

DORKING 25/26 WANDERERS B



VS

OAKWOOD FC

KICK OFF - 7:45pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2nd



CHARLIE'S NOTES

Good Evening Wanderers,

From myself and on behalf of the management team, players and volunteers, we welcome you back to Meadowbank for this evening's Southern Combination Division One fixture against Oakwood FC.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the committee, management, players and volunteers from Oakwood travelling across from West Sussex for today's game. We hope you enjoy your visit.

After an extended break due to a gap in the league fixtures, it was great to get back to competitive action on Saturday with a Surrey derby against Godalming Town. Prior to the break we had recorded really good back-to-back 1-2 away wins against Arundel and Mile Oak, and after nearly a month without a game, I thought the lads turned in an excellent display against the league leaders this past weekend.

Unfortunately we were defeated 1-0 late on - Godalming finding a way as they often do - and I was gutted as I felt the lads deserved something out the game for their efforts. We knew it would be a test for us against the top at the top and playing on a difficult surface, but I thought we matched up really well, especially in battling spirit and in embracing the physical side of the game. If we can replicate and build on that level of performance moving forward, I'm confident we can really start to climb the table and enjoy the second half of this season.

Remarkably, it's been six weeks since our last home fixture - tonight's match is the first of three this month as we welcome Selsey and Copthorne before the end of the calendar year. With just one win so far in 25/26, following recent results and performances on the road we must look to transfer that across to Meadowbank in these upcoming weeks and see if we can get it back to being the fortress it so often has been in recent seasons for the B team.

Thank you for your continued support - I look forward to seeing you back at Meadowbank tonight, let's all get behind the team and get ourselves back to winning ways.

Charlie

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OAKWOOD FC

Oakwood Football Club are based in Crawley, England. Nicknamed the "Oaks" they were established in 1962 and joined the Sussex County League Division Three in 1984. In 2005–06 season, they were champions of the Sussex County League Division Two and moved up to Division One, where they remained until relegation back to Division Two in 2010. They are currently members of the Southern Combination Division One and play at Tinsley Lane.

Founded in 1962 by pupils from St Wilfrids School which traditionally favoured Rugby football, Oakwood FC took its name from the estate where the school was situated.

Three seasons after playing against other local school teams, the club applied to join the Crawley and District Football League for the 1966–67 season.

After five years the club had reached C&DFL Division One. During the 1972–73 season the club reached the Sussex FA Junior Cup Final losing 1–0 and were again runners up in the same competition the following season to the same score-line.

However, by the time they had reached their second consecutive County Final, they had been crowned Crawley League Division One champions and Winners of the Crawley Senior Cup.

By 1980 the club was beginning to re-structure and joined the Southern Counties Combination League, where they finished fourth in the first season, and incredibly runners up the following year also winning the League Cup.

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In 1983 the club purchased its present home at Tinsley Lane, Oakwood Park. With the extension of the Sussex County Football League by introducing a Third Division for season 1984–85, the club were accepted on application and emerged as Champions at the first attempt.

After promotion and adjusting to life in Division Two the club finished third during their third year and should have missed promotion as the old ruling was two down two up. However, promotion was granted to Division One as Bexhill Town, who had finished as runners up, did not have adequate facilities for the top Division at that time. Unfortunately, the Oaks were relegated after just one season.

The 1989–90 season saw the installation of the floodlights at Oakwood Park and the club finishing the season as runners up to Bexhill Town. This season also saw first senior trophy for the club in the shape of the Division Two cup, where they defeated Stamco 2–1 in the final. 1993–94 saw the club reach the final of the Sussex Senior Cup, played at the old Goldstone Ground, former home to Brighton & Hove Albion, losing to Wick 3–1.

Growth has seen the addition of U23s and Women to the senior section and youth section expanding to 22 teams with over 40 coaches qualified to a minimum FA Level 1 Coaching standard.

Alongside being an FA approved Wildcat Centre for girls aged 5–11 is Mini Oaks for boys and these feed into the youth teams currently playing in various local leagues from U8 to U18, all of which play at the clubs home ground. Future plans include walking and disability football to make the club a fully inclusive community club.

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