of bullies, I just do not know. What we did know about H&R was their ability to cheat, as they had done so well in the recent encounter in Taunton, where ironically they won by the same score-line. Their persistent manner of dropping to the ground like skittles worked a treat with this inept official, who was being conned left, right and centre!!! His incompetence was to lead to Tauntons loss of points, due to an incident in the 44th minute, that turned the game.

Be sure of this, but for the red card I feel 100% confident we would not have gone home pointless. As the first half wore on, we had chance after chance. Jake could have had a hattrick with 2 efforts forcing the H&R keeper into fingertip saves. Simmo had a couple of chances that on another day, could have been in the back of the net. The first, a shot that flew over the crossbar, and then after a split second moment of hesitation, failing to prod the ball over the line during another goalmouth scramble. Lloyd James also hit a scorcher over the bar.

We appeared to be in control, with confidence zooming when the red card incident occurred. Now I honestly do not know if it were a case of Nat Jarvis losing his head and seeing the red mist, or if it were a case of a over-zealous official over reacting, with his game-changing showing of the dreaded red card. To most of us, the straight red seemed very harsh. It killed what was a fantastic fighting performance from two evenly matched clubs.

Now I am raking my brains here, trying to think of a single game where we have won after going a man down! I truly cannot recall seeing such a game. In a nutshell, we simply do not win games when the opposition outnumber us.

And so onto the 2nd half. For 15 minutes the 10 men of Taunton performed heroically as we attacked with venom. And then Simmo who was constantly a thorn in the oppositions side was sensationally taken off for Nick McCootie. It was a substitution that baffled many.

I can only assume that fresh legs were needed, and that big Nick was seen as ideal for holding the game up. Our attacks then lessened as H&R began to up the pressure on the Taunton goal, where again even a blind man could sense their 2nd goal coming. And so it was, after our defence failed to clear.

Oh how we needed Dan and Jay tonight!!! Yet still, Taunton had chances on the counter attack. Zac, who had scored in the last 2 games had a chance to make it a personal 3 on the bounce, but the chance was squandered. Then McCootie had an opportunity which again was easily saved. At 3-1 down all hope was now gone. Even with our last throw of the dice in bringing on Stearn for Lucas it was all too late.

I cannot fault our lads tonight, they honestly did play their hearts out. It was all down to one insane moment of madness, which only Nat, the referee and those nearest to the incident can pass judgement on. But one things for sure, it cost us dearly.

With 6 points from a possible 9 on the road, we cannot complain too much. We have a massive home game against champions elect Ebbsfleet on Saturday, lets not make it easy for them. We are more than capable of slowing the Kent goal machines down, make no mistake!

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# MEET THE TEAMS

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THIS SEASON  
AT A GLANCE



**36**  
GAMES PLAYED

**40**  
GAMES PLAYED

**11**  
WON

**28**  
WON

**10**  
DRAWN

**7**  
DRAWN

**15**  
LOST

**5**  
LOST

**43**  
POINTS

**91**  
POINTS



LAST 6  
FORM GUIDE



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Head of Football: Rob Dray

Manager: Dennis Kutrieb

Jack Bycroft (GK)	1	●
Jay Foulston	3	●
Nick Grimes	4	●
Dan Ball	5	●
Jake Wannell	6	●
Ollie Chamberlain	7	●
Lloyd James	8	●
Nat Jarvis	9	●
Nick McCootie	10	●
Joe Guest	11	●
Ross Stearn	13	●
Zac Smith	16	●
Dave Sims-Burgess	20	●
Lloyd Irish - GK	21	●
Dylan Morgan	22	●
Lee Lucas	31	●

1	Mark Cousins (GK)	●
2	Luke O'Neill	●
3	Joe Martin	●
4	Josh Wright	●
6	Sido Jombati	●
7	Omari Sterling-James	●
8	Christian N'Guessan	●
9	Rakish Bingham	●
10	Craig Tanner	●
11	Darren McQueen	●
12	Chris Haigh (GK)	●
13	Harrison Firth (GK)	●
14	Dominic Poleon	●
15	Greg Cundle	●
16	Franklin Domi	●
17	Toby Edser	●
19	Elliott Romain	●
20	Chris Solly	●
21	Jack Paxman	●
22	Ben Chapman	●
23	Kieran Monlouis	●
24	Alex Finney	●
25	Shaq Coulthirst	●
26	Haydn Hollis	●

## Match Officials


Referee: Lewis Sandoe  
Asst Referee: James Gould  
Asst Referee: James Long

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME



WATCHING Gareth Southgate lead England out for a European Championship qualifier can only mean one of two things - either it's time to prepare for more international tournament heartache, or it's Non-League Day.

Naturally, at NLP Towers we much prefer the latter we have a saying that every day is Non-League Day and for that we are truly grateful.

But for those supporters of Premier League and Championship clubs, it's an opportunity to see how the other half live - and maybe even enjoy a VAR-free weekend of football in its purity.

Set up as social media experiment by James Doe in 2010, Non-League Day was inspired by pre-season trip to watch Queens Park Rangers play at Tavistock.

So now, on an international weekend when the elite clubs sit it out, it's the chance for your local clubs to take centre stage and show the community just what they have to offer.

It's a concept that suits all. While football fans across the country get the chance to explore a new environment closer to their front doors, it also provides a platform for clubs to promote the importance of more affordable volunteer-led community football.

This is a world, remember, where kick offs are predominantly at 3pm, ticket prices are realistic, you can often stand (and drink!) anywhere in the ground and will always be guaranteed a warm welcome by people who run their clubs for a love of the game.

Supporters also come along in the knowledge the money taken at the turnstiles does not line the pockets of the multi-billionaire owners who run Premier League clubs of today, but often funds thriving youth set-ups, projects and facilities which are of benefit to the whole community.

Backed by Premier League and Football League clubs, MPs, celebrities, media organisations, charities, Non-League Day has now grown to become an integral part of the domestic football calendar and has been extremely well received by fans with attendances soaring to record high numbers in many cases.

This week, ahead of England's Euro 2024 qualifying double header with Italy and Ukraine, we caught up with James, an old friend of The NLP, and he revealed something quite incredible.

Just as he was preparing for this weekend's latest instalment, James received a LinkedIn message from the new directors of Spanish La Liga giants Athletic Bilbao!

They told him just how much they liked the concept of Non-League Day and want to do something like this in the Basque Country to help re-engage with their community and highlight grass-roots football in the region.

In January, James and his team flew out to Spain to meet them and received the five-star treatment on a tour of their training ground before visiting their stunning headquarters and a game in the evening.

In support of Non-League Day here today, a group of them are coming over to attend Dulwich Hamlet's game against Oxford City - and they even arranged travel packages for supporters to make the trip with them from Bilbao.

"When I first came up with the idea of Non-League Day, I didn't expect it to go beyond my circle of friends," Doe told us.

"To be national would have been a miracle, let alone further afield. Non-League Day itself is not the thing - it's all about the clubs, the players, the teams.

"That's what is most important. Non-League Day is a celebration of that. Our t-shirts and badges are flying off the shelves. We've had to get more printed!"

Indeed, today is arguably the busiest day of the year for this ever expanding entity. NLD organisers are once again working with Prostate Cancer UK and Kick it Out once again, as well as Francis Duku's Our Game, a service which helps players and clubs in the event of serious injury.

BT Sport are also on board with two live games with Slough Town's visit of Ebbsfleet United kicking off at 12.30pm before Wealdstone host north-west London rivals Barnet at 3pm.

All in all, it promises to be another great celebration of the Non-League game. Enjoy your day and here's to the next Non-League Day.



## Last Time Out

# HAMPTON & RICHMOND TAUNTON TOWN

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**VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**VENUE: THE BEVEREE STADIUM - ATTENDANCE: 433**

The Peacocks conceded the League double to the West London side in the space of three weeks after having to play more than half the game a man short. With the sides on level pegging, an end to end affair changed tack minutes before the break when Nat Jarvis received a contentious straight red card and from then on it became an uphill battle for the visitors as Town ended their long week on the road with a bad taste in the mouth.

There were two changes from the weekend visit to Braintree, with Jake Wannell returning in place of Dan Ball at the back while Dave Sims-Burgess replaced Dylan Morgan, and after two away wins on the bounce hopes among the travelling contingent were to make it a hat trick. It was soon apparent though that this game would be a different animal to the two that had gone before. The Beavers came out in hungry mood, winning two corners in the opening minutes, the second of which from Connor Kurran-Browne found a Hampton man free who headed narrowly over.

Town's first opening came when a long goal kick from Jack Bycroft was latched on to by Sims-Burgess who might have hoped to hit the target but volleyed over before a home attack ended with Shane Dunne skewing a shot well wide. With the Peacocks seemingly having weathered the early Borough storm, they made another opening when Sims-Burgess won the ball in the box to set up Lloyd James who fired an effort over the top.

However a moment of good fortune saw the hosts make the breakthrough after 12 minutes, Alfie Whittingham's low strike deflecting nicely to Ruairidh Donaldson who drilled home past the exposed Bycroft from close range.

Luis Fernandez, who had notched a brace in his side's win at the Cygnet then sent a header back across and wide from Donaldson's cross before Sims-Burgess won Town their first corner which produced the equaliser on 17 minutes. James' delivery from the left fell into the crowded mix, handball appeals from Borough being dismissed and Jake Wannell seized the opportunity to slot the ball over the line. The goal gave the Peacocks' centre half the scent of Beaver blood as he went on the lookout for a second, advancing forward to beat one man, then another before seeing his shot turned wide by home keeper Alan Julian. It was then the turn of his opposite number Bycroft who tipped over a 30 yard drive from Hampton skipper Jake Gray as play swung one way, then the other in a high-intensity clash, only blemished by the officials' tendency to award the home side free kicks at the slightest hint of contact whilst giving Town nothing, the tally of 12-0 in favour of Borough in the first half reinforcing that opinion. As for the two-handed push on Jarvis inside the box.....

The Town wall did its job seven minutes before the break when Borough won a free kick in a dangerous position before Lee Lucas fed Wannell

who saw his lovely low strike destined for the bottom corner until Julian pulled off an excellent last-ditch tip around the post. Wannell's drive into the box fell to Ollie Chamberlain who couldn't get a shot away but with the half time whistle imminent the complexion of the game changed when Jarvis and Donaldson tangled, the Hampton left back went down and referee Claussen did not hesitate in brandishing a red. Having not seen the incident no comment will be made but the description of what happened does certainly not warrant the punishment that followed, especially if the match official did not see things first hand.

First half stoppage time, of which there was only one minute, did see Jordan Thomas' goal disallowed for offside following Sam Deadfield's free kick as Town retired to regroup for a tough second half ahead. Despite their numerical drawback the Peacocks made a decent start to proceedings after the break and following a couple of corners, James' return delivery into the box was headed narrowly wide by Sims-Burgess who soon gave way to Nick McCootie. In contrast to the first period though, the pace of the second 45 had slowed down markedly with the home side content to adopt a more patient approach as they looked to press home their extra man advantage. This they did after 64 minutes when a corner from Gray was allowed to find its way across goal to reach Donaldson at the far post whose header found the net for a 2-1 lead.

Chamberlain's one-two with Lucas saw him brought down but no penalty, hardly surprising with the trend of decisions, while Julian clutched a Lucas cross after a cleared corner as Town endeavoured to get back on level terms. Ross Stearn replaced Joe Guest but minutes later the hosts effectively sealed the points when the Peacocks lost possession on halfway and Hampton broke, Whittingham racing down the left to fire home off the underside of the bar on 74 minutes.

Zac Smith couldn't get enough curl on his effort to find the target and McCootie received a miscued clearance from Julian who recovered to hold the

shot while for the Beavers Fernandez spooned an attempt over the bar and Dunne curled a strike too high as four minutes of stoppage time passed by without any hint of a miraculous recovery from the Peacocks. Whether they would have earned something from the game with a full complement for the whole game is open to debate but despite this setback, six points from nine after three long journeys is not to be sniffed at as they enter a crucial final month of the campaign.







# DAVE SIMS-BURGESS





## The Away End

# CONCORD RANGERS

Concord Rangers began life as a team of boys headed by Steve Lant playing friendly matches during 1966 on a pitch along the Canvey Island seafront close to the Concord Beach (hence the name Concord Rangers and the nickname The Beach Boys). In 1967 Albert Lant, Steve's father and current Club President, became the team manager and took the club into competitive football. The club initially joined the Thundermite Boys Football League, before moving into the Vange and District League in 1973 where they won several league and cup honours. Concord became the first winners of the Essex Sunday Junior Trophy in 1979, managed then by Chris Crierie, by beating Bishops Park 4-0, with the final being played at Tiptree FC. Saturday football was introduced to the club shortly after when Concord joined the Mid Essex League and played their home games at Waterside Farm on Canvey Island.

In 1985 Concord secured some land at the end of Thames Road, Canvey Island, using that land to develop the clubhouse and ground with current club treasurer Jack Smith being the mastermind behind the project. Jack organised the funds, labour & materials and worked many hours on the site. A special mention also goes to the late Clive Smith (Jack's brother) as without Clive's machinery and labour Concord's pitch would not exist, also Martin Gill, Steve Barnes, Brian Godfrey, Lee and John Slater, Rob Fletcher, Pat Bennett, Roger Tipthorpe, Barry Clark, Tony Ing and many more all contributed.

Further success came the Beach Boys way in 1988/89 as they joined the Essex Intermediate League and became Divisional League & Cup

Winners that year. Two years later Concord Rangers made the step up to the Essex Senior League where they spent a total of 17 seasons. In 1991 club founder Albert Lant retired as chairman after 25 years at the helm to become Club President, with Jack Smith taking over for two years. Grant Beglan became Chairman when Jack stood down, but like his predecessor only held the role for 2 years. A number of Chairmen held the role from 1995 & in 1998 the club was languishing at the bottom of the Essex Senior League, the youth section had been disbanded and the bar licence had not been renewed meaning no revenue could be made for the club.

Former Chairman Jack Smith's son Antony decided to step in and put a new committee together along with a plan to put the club back on its feet. Antony is very hands-on in his approach, which has helped guide the club through recent successes and the development on both the playing side & with the ground/facilities.

Under the guidance of manager Colin McBride, the Beach Boys won the Essex Senior League Cup in 1997 after beating Ford United 1-0, and the following season under Lee Patterson won the Essex Senior League Championship for the first time. Further cup success came during the 1999/2000 season with former player Steve Knott in charge as Concord beat Burnham Ramblers 3-2 to win the Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy. League success followed soon after as under manager Brain Horne the club finished as Essex Senior League runners up in 2002/03, and then won the league the following season with Ben Embury at the helm. It was during that 2003/04 season that striker Danny Heale won the Don

Douglas trophy for being the league's top scorer, notching up 32 goals for Concord Rangers.

As Concord Rangers began their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season in 2007/08, Danny Scopes and Danny Cowley became joint managers of the club. Concord ended the season winners of the Essex Senior League, and were Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy winners along with Essex Senior League Cup Finalists.

Concord also reached the Quarter-final of the FA Vase that year. Club President Albert Lant won an outstanding achievement award from the Essex County Football Association for 40 years unbroken service to Concord Rangers.

Having gained promotion from the Essex Senior League the club would have been happy with a mid table finish in their Ryman League Div 1 North debut in 2008/09, but expectations were exceeded as the two Dannels led Concord to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish.

This highlighted how both managers could really get the best out of the players. Beating East Thurrock United in the Playoff Semi-Final set up a final vs Waltham Abbey, in which Concord led with 10 minutes to go before future Beach Boy Harry Elmes levelled things for Abbey, taking the game to penalties which we lost 5-4.

Concord didn't have to wait long to earn promotion though, as the following season they again reached the playoff final, this time beating Enfield Town 3-1 to reach the Ryman Premier Division. The club's first season in the Ryman Premier Division was a solid one, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place, which exceeded the target of simply

avoiding relegation! Earning that respectful 8<sup>th</sup> spot and just missing out on a Play-Off position by two points was a great team effort.

2011/12 was a difficult season for the Beach Boys, as injuries to key players contributed to a poor start which was never wholly recovered from. Concord managed to finish the season in 14<sup>th</sup> though and secured a third season at this level. Danny Scopes retired from his post as joint manager, and soon afterwards Glen Alzapiedi was appointed as Danny Cowley's Assistant Manager. Another poor start was made by the club in 2012/13, but this was recovered from quickly and the Beach Boys displayed a never say die attitude to earn some incredible results both at home and away. Concord found themselves in the playoffs come the seasons end along with the Ryman League Cup final. Two fantastic away performances in the play offs saw us promoted to the highest level of football we've played at and a great performance in the cup final saw us end the season with 2 trophies.

The Beachboys lost their 2013/14 first Conference South fixture, however were soon picking up points regularly with determined & professional performances against some of the biggest teams at this level. Although there were a couple of harsh results, there was a level of consistency many didn't expect to see against this opposition, this helped Concord reach what was a spectacular 9<sup>th</sup> place finish by seasons end. To cap it all off, The Beachboys were able to win the Essex Senior Cup against Braintree as the football season came to a close.

2014/15 was a season of historical moments, but



started with 3 losses out of 4 games. Fortunes quickly turned around for the club as eventually a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish was achieved (a 13 game unbeaten run being a key contributor). The most incredible moment of the season was Concord Rangers reaching the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. Drawn away to Mansfield Town, Concord earned a 1-1 draw before losing 1-0 in the replay in front of 1500 at the Aspect Arena. The second round of the FA Trophy was reached, also for the first time. A penalty shootout filled Essex Senior Cup run saw Concord retain the trophy they'd won a year before, this time beating Billericay in the final. At the seasons end manager Danny Cowley & his assistant manager brother Nicky (who took over from Alzapiedi in September) left the club for pastures new. 2015-16 was a season of rebuilding with Adam Flanagan & Jody Brown in charge of the side which had lost a number of key players, whilst trying to maintain our National League south position. A poor start saw Brown replaced with the returning Alzapiedi as assistant manager, and things looked up. A 12 game unbeaten run at the start of 2016 helped the side reach their 3<sup>rd</sup> Essex Senior Cup final in as many years, making history in the April when beating Heybridge Swifts to retain the cup. A mid table finish guaranteed another season of National League South football.

2017/18 saw the Beachboys put an impressive 13 game unbeaten run together at one point, however the poor start and shaky end to the season saw the side stave off relegation by just a couple of points, which saw Flan and Glen be relieved of their positions. Prior to the 2018/19 season, Sammy Moore and Jack Midson were brought in to take charge of the first team, as Concord Rangers looked to make their 6<sup>th</sup> season at this level a successful one, and a success it was as the club finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. However due to ground grading issues, Concord were unable to take part in the playoffs.

Moore & Midson left the club by mutual consent, after which an old favourite returned to take the helm as Danny Scopes was appointed first team manager for the 2019/20 season. Scopesy enlisted the help of Lee Minshull, James Roach and

started with 3 losses out of 4 games. Fortunes quickly turned around for the club as eventually a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish was achieved (a 13 game unbeaten run being a key contributor). The most incredible Adam Drew for his time in sole charge of the Beachboys, and while the league form started well, it was the historic FA Trophy run that really set the tone for the year. Two seasons of prematurely ending league campaigns were the result of the pandemic, but Scopesy's reign was capped off by a historic appearance in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley, losing 1-0 to Harrogate Town.

A new dawn beckoned as in the off season Danny Scopes resigned his position as 1st team manager and Ant Smith stepped down after 21 successful years as chairman. Jack Smith Jnr and John Smith assumed the interim chairman position off pitch and on the pitch under 18s manager Chris Search was brought in to lead the first team alongside Danny Green and Craig Shipman. After starting the season with a fantastic win over league favourites Dorking, the team were entertaining to watch but lacked consistency. The club went out of both FA competitions at the 1st stage but had a successful Essex Senior Cup campaign, culminating in a 4-3 defeat to Billericay in the semi final. The league campaign picked up towards the end and the management team led us to a final position of 14<sup>th</sup> and will be looking to build on this next season.

After a poor start to the 2022/23 season, and a winless run throughout September and October, the decision was made between both the club and Chris Search to make a change in management. As November was about to get under way, former Concord player and Bowers manager Rob Small took the reigns at Thames Road, with the aim being to secure the Beachboys place in the National League South for another season.

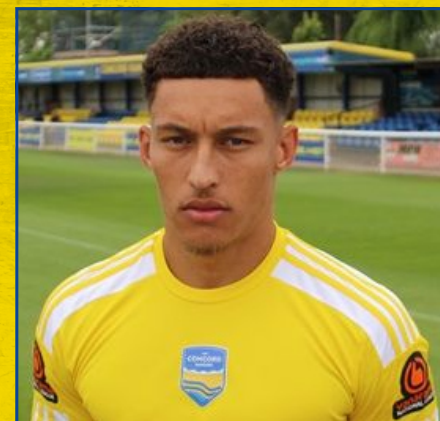


# ONES TO WATCH



**Ricky Modeste**

Midfielder, Signed this summer, non-league stalwart Ricky Modeste is an experienced winger who has also earned caps for the Grenada national side. Most recently playing for Tonbridge Angels prior to his move to the Beachboys, Ricky is no stranger to Essex having played for Chelmsford City (92 appearances) and Billericay Town (45 appearances) in the past. Modeste has also seen playing time at Witham Town, Dover Athletic and Dartford.



**Louis Ramsey**

The 24 year old right back joined Concord Rangers in February this year, having most recently been playing for Rio Grande Valley FC in Texas, who ply their trade in the United Soccer League. He was on the books at Billericay Town, where he made 23 appearances. Louis started his career coming through the youth ranks at Tottenham Hotspur then at Norwich City before moving into the Senior game with the Canaries.



## MEET THE TEAMS

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - KickOff 7:45pm**



## THIS SEASON AT A GLANCE

# 36

## GAMES PLAYED

11

**WON**

# 10

## DRAWN

# 15

## LOST

# 43

## POINTS



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# 35

## GAMES PLAYED

8

# WON

7

## DRAWN

# 20

# LOST

31

## POINTS



## Head of Football: Rob Dray

**Manager: Rob Small**

Jack Bycroft (GK)	1
Jay Foulston	3
Nick Grimes	4
Dan Ball	5
Jake Wannell	6
Ollie Chamberlain	7
Lloyd James	8
Nat Jarvis	9
Nick McCootie	10
Joe Guest	11
Ross Stearn	13
Zac Smith	16
Dave Sims-Burgess	20
Lloyd Irish - GK	21
Dylan Morgan	22
Lee Lucas	31

- 1 Mitch Beeneey (GK)
- 2 Tosan Popo
- 3 Louis Ramsay
- 4 Jack Thomas
- 5 Aron Pollock
- 6 Harvey Beckett
- 7 Quinten Monville
- 8 Alex Hernandez
- 10 Mohamed Bettamer
- 11 Nana Kyei
- 12 Charlie Campbell
- 14 Jayden Randell
- 16 Max Hudson
- 18 Lewis Manor
- 19 Ola Ogunwamide
- 20 Ben Steward
- 23 Ricky Modeste

## Match Officials

Referee: Dale Wootton  
Asst Referee: Mark King  
Asst Referee: Andrew Glanville

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## VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH 2022-23 LEAGUE STANDINGS

as at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	EBBSFLEET UNITED	40	28	7	5	94	41	+53	91
2	Dartford	38	21	7	10	70	42	+28	70
3	Oxford City	40	18	14	8	69	48	+21	68
4	Chelmsford City	40	20	8	12	55	40	+15	68
5	St Albans City	40	19	8	13	63	45	+18	65
6	Braintree Town	40	17	13	10	56	47	+9	64
7	Farnborough	39	18	9	12	52	40	+12	63
8	Worthing	40	17	12	11	75	67	+8	63
9	Havant & Waterlooville	40	18	8	14	71	59	+12	62
10	Tonbridge Angels	40	18	8	14	62	60	+2	62
11	Eastbourne Borough	40	18	5	17	66	61	+5	59
12	Bath City	40	16	10	14	55	50	+5	58
13	Hemel Hempstead Town	40	15	11	14	45	48	-3	56
14	Chippenham Town	39	12	14	13	47	54	-7	50
15	Hampton & Richmond Borough	40	13	8	19	54	63	-9	47
16	Welling United (-1)	40	11	13	16	47	58	-11	45
17	Dover Athletic	39	11	11	17	37	54	-17	44
18	TAUNTON TOWN	36	11	10	15	38	42	-4	43
19	Slough Town	40	11	10	19	47	71	-24	43
20	Cheshunt	40	10	10	20	45	64	-19	40
21	Dulwich Hamlet	39	11	6	22	56	82	-26	39
22	Hungerford Town	38	9	8	21	41	55	-14	35
23	Weymouth	39	10	5	24	48	72	-24	35
24	CONCORD RANGERS	35	8	7	20	33	63	-30	31

- P - Position GP - Games Played W - Won L - Lost D - Drawn F - For A - Against PTS - Points -

### Upcoming Fixtures - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

3pm	Bath City v Taunton Town
3pm	Chelmsford City v Farnborough
3pm	Dover Athletic v Welling United
3pm	Dulwich Hamlet v Cheshunt
3pm	Eastbourne Borough v Dartford
3pm	Ebbsfleet United v Oxford City
3pm	Hampton & Richmond Borough v Hungerford Town
3pm	Havant & Waterlooville v Weymouth
1pm	Slough Town v Chippenham Town
3pm	St Albans City v Braintree Town
3pm	Tonbridge Angels v Hemel Hempstead Town
3pm	Worthing v Concord Rangers

### Upcoming Fixtures - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

3pm	Braintree Town v Ebbsfleet United
3pm	Cheshunt v Worthing
3pm	Chippenham Town v Hampton & Richmond Borough
3pm	Concord Rangers v St Albans City
3pm	Dartford v Dover Athletic
3pm	Farnborough v Tonbridge Angels
3pm	Hemel Hempstead Town v Dulwich Hamlet
3pm	Hungerford Town v Havant & Waterlooville
3pm	Oxford City v Chelmsford City
3pm	Taunton Town v Slough Town
3pm	Welling United v Eastbourne Borough
3pm	Weymouth v Bath City

### Upcoming Fixtures - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

7.45pm	Concord Rangers v Hungerford Town
7.45pm	Dartford v Taunton Town

## NEXT UP

At The Cygnet Healthcare Stadium



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
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# 2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS

## AUGUST '22

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
6th	HOME	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	0-0 D	813
13th	AWAY	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	1-0 L	285
16th	AWAY	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	1-0 L	501
20th	HOME	DARTFORD	VNLS	2-1 W	743
27th	AWAY	ST ALBANS CITY	VNLS	0-0 D	766
29th	HOME	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	3-1 W	1,148

## SEPTEMBER '22

3rd	AWAY	HUNGERFORD TOWN	VNLS	0-1 W	377
13th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	1-0 L	452
17th	HOME	LAVERSTOCK & FORD	FAC 2Q	1-0 W	645
24th	HOME	CHELMSFORD CITY	VNLS	0-0 D	928
27th	HOME	BATH CITY	VNLS	1-1 D	958

## OCTOBER '22

1st	HOME	WALTON & HERSHAM	FAC 3Q	1-0 W	731
4th	HOME	ODD DOWN	SPC	7-0 W	184
8th	AWAY	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNLS	5-0 L	1,474
15th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	FAC 4Q	0-0 D	3,093
18th	HOME	YEOVIL TOWN	FAC 4QR	1-0 W	2,347
22nd	AWAY	WORTHING	VNLS	1-1 D	1,295
25th	AWAY	OXFORD CITY	VNLS	2-1 L	374
29th	HOME	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	4-1 W	872

## NOVEMBER '22

5th	AWAY	MILTON KEYNES DONS	FAC 1	6-0 L	2,739
12th	HOME	CHESHUNT	VNLS	1-0 W	720
19th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	FAT 2	2-1 W	661
26th	AWAY	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	1-1 D	452

## DECEMBER '22

3rd	HOME	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	0-0 D	624
6th	AWAY	YEOVIL TOWN	SPC	2-1 L	441
20th	AWAY	SLOUGH TOWN	FAT 3	0-1 W	299
26th	AWAY	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	1-3 W	1,488

## JANUARY '23

Date	Venue	Opposition	Competition	KickOff/Score	Attendance
10th	AWAY	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	1-0 L	502
17th	AWAY	TORQUAY UNITED	FAT 4	4-2 L	1,411
28th	HOME	ST ALBANS CITY	VNLS	0-1 L	807
31st	HOME	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	2-0 W	551

## FEBRUARY '23

4th	AWAY	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	0-3 W	1,013
7th	HOME	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	1-1 D	687
14th	HOME	FARNBOROUGH	VNLS	0-2 L	690
18th	AWAY	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	VNLS	3-2 L	1,148
21st	HOME	OXFORD CITY	VNLS	1-1 D	521
25th	HOME	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNLS	0-1 L	787
28th	HOME	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	VNLS	1-2 L	510

## MARCH '23

4th	AWAY	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	VNLS	2-3 W	933
7th	HOME	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	1-2 L	456
11th	AWAY	CHESHUNT	VNLS	0-0 D	431
14th	AWAY	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	VNLS	3-1 L	612
18th	HOME	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	VNLS	1-2 L	718
21st	AWAY	WELLING UNITED	VNLS	0-1 W	485
25th	AWAY	BRAINTREE TOWN	VNLS	0-2 W	820
28th	AWAY	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	VNLS	3-1 L	433

## APRIL '23

1st	HOME	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNLS	3:00pm	-
4th	HOME	CONCORD RANGERS	VNLS	7:45pm	-
7th	AWAY	BATH CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-
10th	HOME	SLOUGH TOWN	VNLS	3:00pm	-
13th	AWAY	DARTFORD	VNLS	7:45pm	-
15th	AWAY	DULWICH HAMLET	VNLS	3:00pm	-
18th	HOME	HUNGERFORD	VNLS	7:45pm	-
22nd	HOME	WORTHING	VNLS	3:00pm	-
25th	HOME	WEYMOUTH	VNLS	7:45pm	-
29th	AWAY	CHELMSFORD CITY	VNLS	3:00pm	-





# THE UNTOLD GAME

## - The First Oriundo -

Commissioner Marone, as the new Torino President liked to style himself, was not a natural leader of the sport he had invested in. He was heir to a colossal alcoholic fortune, and would later become the Count Cinzano, but in the mid-1920s he took charge of his hometown club and decided that he would play a part in Mussolini's pursuit of nationalistic pride. Nobody thought much of it when he visited Buenos Aires on a business trip, he was just absent from the boardroom for a few months. But when he disembarked from a steamer, back on home soil, he brought with him two footballers. One became ill and soon went back home, but the other was Julio Libonatti, who would dominate Italian football, before becoming it's first oriundo, and a national hero.

Libonatti had already been making a name for himself in South America. Born to a poor immigrant family, he had a natural talent for goalscoring. When he was old enough, he went along to what is now one of Argentina's great clubs - Newell's Old Boys - who had been founded two years after he had been born, and showed what he could do. The coaches were impressed, and signed him up there and then. He was just fifteen years old, and within a couple of years he was in the first team, continuing to do what he did best.

Football was booming in Argentina in the early 1920s, as a fierce rivalry with Uruguay drove both sides on to greatness; by the end of the decade, Uruguay were two times

World Champions, beating Argentina in both finals. So Libonatti's undoubted talent was difficult to miss. Over seven years to 1925, he played 141 games and scored 78 goals, delighting supporters with his flair and trickery, along with his unerring accuracy. Nobody quite knows how Marone involved himself with Libonatti, but one can imagine that he took notice when he arrived in Argentina. Contracts were signed, and both made their way back to Italy.

In Turin, he was as much of a sensation as he had been in Buenos Aires. His agility and trickery earned him the nickname Matador, and it was well deserved. Not only did he improve his scoring rate, scoring 106 goals in his first 109 games, he also developed a reputation for laying on goals for his strike partners. The full package, unsurprisingly Torino's tactics in this period could be described as 'give it to Julio'. And his didn't disappoint, leading his side to two national titles (one of which was revoked) and a final which was lost.

As fascism really embedded itself into Italian lives, Benito Mussolini understood the value of sport in unifying a country. It is a tactic that has been used ever since, by historical heroes and villains, but in the 1920s, the rapid professionalisation and nationalisation of the game required an added element; Italianness. Foreign players were banned from the league, with the exception of the oriundi, those who were able to trace their heritage back to an Italian ancestry. Fortunately for Libonatti, he

could do just that.

Despite having made 15 appearances for Argentina before leaving the country (scoring at his customary rate of one in two), FIFA rules allowed players to change nationality as required; because moving around the world was a difficult thing to do, and because two world wars made borders and nationalities both fluid and dangerous. The great Alfredo di Stefano, for example, played for three different teams. So when Libonatti got his Italian passport, he also made himself available for the Italian national side. Augusto Rangone was the man in charge of the national side and called him up. And so he became the first oriundo.

Rangone may have been in charge when Libonatti first got the call, but before long it was the legendary Vittorio Pozzo who had been charged by Mussolini personally to bring the national team success on the world stage which he did, in both 1934 and 1938. Libonatti's career wouldn't last to that zenith, but he did lay the groundwork,

scoring 15 goals in 18 games for Italy. Sadly, they refused to travel for the first iteration of the World Cup, so he didn't get to show his skills at the inaugural competition, and by the 1934 edition in his adopted homeland, he had dropped into the Second Division with Genoa, where age had slightly slowed his scoring.

The idea of oriundi is a tradition that continued throughout the twentieth century, and in the twenty first, with modern travel a much expanded international game, player for the country of one's ancestors has become commonplace. But in Italy at least, Julio Libonatti was the first oriundo.

Enjoy the game.

*Martyn*

Martyn Green







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