

HARROW BOROUGH

Saturday 28th December

at Cobham's Reg Madgwick Stadium

> 3pm Kick-Off

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# ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

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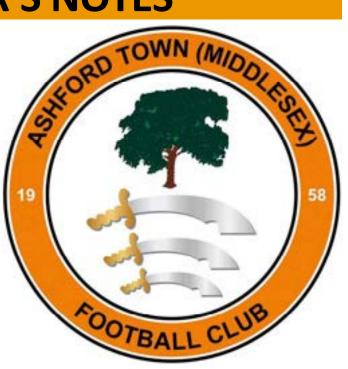
# **MANAGER'S NOTES**

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to Harrow Borough for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at Cobham along with the referee Josh Burns and his assistants Demetri Anastasiou and Daryl Ann.

Some much improved form has seen us take four points from our previous two league matches. Against Binfield last Friday we dominated the opening half to the extent that we turned round three goals to the good at the break, courtesy of two from Jack Arnold and one from Basim Mirtahmasebi.

The second half saw Binfield pull one back but the three points were not in doubt and very welcome they were.

Following that we went to Westfield on Boxing



Day and an intriguing match saw two evenly-matched sides cancelling each other out in the early stages. It looked the type of match where the first goal would be important and a fairly inept spot of defending saw us concede it. In our worst period of the match we then allowed Westfield to double their lead as we again looked porous at the back. Overall though we were matching our opponents and we pulled one back five minutes before the break when Liam Moore did well to get on the end of a well-flighted cross from skipper Scott Day.

The ascendancy rather passed to Ashford as we sought an equaliser but early in the second half a third goal from Westfield put a dampener on the game from our point of view, a wicked deflection causing the ball to end up in our net. The game rather plodded on after that with Westfield seemingly content to protect their two-goal cushion and Ashford failing to break down the home defence. Suddenly though in the final five minutes it all changed when George Voster reduced the arrears. It seemed too little too late but in the fourth minute of stoppage time, Jadon Porter-Atkinson equalised, leaving the final score line at three apiece.

Every point counts in our current circumstances and once again our players gave it their all to the very end of the match and after conceding so many goals right at the conclusion of games, it almost felt like a victory when the boot was on the other foot for once.

Our visitors also drew their Boxing Day match drawing at home to Hayes & Yeading, 0-0, after previously beating Westfield at home by the only goal of the game. They also beat us by the only goal in the opening match of the season despite going down to nine men in the second half. They grabbed a one-goal lead early in the second half, and it was not a good omen for us when we failed to get it back before conceding a second goal near the end. Not our greatest day but well done to Harrow in the circumstances. In the early part of the season they found themselves right at the top of the table but will arrive here in sixth place, 18 points behind league leaders Farnham Town.

It's a very busy period right now and on New Years Day, we have another home match, this time against promotion chasing Hanworth Villa, when kick-off is 3pm. Please get along if you can. There were quite a number of Ashford supporters at Westfield and it really does make a difference when the players get good support.

#### Enjoy the game

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## AWAY TRAVEL Moneyfields - 4th January



#### John Jenkins Stadium Moneyfield Avenue Baffins Portsmouth PO3 6LA

**Directions:** From Short Lane, aim for the M25 via London/A30. As you approach the M25, stay on A30 heading for A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor. Take the M25(S) slip road on the right.

Merge on to M25. After 9.4 miles approx, take the exit towards Portsmouth Road/A3. Take the slip road to Portsmouth Road/A3. At Wisley Interchange Roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to the Portsmouth/A3 slip road and merge on to Portsmouth Road/A3 and follow A3.

At Ham Barn Roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to

Liphook-Petersfield Bypass/A3. Continue to follow A3.

Continue on to A3(M) following signs for Portdmouth/Hayland Island. Merge on to Havant Bypass/A27. Take the A2030 exit towards Portsmouth(E)/Central Southsea/Seafront. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to Eastern Road/ A2030. Turn right on to Tangier Road, then right on to Folkestone Road, continue on to Martin Road, right on to Moneyfield Avenue then left on to Salcombe Avenue for destination.

# **HALF-TIME TEASER**

1. By what method did Barrow gain promotion to the English Football League following the 2019-2020 season?

2. What are the five nicknames of Everton Football Club?

3. Which was the first southern club to turn professional?

4. Leyton Orient adopted its name after World War II. What three names were they known as up to 1939.

5. Who plays at the ground pictured?



WHO PLAYS AT THE GROUND PICTURED?

Answers on Page 9

## PARTNERS WITH ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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## THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

HAYES & YEADING UNITED have brought in Montserrat international midfielder James Comley.

James came through the ranks at Crystal Palace and then made his way into the first team squad, and he went on to play briefly for Canvey Island before a long spell at St Albans City, playing more than 100 times for the Saints.

He next had five years with Maidenhead United, making more than one hundred and sixty appearances, and has since played for Walton Casuals, Dulwich Hamlet, Boreham Wood, and more recently Hampton and Richmond Borough.

**BINFIELD** have welcomed back one of last season's great escape heroes, Ethan Lindo returning- we suspect temporarily- from the USA. Ethan has been at College at the other side of the big pond, and has been playing for Blinn College Buccaneers- rather successfully, scoring lots of goals and helping out with a number of assists, too.

**REVIEW:** Leaders Farnham Town faced what looked like the tough challenge of fourth place Ascot United last weekend and it certainly turned out to be tough. Town went ahead just before half-time, Owen Dean's 20th goal of the season giving them the lead, but the Yellas didn't give up and with 16 minutes to go were awarded a spot kick, Anas Igozouln keeping his nerve and earning his side a point.

# THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

## LEAGUE TABLE

## LEAGUE FIXTURES

Р	w	D	L	GD	Pts	
Farnham Town22					54	Ascot United v South Park (Reigate)
Kingstonian20					47	Ashford Town (Middx) v Harrow Borough
Uxbridge21	13	3	5	16	42	Farnham Town v Badshot Lea
Ascot United22	12	5	5	13	41	Guernsey v Hartley Wintney
Hartley Wintney20	12	1	7	16	37	Hayes & Yeading Utd v Sutton Common R
Harrow Borough22	11	3	8	5	36	Horndean v Binfield
Hanworth Villa21	11	3	7	4	36	Leatherhead v Southall
Hayes & Yeading Utd22	9	8	5	11	35	Metropolitan Police v Moneyfields
Ravnes Park Vale20	10	3	7	10	33	Rayners Lane v Westfield
Westfield22	8	6	8	-5	30	Raynes Park Vale v Hanworth Villa
Westfield	8	5	8	4	29	Uxbridge v Kingstonian
Leatherhead20	7	6	7	11	27	Wednesday 1st January
Moneyfields20 Rayners Lane21	7	5	9	-8	26	Ascot United v Binfield
			8	-8	25	Ashford Town (Middx) v Hanworth Villa
Horndean19			8		25	Farnham Town v Moneyfields
Binfield20			10		22	Guernsey v Sutton Common Rovers
Metropolitan Police20			11		21	Hayes & Yeading United v Southall
South Park22			12		20	Horndean v Badshot Lea
Sutton Common Rov22	5	4	13	-14	19	Leatherhead v Westfield
Ashford Town (Mx)21	3	5	13	-19	14	Metropolitan Police v South Park (Reigate
Guernsey18	3	4	11	-14	13	Rayners Lane v Hartley Wintney
Badshot Lea21	1	5	15	-38	8	Raynes Park Vale v Kingstonian
As at 27th December						Uxbridge v Harrow Borough

#### Saturday 28th December

Farnham Town v Badshot Lea Guernsey v Hartley Wintney Hayes & Yeading Utd v Sutton Common Rovers Horndean v Binfield Leatherhead v Southall Metropolitan Police v Moneyfields Rayners Lane v Westfield Raynes Park Vale v Hanworth Villa Uxbridge v Kingstonian								
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#### at 27th December

Ashford Town (Middx) v Harrow Borough

## **FIRST TEAM FIXTURES**

## 2024-25 SEASON

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M1	Aug 03	Northwood	FAC	2-0	179		Fisher	R-Solanki	Larkham	King	Kandolo!
M2	•	Harrow Borough	IL	0-1	154	-	Fisher	Larkham^	Норе	King*	Kandolo!
M3	Aug 17 <b>l</b>	-	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo!
M4	Aug 20 l	•	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope <mark>1</mark> =	King	Kandolo!
M5	-	Ascot United	FAT	1-1	90	-	Fisher	Blakeborough^	•	Humphreys+	Kandolo*
M6	0	Hanworth Villa	IL	1-4	230	-	Chisolm	Larkham	Hope	King+	Kandolo
M7	0	Herne Bay	FAC	0-2	97	-	Chisolm	Blakeborough	Larkham	Hope	McKay*
M8	Sep 18 \$	•	IL	1-1	109	-	Brzozowski I	Blakeborough+	Larkham	King1	McKay
М9	•	Farnham Town	IL	1-2	473	-	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	Cullen*	Hope
M10	-	Hartley Wintney	IL	1-0	185	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King <sup>^</sup>	Kandolo
	1 Sep 28	• •	IL	1-2	135	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Blakeborough	-	Kandolo
	•	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	201		Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King	Kandolo
		Kingstonian	IL	7-4	146		Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope	King	McKay
		South Park	IL	0-3	163	20	Brzozowsk	i Barsa	Hope*	King	McKay
		Metropolitan Police	IL	1-2	101	20-	Brzozowsk	i Larkham	Blakeboroug	•	McKay
		Leatherhead	IL	0-4	359	20	Jupp	Larkham	Hope	King+	McKay
M17	Oct 26	Rayners Lane	IL	1-2	96	20	Jupp	Hope	Larkham^	King	Kandolo
		Farnham Town	IL	0-2	134	20	Jupp	Larkham	R-Solanki	Atkinson	Hope
		Sutton Common Rov		1-1	77	20	Jupp	Larkham	Норе	King	Poley
		Leatherhead	IL	2-2	232	21	Brzozowksi	R-Solanki	Larkham	King+	Vernal
	1 Nov 12		SSC	2-1	27	-	Brzozowksi	Larkham*	Vernal	King	Paul
		Kingstonian	IL	0-1	217	21	Brzozowksi	R-Solanki	Paine	Humphreys	Kandolo
	<b>3</b> Nov 19	•	MSC	1-3	52	-	Brzozowksi	R-Solanki+	Kandolo	Day^	Poley
M24	<b>4</b> Nov 23	Uxbridge	IL	1-2	96	21	Brzozowksi	Larkham	Kandolo^	Moore=	Poley
M2	<b>5</b> Nov 26	Hartley Wintney	ASC	0-0*		-	Brzozowksi	Poley	Kandolo	Larkham	Vernal
M26	<b>5</b> Nov 30 I	Horndean	IL	0-0	133	20	Brzozowksi	Kandolo	Larkham	Moore <sup>^</sup>	Paul
M27	7 Dec 14 I	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	1-2	176	21	Brzozowksi		Day	Moore+	Poley
	8 Dec 20		IL	3-1	92	20	Brzozowksi		Kandolo	Moore	Poley
	9 Dec 26		IL	3-3	174	20	Brzozowksi	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore1	Poley
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#### BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES (1,2) - GOALS SCORED

#### \* First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub ! Fourth Sub = Fifth Sub Bold Blue: Man of the Match

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Hope	Sweeney2	Holder*	Mcleish <sup>^</sup>	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day^	M1
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi^	M2
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Dayi^	М3
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly <sup>^</sup>	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder^RSol!Day=1	M4
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham^Khallouqi!	M5
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold1	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+	M6
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+	M7
Норе	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+	M8
McKay	Basim1	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*	M9
McKay	Basim1	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllisiter*Barsa+R-Solanki^	M10
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day^SSweeney! <mark>1</mark>	M11
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+	M12
Day <mark>1</mark> ^	Sweeney	Humphreys1	Richards*	Cullen4	Basim1+	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife^	M13
Day	Blakeborough	+ Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim1	Larkham*Nwokebuife+	M14
Kandolo	Basim1	Barsa	Day	Cullen	R-Solank	ti Aryan*	M15
Kandolo	Basim	Dillon*	Day	Cullen	R-Solank	i Aryan* Blakebrough+	M16
McKay	Humphreys	R-Solanki	Cullen1	Day*	Basim+	Noyan*Nwokebuife+Blakebrough^	M17
Kandolo	Basim*	Day	N.Tajbakhs	h Humphreys	Blakeborough	n+ Arnold*Dillon+	M18
R-Solanki	Basim1	Humphreys	Cullen	Day*	Atkinson	Arnold*	M19
Poley	Basim^	Moore1	Arnold*	Humphreys!	Atkinson1	Vorster*Holder+N.Tajbak^Manning!	M20
Aryantaj	Basim	Humphrey+	Arnold1	Noyan	Atkinson	Manning*Day+1	M21
Vernal	Arnold	Moore	Nyarko	King*	Atkinson+	Paul*Day+	M22
Paul	Arnold1	Moore	Nyarko*	Paine	Vorster!	Noyan*King+Vernal^Humphreys!	M23
Vernal1	Arnold*	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys!		Atkinson*Noyan+Paul^King!Day=	M24
Moore	Paine	Day	Atkinson	Noyan	Basim	Arnold, Vorster, Humphreys, King, Nyarko	M25
Poley	Vorster+	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys	Atkinson*		M26
Paul	Arnold*	Humphreys	Basim	Nyarko	Paine1	P-Atkinson*King+	M27
Paul Vernal*	Basim1 Basim	Paine Paine	Day Day^	Arnoldl <mark>2</mark> + Arnold	P-Atkinson Vorster1	* Vorster*Nyarko+ King*P-Atkinson+ <mark>1</mark> Humphreys^	M28 M29

### ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) NEWS ROUND-UP

□ Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies pulled off a commendable 1-1 draw at Chesham United recently in the Women's National League Division One. The Tangerines had a 1-0 lead at half-time. However, the hosts fought back after the break and were rewarded with the equaliser.

**Ashford Town Ladies:** Vigolo, Duncan, Huse, Southgate, Wojtaszewska, Weaver, Middleton, Riley, Kantamaneni, Kargbo, Carnevale. Subs: Grossman, Miller, Morley

□ Ashford Town (Middx) Under-16s ended 2024 with a fine 5-0 victory at Mitcham Park Under-16s Stripes.

Langers bagged two goals with the others coming from Callum, Frankie and Kye.

#### HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. The 2019-2020 season was curtailed because of COVID 19 and Barrow gained promotion as champions of the National League on a points-per-game basis.

2. Everton are known as The Blues, The Toffees, The People's Club, The School of Science and its supporters are known as Evertonians.

3. Luton Town was the first southern club to turn professional.

4. Glyn Cricket Club, Orient and Clapton Orient.

5. Southampton

Ashford Town (Middx) v Harrow Borough

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH CENTRAL										
2024-25 Appearances and Goalscorers										
	League				Cup			Total		
	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals	
Toby Fisher	1			4			5			
Deven R-Solanki	8	5		3	3		11	8		
Archie Larkham	18	2		6	1		24	3		
James King	15	3	1	4	2		19	5	1	
Prince Kandolo	15			7			22			
Callum Hope	12			5		1	17		1	
Rhys Paul	4	1		2			6	1		
Ben Holder	2	1		4	1		6	2		
Aaron Mcleish	5	1		3	1		8	2		
Bradley Manning		1			1			2		
Chris Kelly				1			1			
Jack Arnold	8	3	3	5	2	2	13	5	5	
Faris Khallouqi	1	1	İ		2		1	3		
Scott Day	14	5	1	3	5	2	17	10	3	
David Nyarko	4	1		1	1		5	2		
Sam Humphreys	15	2	1	3	3		18	5	1	
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2		
Josh Blakebrough	5	4		2	1		7	5		
Mac Chisholm	1			1			2			
Marcin Brzozowski	15			3			18			
Basim Mirthamasebi	16	1	7	2			18	1	7	
Alexander Paine	6		1	2			8		1	
Barsa Mirthamasebi	3	2					3	2		
Adam Richards	2						2			
Emmanuel Nwoke		3						3		
Aryantaj Tajbakhsh		2		1			1	2		
Nick Jupp	4						4			
Gordon Dillon	1	1					1	1		
Noyan Tajbakhsh	1	3		2	1		3	4		
Jayden P-Atkinson	6	3	2	2			8	3	2	
Elliott Poley	7			2			9			
Tristan Vernal	4		1	2	1		6	1	1	
Liam Moore	7		2	2			9		2	
George Vorster	3	2	1	1	1		4	3	1	

Callum McAllister 8 (2); Brad Sweeney 8 (1) 5; Connor Cullen 11,5; Kyron H-McKay 15;

# ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) CROWD FUNDING PITCH PROJECT



#### The last few years beyond the horrible COVID period has been highly challenging and has affected our lives in a whole host of ways.

Our amazing volunteers, supporters and players have all played their part to get Ashford Town (Middx) to where we are today. The club has just announced we've successfully secured grants worth over £1.2m for us start the transition to new beginnings as a community football club after years of effort.

We've spent a small fortune on legal and planning fees to ensure the project could get going but this has left the club in a highly challenging situation where we're unable to pay for junior winter training facilities, relying on generosity of supporters for paying for a ground-sharing arrangement to allow first team games to continue and to pay our critical utility bill debts we've acquired while prioritising getting the 3G project going.

While the long-term future looks bright for this club, in the short term the club needs a significant cash injection to maintain its role in the local community and cover the costs of keeping the lights on at our club.

We know that everyone has been hit financially, but any donation would go a long

way to helping us secure the future of the club. With over 300 junior players across our youth section, plus our senior men's and women's teams, it's imperative the club can continue to operate and set the club up for the future. All donations raised will go directly into the club for the direct benefit of everyone involved.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and kindness. If we can successfully navigate through this tough period, this club will re-assert itself as the top local community club in Spelthorne and remain so for generations to come.

#### To donate go to:

#### https://www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/atfcmiddlesex



# HARROW BOROUGH HISTORY

Roxonian Football Club was founded in the summer of 1933. The Club spent their first season in the Harrow and District League - playing their home games at a ground on Northolt Road, finishing runners-up in Division One.

They were accepted into the Spartan League, which coincided with the move to Earlsmead.

In 1938 Roxonian finished runners-up in Division Two (West) but they had to wait for promotion until the following season, as only the champions went up. This was achieved under the new name of Harrow Town.

War intervened though the Club continued to play in, first, the West Middlesex Combination, then the Middlesex Senior League. Peace brought a return to the Spartan League until 1958 when runners-up spot enabled the Club to move to the Delphian League. Five seasons were spent here, until mergers saw Town accepted into Division Two of the Athenian League in 1963.

In their first season at this level they finished runners-up, denied the championship only by goal difference.

However, only three seasons were spent in Division One, whence a name change to Harrow Borough coincided with relegation in 1967. Eight seasons were played as occupants of Division Two, during which it seemed that the club might withdraw from senior football, and only the efforts of a few hardy individuals kept the Club alive.

The 2022-23 campaign was a season of struggle in the league which eventually saw Boro' finishing in a relegation position, only to be reprieved yet again this time as a result of Metropolitan Police taking voluntary relegation and thus our place at Step Four.

The only bright spark was a run in The FA Trophy which saw us defeated, in a penalty shoot-out, by the eventual winners, AFC Halifax Town in the Fourth Round Proper.

Steve Baker became the longest serving manager in the club's history during the course of the season, but announced he would be leaving the post at the end of the campaign.

The 2023-24 season saw the inevitable happen with Boro' finishing in 21st position in the league table and relegation to the Isthmian League South Central being confirmed. Jordan Berry and his management team left at the season's end, being replaced by Ben Bukowski (Manager) supported by Keegan Cole (Assistant Manager), Dennis Quigley (1st Team Coach) and Nicolai Collins (goalkeeping coach.

Borough have established themselves in midtable of the South Central Division.



• Harrow Borough, red shirts, celebrated an important win against Westfield last weekend.

# HARROW BOROUGH PEN PIX

**KARL (KJ) BAILEY: Age 19. Forward:** A product of Boro's youth scheme having progressed from the U18 and U23 sides. One 1st XI appearance for Boro'.

**KEEGAN BLOOM: Age 21 Defender:** Re-joined Boro' in the summer from Aylesbury United, having joined them from North Greenford United A product of Boro's Under-18s side he is now in his second spell with the Club.. 45 1st XI apps.

**DEAGO DUNBAR-BONNIE: Age 21:** Defender. Re-joined Boro' in the summer from Northwood. Previously with Leyton Orient, Malden & Tiptree, Stoke City and Kings Langley. 16 1st Appearances for Boro', scoring two goals.

**HENRY FORD: Age 17. Goalkeeper:** Joined Boro' in the summer from Northwood. Previously with Takeley.

ADDISON GARNETT: Age 28: Defender. Joined Boro' in the summer from Ashford Town (Middlesex). Has also played for QPR U18s, Mostate Bears, Hendon, Crawley Town, Whitehawk, Bedfont Sports, St Panteleimon and Wingate.& Finchley. 10 1st XI appearances for Boro'.

JAMES GURTEEN: Age 25. Defender: Rejoined Boro' in January from Bracknell Town. Had previously played for Hillingdon Borough, Northwood, Aylesbury United, FC Southall, Broadfields United, Kings Langley and Uxbridge. 39 1st XI appearances for Boro', scoring 4 goals.

**JORDAN HAMILTON-OLISE: Age 21**. Forward. Brother of Kai. Joined Boro' in the summer from

Bedfont Sports. Previously played for Reading U18s, Westfield, Chertsey and Marlow. 16 1st XI appearances for Boro', scoring six goals.

#### KAI HAMILTON-OLISE: Age 25. Forward:

Brother of Jordan. Joined Boro' in October from Marlow where he had been an important part of their promotion push last season. Previously played for Chertsey Town, Westfield and Met Police.

**LUKE IFIL: Age 30, Midfielder:** Joined Boro' in the summer from Wingate & Finchley. Has also played for Arsenal U18s, Wolverhampton Wanderers U18s, Waltham Forest, Grays Athletic and Hayes & Yeading United. 18 1st XI appearances for Boro;'.

**JAMES KENNEDY: Age 18. Midfielder:** A product of Boro's U23 side for whom he has made 5 appearances this season.

**DHILAN KULLAR: Age 24. Midfielder:** Joined Boro' in November. Previously played for Leamington U23s and The University of Warwick.

**BAILEY LAMB: Age 19. Defender:** Joined Boro' in the summer from Colchester United where he was a member of their U21 side. Previously played for Hanworth Villa, Walton & Hersham and Badshot Lea. 14 1st XI appearances for Boro'.

**STEPHAN LANGLEY: Age 25. Defender:** Joined Boro' in the summer from Northwood. Hs also played for Hampton & Richmond Boro's Youth Academy, Westfield, Guildford City and Bedfont Sports. 18 1st XI apps, scoring two goals.

## FOCUS ON HARROW BOROUGH

Harrow Borough were known for many years as stalwarts of the Isthmian League Premier Division.

This proud run came to an end last season when they were relegated to the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central.

The Borough have made a steady adjustment to life at Step Four but will be aiming to finish in a play-off position. They got off to the perfect start in the League with five consecutive victories, which included a 1-0 success against Ashford Town (Middx) on the opening day of the season.

The other wins came against Guernsey, Uxbridge, Metropolitan Police and Rayners Lane.

The run came to an end when they were defeated 4-0 at Farnham Town. Despite the early good form in the League, Harrow Borough made early exits in both the Emirates FA Cup, where they lost to Kent side Ashford United, and the Isuzu FA Trophy, going down to Sevenoaks Town.

In recent weeks, Borough have experienced mixed fortunes but defeated Westfield 1-0 last weekend. On Boxing Day , they drew 0-0 with Hayes & Yeading.



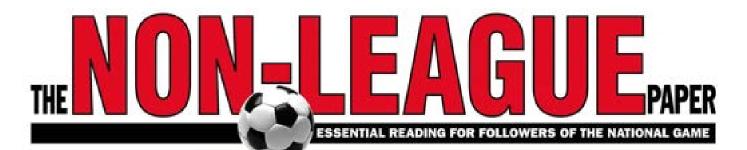
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#### Christmas time is for giving as they say, well the fixtures computer has certainly served up a festive treat for Non-League fans everywhere this yuletide.

Traditionally, thefestive fixtures are one of the first fans look out for when the schedule is announced – and this year hasn't disappointed with a number of crunch derby clashes taking place up and down the country.

Whatever the level, you just can't beat a derby-day cracker to complete your Christmas, so here are just a few that have caught the eye of our NLP groundhoppers.

The National League always seems to serve up a festive feast with all the trimmings – and the Aldershot Town v Woking derby is usually at the forefront.

Just 12 miles separate these rival clubs, just across the Surrey/Hampshire border, ensuring there's never any shortage of drama for the big crowds on show.

There's a Tyne-Tees affair when Gateshead and Hartlepool United meet at the International Stadium, while Dagenham v Braintree and Southend United v Ebbsfleet United ensure that Essex and Kent are well represented on the day,

At Step Two, Brackley Town and Leamington looks tasty in National League North, similarly the Derbyshire dual between Buxton and Alfreton Town and an 'Old Farm' East Anglian derby with King's Lynn Town hosting Needham Market.

The South is equally as intriguing, An all-Hertfordshire clash between Hemel Hempstead Town and St Albans City is a worthy headline act, while Aveley versus Hornchurch and Tonbridge Angels v Maidstone United are big games in Essex and Kent respectively. Chippenham Town v Bath City is often a tasty affair also.

The NPL also serves us up with Matlock Town v Ilkeston Town and Bamber Bridge v Lancaster City, while at Step Four there are two more all-north east affairs between Bishop Auckland and Consett and Dunston v Newton Aycliffe.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Corby Town is always an eagerly-awaited affair in their respective parts of Northamptonshire, while in an ultra-congested Midlands division, packed with local affairs, unbeaten Quorn and Shepshed Dynamo, separated by just seven miles, battle it out in Leicestershire.

All eyes in Manchester will be on Wythenshawe when bitter rivals FC and Town meet at Hollyhedge Park, while Hednesford Town v Stafford Rangers looks a festive battle of heavyweights to rival Usyk and Fury.

The Southern League Premier Central is always full of crunch local affairs and Boxing Day doesn't disappoint with AFC Telford United and Halesowen Town or Bromsgrove Sporting v Stourbridge arguably the pick.

The Somerset clash between Tiverton Town and Taunton Town always whets the appetite in the west country, while Havant & Waterlooville and Gosport Borough love a battle on the south coast.

And if you're in or around the Beaconsfield area of Buckinghamshire then why not make the trip to Holloways Park where they take on close rivals Flackwell Heath.

In the Isthmian League, the all-Essex affair between Billericay Town and Canvey Island gets the juices flowing,

#### Jon Couch

Ashford Town (Middx) v Harrow Borough

# THE TEAMS Saturday 28th December



## ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

## Tangerine





## Red

MARCIN BRZOZOWSKI	1	DANIEL HOSIER
ARCHIE LARKHAM	2	JAVON MARQUIS
	Z	JAVON WARQUIS
PRINCE KANDOLO	3	MACK MISKIN
LIAM MOORE	4	STEPHEN LANGLEY
ELLIOTT POLEY	5	LOUIS UDEH
RHYS PAUL	6	<b>KEAGAN COLE</b>
BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI	7	KAI HAMILTON
ALEXANDER PAINE	8	HARRY McCORKELL
SCOTT DAY	9	<b>RIDWAN HASSAN</b>
JACK ARNOLD	10	TYRESE OSBOURNE
JAYDEN P-ATKINSON	11	JETHRO ODUMOSU
	SUBS	
JAMES KING	12	JAMES CURTEEN
GEORGE VORSTER	14	JODEN TRICKETT
SAM HUMPHREYS	15	<b>KEEGAN BLOOM</b>
TRISTAN VERNAL	16	DEAGO DUNBAR-BONNIE
DAVID NYARKO	17	JORDAN HAMILTON-OLISE

Manager

Luke Tuffs

Manager Ben Bukowski

**Referee:** Josh Burns **Assistants:** Demetri Anastasiou, Daryl Ann

## **OUR NEXT HOME GAME**

**ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)** 

Hanworth Villa

Wednesday 1st January

