

CHARLIE'S NOTES

Good Afternoon Wanderers,

From myself and on behalf of the management team, players and volunteers, we welcome you back to Meadowbank today for our first Southern Combination Division One fixture of the 25/26 campaign against Billingshurst FC!

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

Following a really positive 24/25 campaign, we cannot wait for things to get going again this weekend. It's been a summer of transition with a number of second year students moving on to clubs higher up in the non-league pyramid, the likes of Luke Bejashvili, Joel Brown, James Laws, Ollie Rawlins, Jay Richardson and Neo Wooster all now playing at clubs at Step 4, and Zac Cahusac plying his trade at Step 3. We wish each of them the very best for the season ahead.

We can reflect on a pre-season period these past 4 weeks which has seen us be very competitive throughout, and I've been very impressed with how quickly our new second year's and brand new first year's have gelled. We've had strong performances and close-run results against higher level opposition - away to Roffey and Eastbourne United and at home to Moneyfields Reserves and Met Police Reserves - as well as a victory in our first home fixture against friend of the club George Plank's Shrewton United.

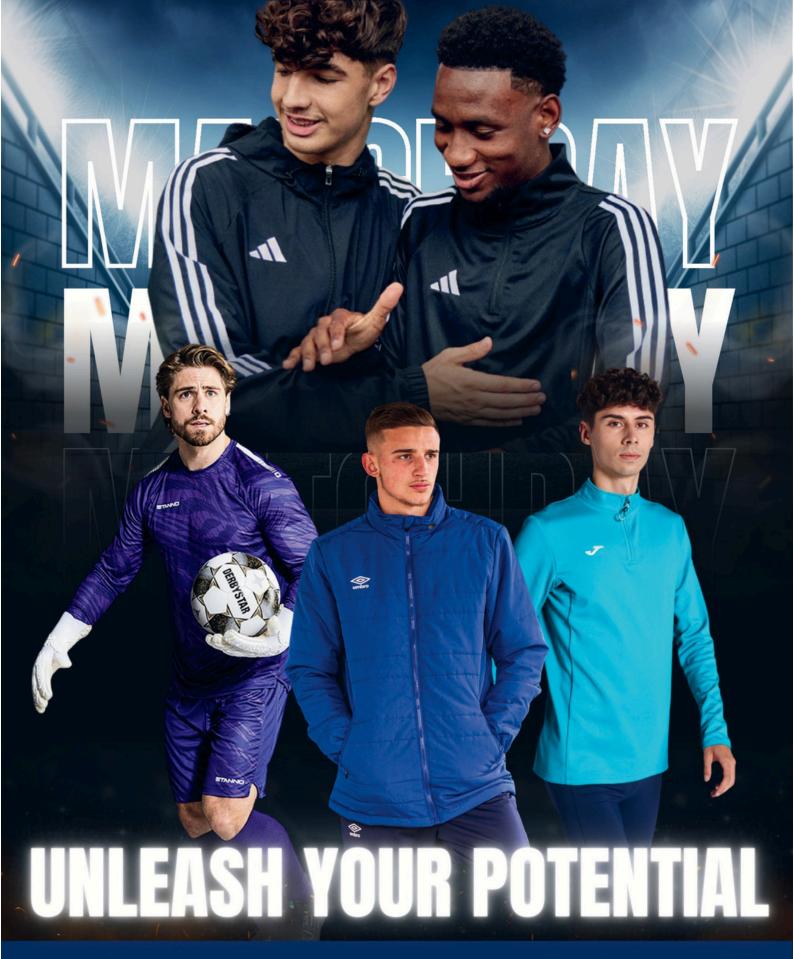
Alongside the likes of Sam Allison, Bertie Baker, Miguel Rodriguez, Ted Sullivan, and Gabriel Jacks, who all featured regularly for the B's last term, we welcome fresh faces joining the club's post-16 education and programme for the new season - including forward Blaise Weller who has already scored a couple of times for the B team towards the end of last season.

With the visit of Billingshurst today and then our first cup fixture of the new season following quickly on Tuesday away to Loxwood in the Peter Bentley competition, both matches will provide a good measure of where we at, and we are relishing the early season test.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at Meadowbank today!

Enjoy the game!

Charlie





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BILLINGSHURST FC

Founded in 1891 Billingshurst FC were initially members of the Horsham league before joining the West Sussex Football League at the time of its inception, enjoying many seasons before winning the West Sussex Premier League in 2012 and being promoted to the Sussex County League.

"We currently run three senior sides, plus an U18 Side. Our 1st team compete in Southern Combination Football League Division 1, whilst our U18 side currently play in SCFL U18 North. Our Reserves will be competing in the West Sussex Football League Premier division, the highest placed reserves team in the WSFL. Whilst our 3rd Team will be competing in WSFL Div 2 North.

We recently introduced a friendly Vets side, who have playing friendly games and entered the Sussex County Vets Cup last year."

As an FA Accredited club we also run sixteen mixed junior sides from under 7 to U18. Junior sides play in the Horsham and District youth, Surrey and Mid Sussex leagues.

We moved to our current home ground at Jubilee fields after vacating the old Station Road ground in 2006, due to the development of the swimming pool. With the aid of Football Foundation funding we enjoy excellent facilities including three senior pitches, and a number of junior ones.

Our main pitch has seen much development over recent years including, hard standing, floodlights, a stand and perimeter and spectator fencing. We are enjoying our time in senior football and as such have competed regularly in the FA Vase and had our best run in this competition reaching the 2nd round."



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BILLINGSHURST

MANAGEMENT

Manager - Charlie Dunne Head Coach - Simon Ray Coach - Eric Benedetto Coach - Will Lonsdale

SQUAD

Sam Allison (GK) Cameron Sturman (GK)

Rubens Andrade Bertie Baker Cristiano Barreca Leo Bines Tom Bland Bruno Dackombe **Donny Daniels** Barney Dowling-Campbell **Brandon Engstrom** Chris Ewan Donnell Fitzgerald Luca Fulco **Dillon Grass** Charlie Hardwick Max Holland **Gabriel Jacks** James McLeod **Noah Moore Finley Murtagh** Charlie Pepper **Finley Powell** Miguel Rodriguez Miles Straker Ted Sullivan

Blaise Weller

MANAGEMENT

Manager - Eddie French Assistant - Ollie Berry Coach - Nick Courtney Physio - Nathan Sleat GK Coach - Tom Betts

SQUAD

Josh Mesor (GK) Ollie Reynolds (GK) Ollie Courtney (GK)

James Bendell Kieran Britland Luke Brodie Riley Cross **Archie Cooke** Jake Coltham-Lai **Ewan Day** Tom Edwards **Matt Hards** Callum Jones Ben Lewis **Aaron Loftus** Riley Morgan Matt Rendell Ronnie Reeves Jack Sizzey-Carter Jamie Smith Jordan Stallibrass **Nick Tilley** Darren Wilson