

DORKING 25/26 WANDERERS B



VS

GODALMING TOWN

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

KICK OFF - 7:45pm



CHARLIE'S NOTES

Good Evening Wanderers,

From myself and on behalf of the management team, players and volunteers, we welcome you to Meadowbank tonight for our Southern Combination Division One fixture against Godalming Town.

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

It's been almost a month since we last played a home fixture, so we are looking forward to playing back on familiar ground this evening. We've had a busy run on 6 matches on the road in that time, the pattern of Saturday-Tuesday feels like its been a constant since the beginning of the campaign, after today's fixture though it should start to ease up though.

After narrow 2-1 defeat away at Loxwood, a match overshadowed by a head injury to Bertie Baker (who should be back in contention this evening), we've since had back-to-back 1-1 draws at Saltdean United and Selsey respectively in the league. In both fixtures the team showed great character to equalise late on, but we acknowledge that with just one win and four draws on the board so far, we have to be more clinical and find that killer instinct in the final third – the margins have been so small in every match we have played so far this term.

The recent run of results has seen us exit both the Peter Bentley Cup and the Challenge Cup which is very disappointing – the lads unable to overcome tough tests against Step 5 Pagham this past Saturday and current leaders of our division Godalming Town last Tuesday – who we of course play tonight – respectively. In the Surrey Premier Cup we still have one more cup to play – our opening tie against Walcountians coming up shortly, and we look forward to trying to put a good run together in that competition.

With 7 wins out of 7 so far in the league we know tonight's test against Godalming will be a tough one, but we have to embrace the challenge and see it as an opportunity to really kick-start our league campaign.

Thank you for your support so far – enjoy the game!

Charlie

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GODALMING TOWN

The club has its origins as Godalming United FC, formed in 1950 by ex-pupils of Godalming Grammar School. Between 1950–71 the club played at the Recreation Ground. However, in 1970 Surrey Senior League side Farncombe collapsed, leaving their ground in Meadow vacant. Godalming took over the debts and tenancy, changing their name to Godalming and Farncombe FC, and the ground to Wey Court in the process.

The original pitch was where the nearby Wey Court Sheltered Housing stood and considerable amount of work was undertaken on the new playing area, which was built on the site of an old waste tip. The club was helped by Waverley Council when drainage problems and subsidence meant they had to find a temporary home at Broadwater Park.

The club was accepted into the Combined Counties League for the start of the 1978 season, and a year later the name was changed again, to Godalming Town FC. In 1985, another local club, Addlestone & Weybridge, was disbanded and, before their ground at Liberty Lane was demolished, Godalming purchased the stand and perimeter fence for £225 and £50 respectively. The stand was re-erected at Wey Court, with seating and fascia added.

The next development came in 1992 when the Guildford Football Appeal (formed in an attempt to return the towns name to senior football, following the collapse of Guildford City in 1977) donated a sum of money towards floodlights, and in return the name of the club was changed again to Godalming & Guildford FC.

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During 2005 close season, the club changed its name for a fifth time, albeit back to one of its previous incarnations, that of Godalming Town.

The 2009/10 season was arguably the best season in the history of the club. Town finished a record high position 4th in the Ryman South but were eventually beaten 2-1 in the Playoff Final at Folkestone Invicta.

The club progressed further than ever before in the FA Trophy and won the Surrey Senior Cup by beating Sutton United 2-1. The season also saw local boy Shaun Elliott became the club's record appearance holder after reaching 360 games in a Godalming shirt.

On a sad note in February 2018 saw the passing of Bill Kyte, the Godalming Town President of an astonishing 57 years. It is true to say that without his tireless work, the club would not even exist today which is why it is fitting that the name of the ground is now The Bill Kyte Stadium in memory of the great man.

In 2023/24 season, G's finished 9 th in the league which saw Tony Roberts resign as first team manager. G's then appointed former coach, Mo Sher as first team manager for the 2024/25 season. G's finished in the playoff's and narrowly lost to Infinity FC on penalties in the playoff semi-final. G's will be looking to go further than that in the 2025/26 season.

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Manager – Charlie Dunne

SQUAD

Sam Allison (GK)
Cameron Sturman (GK)

Rubens Andrade
Bertie Baker
Cristiano Barreca
Leo Bines
Tom Bland
Bruno Dackombe
Donny Daniels
Barney Dowling-Campbell
Chris Ewen
Donnell Fitzgerald
Luca Fulco
Dillon Grass
Max Holland
Gabriel Jacks
James McLeod
Noah Moore
Finley Murtagh
Emmanuel N'Cho
Samuel N'Cho
Charlie Pepper
Finley Powell
Miguel Rodriguez
Miles Straker
Ted Sullivan
Blaise Weller

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Manager – Mo Sher

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Stephen Douglas
Ollie Ballam
Deji Adeosun
Deji Alabi
Nasim Regragui
Conor Stillwell
Matthew Cox
James Mariner
Mark Soares
Elroy Wealthyland
Cameron Edwin
Jack Sherwood
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