

DORKING 25/26 WANDERERS B



VS
SELSEY FC
KICK OFF - 3pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20th



CHARLIE'S NOTES

Good Afternoon Wanderers,

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

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

After a long period of time without a game at Meadowbank, we returned on Tuesday December 2nd to take on Oakwood under the lights. After a really good performance against leaders Godalming Town the weekend before, albeit ending in a narrow defeat, I was pleased the boys managed to maintain the performance level and secure just our second home win of the campaign with a 2-0 victory against The Oaks. David Obeng-Adjei returned to the side and got the opening goal before Cristiano Barreca got the important second shortly after half-time. Starting today, five of our next six matches are at Meadowbank - and following a poor run of form at home during the first half of the season, we must build up on that victory and look to use this upcoming run of games to build confidence and momentum on our own patch.

Unfortunately, our last fixture away at Reigate Priory a fortnight ago did see us slip to our heaviest defeat since the beginning of October, 3-0. After taking an early lead, we struggled to get back into the game, and two quick-fire goals around the hour mark put the game to bed.

Thank you for your continued support - it's been a difficult second half of the calendar year for us, but there are still plenty of games to go in this current season for us to get ourselves back pushing towards the top end of the table. We have two home games back-to-back to finish off 2025 - welcoming Selsey today before Copthorne are the visitors next weekend (Dec 27th).

I look forward to seeing you back at Meadowbank today, let's all get behind the team and get ourselves back to winning ways.

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SELSEY FC

Selsey Football Club was formed in 1903 and played at various grounds before setting up home at the High Street Ground in the late 1940s, where the club remains to this present day, where it is now named the Seal Bay Resort Stadium, after our Club Sponsors.

Selsey were a formidable and dominating force in the 1950's West Sussex Football League. They won Division One on six occasions in 1937/38, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59 and 1960/61, together with the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup on four occasions in 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58 and 1958/59. They also added the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup trophy to their haul in 1958/59.

Selsey made the step up to the Sussex County League in 1961 and made an immediate impact in Division Two, finishing runners-up to champions Shoreham in their first season. Selsey gained promotion to Division One in 1963/64, ending the season as champions and were also winners of the Division Two Invitation Cup. The club remained in the top division for five years before being relegated in 1969. The highlight of their early existence in the County scene was when they appeared at the Goldstone Ground, Brighton and were narrowly beaten by Eastbourne Utd 1-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup in season 1962/63.

A return to the top flight was achieved in season 1975/76, again as champions, but within two seasons the club once again found itself back in Division Two. They then endured a further nine seasons in the lower division until they gained promotion back to Division One for the third time in 1986/87, as runners-up to Pagham. Their two chances of cup glory during that time came in 1984/85 when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup losing to local rivals Chichester City 2-1 and in 1986/87 when they were eventual winners. Once back in Division One Selsey managed to survive for four seasons, until finishing bottom in 1991 with just 12 points. They had another chance of silverware in 1989/90 but again failed in the final when they lost to Langney Sports in the John O'Hara League Cup. They made amends by winning the County League 5-a-side tournament at the Brighton Centre under Manager Joe Laidlaw.

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The club then had a period of success when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup in 1994/95 and then winners the following season, together with winning promotion to back to Division One in 1995/6.

The club now enjoyed its longest spell in Division One, a period of eight years. It also had its most successful time, when Danny Hinshelwood took control of the club in 2000. Season 2001/02 saw them win the SCFA RUR Cup and the following year saw them lift the John O'Hara League Cup. In seasons 2000/01 and 2001/02 the club finished 4th on both occasions, their highest finish to date. Problems behind the scenes at the club, however, saw them start the 2003/04 campaign amongst the favourites for relegation. The annual curtain-raiser - The Norman Wingate Trophy - did little to dispel those feelings, as Whitehawk thumped a woeful Selsey side 6-1. The remainder of the season followed suit as Selsey were relegated back to Division Two.

Following two seasons of rebuilding and re-structuring, and with the return of Danny Hinshelwood for the 2005/06 campaign Selsey were back to something like their best. They gained immediate promotion back to Division One and in 2006/07, they finished in 8th place. They also won their way through to the SCFA RUR Cup final in season 2007/08, but could not record their second triumph, losing to Three Bridges. A 15th place finish kept them in Division One. Another cup final appearance was to come Selsey's way in 2011/12 when they played Rye Utd in the SCFA RUR Cup, but again could not record a win and lost 2-0. In 2011 the club made improvements to the ground in line with the FA ground grading requirements and remains to this day a ground worthy of its County League status.

Selsey's 2012/13 season with a total of eleven league wins and twelve draws saw them finish 18th in the league, only avoiding relegation by four points. The following 2013/14 season started with great enthusiasm and optimism. Ex Brighton and Hove Albion favourite Adam Hinshelwood was in charge of the side and things looked good for the new campaign.

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Early exits were recorded in the FA Cup and FA Vase and their league form was inconsistent. This led to Adam Hinshelwood resigning as Manager with Ryan Pharo now taking charge. He managed to stabilize our form but his reign was short-lived and he was removed from his post in March 2014. The Club decided to take on a Youth policy and the need to promote from within. Steve Bailey was promoted to the position of Manager but the difficult season continued losing 7 of their last 8 league matches with that solitary win being the last game of the season at home to secure their place in Division One for another term.

The 2014-15 season continued to be a very difficult time for the Club. The first team struggled in the league and never looked like holding onto their position in Division One. They ended the season in bottom place with only eleven points and were relegated to the newly formed Southern Combination Football League. Their cup exploits did not fare any better with defeats in the first round of each competition.

The 2015-16 season again proved to be tough for Steve Baileys' side. It took until the second week in October before they recorded their first league victory. Early cup wins in the Peter Bentley Cup and Division One Cup were an improvement on the previous term, but unfortunately the side went out of these competitions before any silverware came their way. For the third season running Selsey were needing a result on the last day of the season to prevent relegation. A 1-1 draw at home to Southwick was sufficient for the team to retain its Division One status and plan for the season ahead.

Season 2016-17 saw an improvement in the league and Selsey finished in a respectable 7th position with 53 points. Again, there were early exits in the cup competitions but some good performances throughout the season, suggested the Club was heading in the right direction.

Much was expected in season 2017-18, but Selsey were unable to improve upon the previous season's finish. They maintained a mid-table position when they finished 9th on 47 points.

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The side fared no better in the cup competitions and the season ended up a bit of a disappointment. It was at the end of this season that a managerial change was made. Steve Bailey was replaced by ex-player Daren Pearce, who had previously been in charge of near neighbours Sidlesham FC.

Daren came to the club with a respected and successful playing career at Sussex county clubs such as Eastbourne Borough, Bognor Regis Town, Worthing FC.

He remains in charge of the playing side to this day and has added regular England International Over 50's appearances to his playing CV.

Season 2018-19 saw an immediate improvement and the 1st team ended up in 5th position with 66 points. The National and County cup competitions were not favourable to Selsey and interest in these, was again, lost in the early rounds. However, the U18s were dominant in the league. They not only won the U18 West Division, but they also won the SCFL Champions of Champions final. Things looked very bright for the club moving forward.

Season 2022-23 saw Daren Pearce continue to keep developing youngsters to bring them through to the 1st team and to improve upon the previous season. A strong finish to the Division One season saw the 1st Team qualify for the last play-off place. They then had to visit Epsom and Ewell in an attempt to reach the play-off final, but they lost out on a penalty shoot-out after holding their hosts to a 0-0 draw. However, they

had delivered on the remit for the season and the Club continued to develop. An U18 and now an U16 side has been added to the list of teams within the Club, together with a fully associated Selsey FC Women's teams.

Season 2023-24 saw the side again reach the play off semi final with a points accumulation better then the previous 2 seasons, but fell again at this hurdle, losing 3-1 away at Seaford Town.

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Bertie Baker
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Max Holland
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Liam Manby
Finley McIntyre
James McLeod
Noah Moore
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Samuel N'Cho
Finley Powell
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Manager - Daren Pearce

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