



The Window Workshop



Peacehaven & Telscombe
v Eastbourne United

Saturday 21st December | 14:00

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Isthmian League Division One South
2013-14

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1978-79, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1991-92
1992-93, 1994-95, 1995-96, 2012-13

Southern Combination Division One
2008-09

Southern Combination Division Two
2005-06

Sussex Senior Challenge Cup
2013-14

Sussex Royal Ulster Rifles Charity Cup
1977-78, 1981-82, 1992-93, 1994-95
1995-96, 1996-97, 2009-10, 2018-19, 2022-23

Sussex County Football League Cup
1991-92, 1992-93, 2009-10, 2012-13



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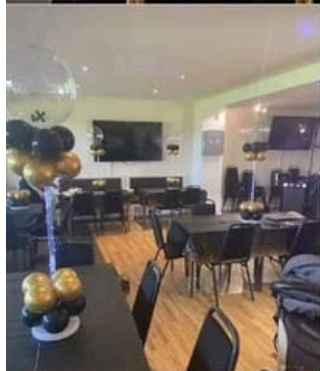
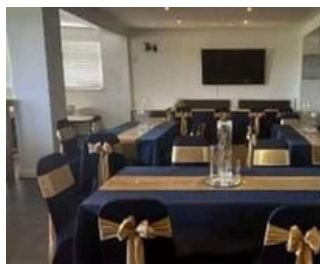
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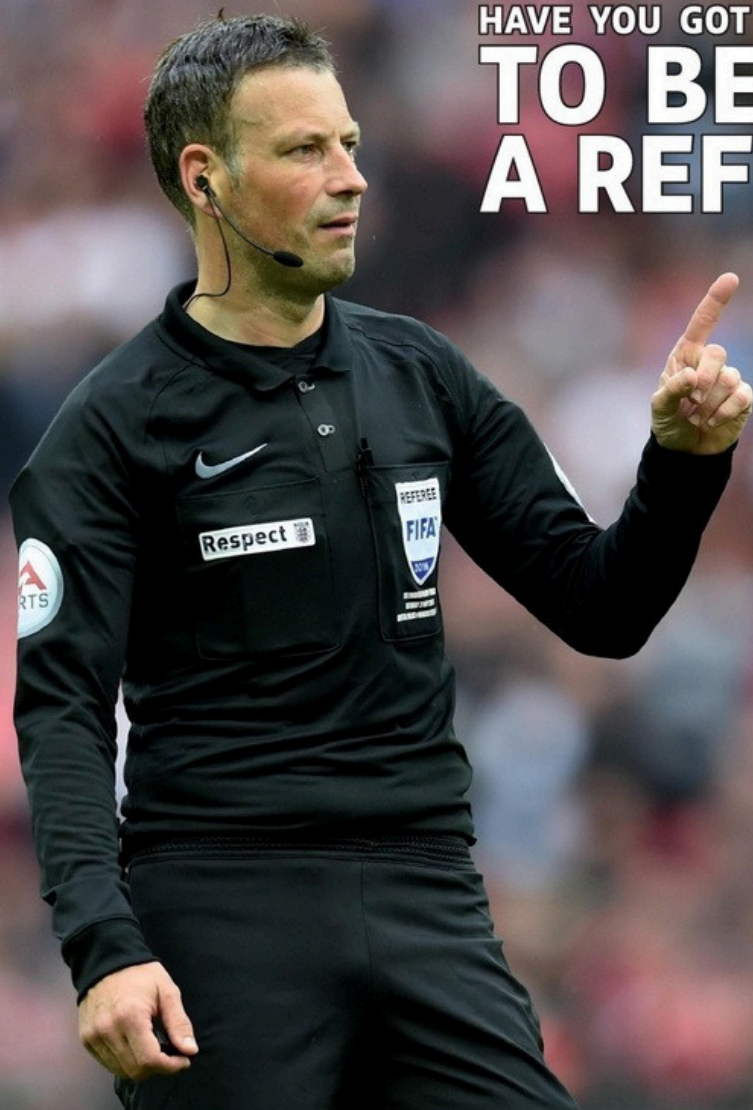
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And if you know your history...

Although officially the club was formed in 1923 as a result of a merger between Peacehaven Rangers and Telscombe Tye. It is recorded that a number of games were played in 1922 following a meeting of interested players in June of that year.

It was reported that the Peacehaven United players looked very “posh” in their Emerald Green and White shirts. The team captain was also their trainer, Frank Thornton. The first ever competitive game was in the Lewes League on 2nd September 1922 away against Ringmer. This would be followed by the first home game on 9th September when Cliff Athletic would be the visitors. These games would be followed by Seaford (away) 16th, Martins Athletic (home) 23rd and Denton (away) 30th. The team had also been entered in the Charity Cup, while plans were underway for a second eleven in dark green and white shirts to also have some fixtures shortly. Due to problems with travel and possibly commitment to regular playing, the club failed to complete the season. However, in 1923 with a new committee and more players Peacehaven took their place in the Lewes League.

The team first played competitive football in the Lewes District League until after the second world war when the club joined Junior Division one of the Brighton, Hove & District Football League for the start of the 1949–50 campaign finishing runners up at the first attempt. Two seasons later the club achieved promotion to the intermediate division when they finished as champions of the Junior Division one, and gained further promotion the next season when they finished runners-up in the intermediate division. However, they could only survive two seasons in the Senior Division before being relegated back to the intermediate division at the end of the 1954–55 competition. Four seasons later the club bounced back up to the senior division, when they finished runners-up but as before they could only survive two seasons in the top division before being relegated again. The 1963–64 season saw the club promoted back to the Senior division as champions of the intermediate Division. The club would then go on to win the Senior division five seasons later, without losing a single game.

The Senior division win in the Brighton league enabled the club to be promoted to Division Two of the Sussex County Football League, for the start of the 1969–70 season. Their fourth season in Division two, the 1972–73 campaign, saw the club make their debut in the FA Cup, where they beat Burgess Hill Town in the First Qualifying round before losing to Lewes in the next round. The 1975–76 season saw the club gain promotion to Division one for the first time, when they finished runners up behind Selsey.

In their third season, 1978–79, in Division one the club ended up finishing as champions of the Sussex County League. The club went on to remain in Division one for another nineteen seasons during which time they went on to win the league title a further six times. Two seasons after winning the last of these six titles, the 1997–98 campaign saw the club relegated to Division two. The club bounced back as runners-up of Division two, three seasons later but could only last two seasons back in Division one.

Two seasons after being relegated from Division one, the club was relegated to Division three for the first time in their history

The next season saw them become champions of Division Three in the 2005–06 season, earning promotion back to Division two. The club was back in Division one three seasons later when under manager Darren Guirey, they earned promotion as champions of Division Two. The club achieved further success at the end of the 2012–13 campaign the club won the Sussex county league for the eighth time in their history and earning themselves promotion to the Isthmian League. In 2013–14 the club won the Isthmian League Division One South and earned a second successive promotion, reaching the Isthmian Premier Division.

By December 2014 at the club's highest position in the Ryman Premier League it all started to unravel. Managers and chairman struggled, there were wins but slowly the club slipped down the table and ended back in Ryman South. Then in January 2016 with the club at its lowest ebb, popular chairman Brian Suckling lost his fight with cancer and passed away. Deputy chairman Sue Norwood became acting chairman but had a mountain to climb. This followed another demotion, which saw the club back in the Southern Combination Premier league for the 2016/17 season. It was realised that the club was on the brink of collapse.

So with a massive effort in June 2016, the club became a community club, owned by its fans. A new manager was appointed, local man Mark Shutt. He set about building a squad of players with a nil playing budget, but recruiting players who wanted to play for the shirt and not money. At the end of season 2016/17 Peacehaven & Telscombe finished in a respectable 14th place in the Southern Combination league with 48 points from 38 games played. The objective in its first season as a community owned club had been achieved and the slide had been halted. In May 2019 a new high point was reached by winning the RUR cup against the odds, about the same time the club was accredited FA Charter Standard.

Then in Covid year with just a few matches to go the first team were in the semi-finals of a number of cups when Covid hit and all matches were cancelled and the season ended early. Today Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club has not only its 1st team, there are also sitting in the wings not only a reserve /development squad but also under 23's and under 18's who all at times have opportunities to play in the senior team. The club also caters for young players covering all school ages both boys and girls spanning over 25 teams.

This year we sadly lost the man who is responsible for giving us these good times, Jim Edwards. Sue Norwood put it perfectly "Jim will be greatly missed by everyone at Peacehaven Football Club and will leave a great hole in our club which will always be known as "The Edwards Club". He was the father to us all, and rarely ever missed a game, through the youth to the first team. He worked hard to make this club the success it is, and for that we will be forever grateful. God bless you Jim Edwards"

Haven rounded off the 2022-23 season with another RUR win. Forza.



TODAYS VISTORS



Eastbourne United Association FC began its existence on the 5th September 1894 as the 1st Sussex Royal Engineers Volunteers (Eastbourne) FC following success in a football tournament at Sheffield Park near East Grinstead as part of a training camp for Sussex Companies of the Regiment. The new club adopted the Regimental colours of red and blue stripes, but with no home ground the first two matches were played on the field of South Lynn School in Tutts Barn Lane; and numerous other venues were used in those early years, although the new club also returned to Sheffield Park to play. In 1920 the club name was changed to Eastbourne Royal Engineers Old Comrades and joined the Sussex County League the following year. A name change occurred in 1924 after ties with the Royal Engineers were broken and became known as Eastbourne Old Comrades FC and started wearing the white and black stripes on their shirts. In 1927 they broke away from the Sussex County League and joined the Spartan League shortening their name to Eastbourne Comrades FC. They re-joined the Sussex County League in 1935, and re-joined a year after the end of WW2 for the 1946/47 season, when they moved to The Oval. The club's achievements at that time were very mediocre and in 1951 the name was changed to Eastbourne United. The club's fortunes changed with the new name and a new coach, George Smith, and between 1953 and 1956 they were twice County League champions and runners-up once. That success saw them move into the Metropolitan & District League in 1956 and in 1964 United joined Division Two of the Athenian League, winning the championship in 1966/67. Two seasons later, another promotion followed as runners-up and United were promoted to the Premier Division. After just one season though, they were relegated back to Division One.

However, in 1973/74 the League was re-organised and the Premier Division scrapped. In 1975 United were relegated to Division Two, and when the Athenian League was disbanded in 1977, joined Division Two of the Isthmian League, and subsequently Division Two (South) following reorganisation in 1984. When further changes to the Isthmian structure were made in 1991, United found themselves in the new Division Three and after one season, opted to re-join the County League. Placed in Division Two of the County League, they struggled initially and in 1996 came perilously close to dropping down into intermediate football after finishing bottom. They recovered however, and within two years had won promotion to Division One as runnersup to East Preston. In 2001/02 however, United were relegated once more. The decision was made to amalgamate with fellow Division Two club Shinewater Association FC at the end of the 2002/03 season and play at The Oval. Under the leadership of former Shinewater manager Dave Shearing, the new club won promotion back to Division One at the first attempt after finishing third behind champions Littlehampton Town, and runners-up Worthing United.

That progression was maintained in 2004/05 with another excellent campaign and 5th place in the top flight of the County League. With constant rumours of disquiet off the pitch in the local media, Shearing resigned at the end of the 2005/06 season with the Club in 14th position. He was succeeded by former Hailsham Town boss Brian Dennis. Dennis brought success to Eastbourne United AFC at the end of the 2008/09 season when they lifted the RUR cup for the first time since 1956 and also reached the top of the table, but the Sussex FA had spotted that Chichester City had fielded a banned player in their squad and were deducted points, the Sussex FA had talks whether to award points to sides who have played against a team fielding an ineligible player, which would mean Horsham YMCA would be promoted. However the Sussex FA declared that no points were to be given back and United were the Sussex County League champions, for the first time since 1956, giving Eastbourne United AFC the league & cup double. Due to FA ground grading requirements, in 2010 the committee took the decision to cut the first team playing budget and focus all monies into the long term aim of redeveloping The Oval. This resulted in nearly all of the first

squad leaving for pastures new and Dennis looking for new players. A poor start to the season saw Dennis relieved of his duties in October 2010 with the club languishing at the bottom of Division One. United promoted Reserve Team manager Paul Daubeney to First Team Manager but he was unable to save United from relegation to Division Two for the first time since 2003 as the club picked up just 10 points from 38 games. The 2011/12 season was one of hope at The Oval with the ground redevelopment starting to take shape, but a poor start left United in the bottom half of the Division Two table, but United turned a corner in September as new signings rejuvenated United and the club went 17 games undefeated to rise up the league table. A 6th place finish proved to be the best United could wish for, despite doing the league double over local rivals Hailsham Town. The 2012/13 season brought renewed optimism to The Oval, with the stadium officially reopened with the visit of Brighton & Hove Albion and a blistering start to the league season. A 2-1 victory over Ryman Premier League side Lewes proved to be the highlight of the a season that ended in disappointment with Paul Daubeney failing to guide United to promotion despite occupying a place in the top three for the majority of the season. Daubeney resigned in May 2013 due to work commitments and was replaced by current manager Simon Rowland. Daubeney's departure saw all bar two of the 2012/13 squad leave The Oval, leaving Rowland and Assistant Manager Scott Price with the task of assembling a brand new squad. After a busy pre-season, United began their league campaign with a 6-1 victory over Rustington, quickly followed by a 7-0 victory over Saltdean United. United took their place in the FA Cup for the first time in three seasons and defeated Lordswood (4-1) and Ryman South side Herne Bay (2-1) following a replay before ultimately losing out to Folkestone Invicta. Rowland has also led EUAFC to their best ever performance in the FA Vase after reaching the semi-final of the prestigious non-league competition, claiming victory over higher league opposition in every round, scoring 28 goals in the process before going out to eventual winners Sholing. Despite the heartbreak of the FA Vase defeat, United sealed a memorable season by securing the SCFL Division Two title on St Georges Day by defeating Oakwood 3-0.



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