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BILLERICAY TOWN FC

VS

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC

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at Carshalton Athletic FC





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Chairman's Welcome

It is my very great pleasure to welcome everyone to Colston Avenue for what I am sure will be a very exciting final of our League Cup which bears the name of our President, Alan Turvey.

I sincerely hope that Alan will be able to be with us tonight to be presented to the Players and Match Officials at the commencement of the game and to present the cup and medals to everyone at the conclusion of the match. Not only do we welcome Alan, together with the players, officials and supporters of both teams but also our Match Officials and, most importantly, our sponsors.

Robert Dyas are part of the Theo Paphitis Retail Group and we have been delighted to have their sponsorship for this very important Competition. It is with much regret that this will be the last year that the sponsors are supporting the Competition because after 20 very successful seasons the Isthmian League will no longer be known as the Ryman League.

Theo Paphitis, Kypros Kyprianou, Ian Charles, Malcolm Cook and their team have been the most tremendous sponsors

and we are very sorry to lose them. Robert Dyas tonight is represented by Rachel Brain, Chief Operating Officer and we hope she will have an enjoyable evening and perhaps one day will come back to provide support to the League once again.

I would very much like to thank Paul and Claire Dipre and all at Carshalton Athletic FC for allowing us to use their ground once again for this important final. The surface at Colston Avenue has been very good over the two seasons since it was laid and I am sure that we are all going to see a good match tonight. I wish both teams all success in this final and also in the remaining matches of the League season.

N R Robinson
Chairman
Ryman Football League



Running Order of Events

7.20pm - Presentation of teams and match officials

7.30pm - First half

8.15pm - Half time

8.30pm - Second half

Extra time and penalties if required

Presentation of trophies at conclusion of match

Billericay Town FC History

Billericay Town Football Club was formed in 1880 making it the 11th oldest club in Essex. It moved into the Romford & District League in 1890 competing in this league until 1914. After the 1st World War, BTFC entered the Mid-Essex League where they remained until 1947. Between 1947 and 1966 they played in the Southern Essex Combination League. In 1966 they became founder-members of the Essex Olympian League.

Five years later, in 1971, Billericay Town Football Club became founder-members of the Essex Senior League and the clubs six-year stay in that competition saw them win the Championship three times and be Runners-Up twice (and third the other season). The League Cup was won four times and they were Finalists once. In addition they won the League Challenge Cup the only time that it was competed for.

Whilst members of the Essex Senior League, the club won the FA Vase in 1976 beating Stamford 1-0 after extra-time at Wembley Stadium. The following season, 1976/1977, the club again reached the FA Vase Final. After a 1-1 draw at Wembley, the replay was played at Nottingham Forest F.C. Billericay Town emerged victorious with a 2-1 victory over Sheffield, reputedly the oldest club in the world.

Billericay Town also became the first Non-League club to win the Rothmans Merit Award in 1978 for "having made a worth-while contribution to the wide spectrum of the game in 1977/78" - the only club previously to have won this Award was Liverpool, the previous season, when they were the European champions. Progressing to the Athenian League in 1977, Billericay won the Championship and the League Cup in their first season. They became Champions again in 1978/1979 and were elected into the Isthmian League.

Billericay Town became the first club to win the F.A. Vase for a third time in 1979 when they defeated Almondsbury Greenway 4-1. This match was notable for a hat-trick by Doug Young - the first hat-trick in a Cup Final at Wembley Stadium since Geoff Hurst's in the 1966 World Cup Final.

The Club then competed in the F.A. Trophy until 1989/1990 when the F.A. Vase was again entered and the Quarter-Final was reached, losing 0-1 to the eventual Finalists, Bridlington.

After their success in the Athenian League, Billericay's league successes continued in the Isthmian League when in their first season they won the Division 2 title with a winning margin of 17 points, scoring 100 goals in their 36 league matches. The following season, in Division 1, they finished as runners-up to Bishops Cleeve - the first time in the history of the Isthmian League that a club had won promotion in two successive seasons on entry into the League.

Billericay then had five seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated in 1986. They then spent two years in Division One before again being relegated - this time into Division Two North.

Following re-organisation of the League, Billericay finished in third place in the newly formed Division Two and so gained promotion to Division One. That season, 1991/1992, they finished the season with an unbeaten run of 15 games, including winning the Essex Thames-Side Trophy.

Full Membership of the Football Association was achieved in 1993, twelve years after obtaining Associate Membership in 1981.

Promotion back to the Premier Division was obtained in 1998. The club finished runner-up in 2004/2005 before losing in the playoffs, they again reached the play-offs in 2006/2007. In what probably ranks as the most remembered game in recent years, Billericay beat local rivals Chelmsford in the semi-finals on penalties in front of a crowd of over 2,000. The final however ended with a less successful penalty shoot out and defeat to Bromley.

In November 2007, the club staged its biggest ever competitive game at New Lodge - reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the third time, Billericay finally drew league opposition for the first time in the form of Swansea City. The Blues took a first half lead before going down to two late goals.

The 2010/11 season saw much local success. The first team lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in 35 years and the club were in fact triple County winners as the youth development programme was rewarded with the Under 18 and Under 16 sides also winning their respective County Cup competitions. This success was built on in 2011/12 as the club finally secured promotion to the Blue Square Bet South as Ryman League Champions.

However, it proved to be a one season stay, despite a good start, the second half of the season was blighted by poor weather and despite hanging on until the penultimate game, a return to the Ryman league beckoned.

Subsequent seasons have seen the club steadily rebuild itself. A mid-table finish in 2013/14 was followed in 2014/15 by a respectable 8th place finish in the league and appearances in the final of the Essex Senior Cup and the semi final of the League Cup. The 2015/16 campaign saw the club enter April in the play-off places, eventually finishing 9th.

After a steady start to the current season, significant change with the club began in December with being taken over by new owners and changes to the playing and coaching staff with potentially exciting times ahead for the new look Blues.

Billericay Town FC Player Profiles

Alan Julian

Experienced goalkeeper signed in February from Bromley. Started out with Brentford before playing 140 games for Stevenage (where he was a play off winners) and 70 games for Gillingham. Subsequent clubs have included Dartford and Sutton United.

Jack Giddens

24 year old Jack re-joined the Blues in 2015 having previously been with the club in 2010. His previous clubs have been Leyton Orient, Grindavik (Iceland), Tooting and Mitcham, Aveley, St. Neots Town and Tilbury.

Tambeson Eyong

Comfortable either in the midfield or at right back, Tambeson signed at the turn of the year from Canvey after his second stint there. He previously had a few seasons with AFC Hornchurch, and was part of the Margate side that won the Ryman Premier League playoffs. Tambeson has also had spells with Dagenham & Redbridge, Gretna, Aveley and Harlow Town.

Rob Swaine

Back for his third spell in Town's first team squad having first come to prominence through the club's youth ranks. In his last stay, Rob scored the goal that effectively sealed promotion to the Conference South in 2012.

Rob has also had long spells with Thurrock and Bromley from who he signed in January.

Joe Ellul

Another player who has returned to the club in recent months. Centre back Joe re-joined the club from East Thurrock United after joining The Rooks last season helping them gain promotion to the National League South. His previous clubs include Redbridge, Barkingside, Maldon & Tiptree, Aveley, and Enfield Town.

William Putt

Still only 17 Will made his debut for the Under 21s 2 days after his 16th birthday and immediately became a permanent fixture in that side. He went on to his first team debut against Wingate and Finchley and played a full 90 minutes in a 4-0 victory.

Danny Fitzsimons

A strong and commanding Centre Back previously at QPR before being snapped up on a five figure fee by the former Luton town manager John Still.

Paul Konchesky

Paul started with Charlton before coming to prominence while at West Ham, Fulham and Leicester, as well as two appearances a for England in full internationals. Now 35, Paul was considering retirement at Gillingham but has decided to play on in the new look Billericay side.

Oliver Sprague

Highly rated wide left player signed from Hendon in December 2016. Early career included spells at Chelsea, QPR and Watford before a stint playing in Cyprus. Began this season at Welling United. Time after previous spells at Romford and Aveley.

Kreshnic Krasniqi

21 year old Kresh is a "box to box" midfielder who joined the

Blues from Cypriot side Ethnikos Achna. He has spent the last 3 seasons in Cyprus also representing Ormidia and having a loan spell at THOI Laketamia. Kresh is also a set piece specialist with his free kicks and long throws.

Byron Lawrence

Byron was at Ipswich Town and Colchester United as a youngster and before an impressive spell at Bishops Cleeve. He was a regular starter for Leiston this season before joining Town in March, being selected for every game since.

Matt Johnson

One of the first signings of the new club owners. A midfielder playmaker, who was signed in November from Margate where he had been club captain. Previous clubs include Harlow Town, Aveley, Rusden & Diamonds, Dover Athletic, Braintree Town, Bishop's Cleeve and Ebbsfleet United.

Lewis Taafe

Lewis has the benefit of great pace and can operate out wide in attack or midfield as well as fitting in as a striker. Another of our recent signings has already made a good impression with his work rate. Counts Hemel Hempstead, Concord Rangers and Histon amongst his former clubs.

Jamie O'Hara

Jamie broke through at Spurs where he spent 6 years. He joined Wolves making over 50 appearances before moving on to Blackpool and Fulham. He joined Gillingham at the start of this season but a serious foot injury curtailed his stay. After a winter recovering, and a stint in the Big Brother house, he now returns to the pitch with Town.

Billy Bricknell

Billy returns for his second spell with the Blues. He has provided great service to all of his clubs including Chelmsford City, Dover Athletic, Leyton, Ebbsfleet United and Maidstone United and has been leading scorer since rejoining.

Adam Cunningham

After starting his career in Southern League sides around his native Bedfordshire, Adam progressed to Solihull Moors and Kettering in the Conference. He progressed to league football at Dagenham & Redbridge and Cambridge. Following spells with Bristol Rovers, Ebbsfleet and Woking, he was signed in February from Bromley.

Chris Assombolonga

Brother of Nottingham Forest's Brett, Chris was signed in January from Dagenham & Redbridge and scored within 4 minutes of his debut. Chris has also played for Waltham Abbey, Whitehawk and St Albans City.

Jake Robinson

Reported to have been the club's record signing when joining from Hemel Hempstead in March after a record of 28 goals from 29 games. Jake played over 120 games for Brighton before moving to Aldershot, Shrewsbury and Northampton where he played a further 100+ games. Before his move to Hemel, Jake played for Whitehawk, close to his native Brighton.

BILLERICAY TOWN
ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT
1	13/09	H	Heybridge Swifts	3-0	117
2	04/10	A	Tilbury	1-1	112
<i>Billericay Town won 4-2 on penalties</i>					
3	20/12	H	Brightlingsea Regent	2-1	126
QF	07/02	A	Worthing	7-0	318
SF	21/02	H	South Park	4-3	275

PREVIOUS RECORD LAST FIVE YEARS

SEASON - ROUND
2011/12 - Third round
2012/13 - Not in league
2013/14 - Third Round
2014/15 - Semi-Finals
2015/16 - Preliminary Round

TONBRIDGE ANGELS
ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT
1	13/09	A	Folkestone Invicta	1-0	224
2	25/10	H	Sittingbourne	2-0	260
3	06/12	H	Romford	2-2	133
<i>Tonbridge Angels won 4-2 on penalties</i>					
QF	10/01	A	Needham Market	3-1	148
SF	14/03	H	Dulwich Hamlet	3-1	305

PREVIOUS RECORD LAST FIVE YEARS

SEASON - ROUND
2011/12 - Not in league
2012/13 - Not in league
2013/14 - Not in league
2014/15 - Third Round (Last 16)
2015/16 - Second Round

RESULT FIRST ROUND

4-1	AFC Hornchurch v Haringey Borough
2-1	AFC Sudbury v Lowestoft Town
1-2	Aveley v Greenwich Borough
3-0	Billericay Town v Heybridge Swifts
3-0	Bowers & Pitsea v Witham Town
1-2	Brentwood Town v Ware
6-3	Brightlingsea Regent v Leiston
2-0	Burgess Hill Town v Horsham
6-1	Canvey Island v Great Wakering Rovers
4-1	Carshalton Athletic v Molesey
1-0	Chatham Town v VCD Athletic
2-4	Cheshunt v Enfield Town
1-2	Chipstead v South Park
2-0	Corinthian-Casuals v Whyteleafe
4-0	Dulwich Hamlet v Grays Athletic
2-2	East Grinstead Town v Godalming Town
(Godalming Town won 6-5 on penalties)	
3-0	Faversham Town v Hythe Town
0-1	Folkestone Invicta v Tonbridge Angels
4-4	Harrow Borough v Wingate & Finchley
(Wingate & Finchley won 8-7 on penalties)	
(Wingate & Finchley were removed from the competition)	
2-2	Hendon v Metropolitan Police
(Metropolitan Police won 4-3 on penalties)	
1-1	Herne Bay v Hastings United
(Hastings United won 4-3 on penalties)	
2-2	Kingstonian v Merstham
(Merstham won 5-4 on penalties)	
2-1	Leatherhead v Walton Casuals
2-1	Sittingbourne v Ramsgate
3-4	Soham Town Rangers v Needham Market
4-3	Thamesmead Town v Romford
(Thamesmead Town were removed from the competition)	
0-0	Tilbury v Maldon & Tiptree
(Tilbury won 8-7 on penalties)	
0-3	Tooting & Mitcham United v Staines Town
3-1	Waltham Abbey v Harlow Town
5-0	Worthing v Three Bridges
Byes: Bury Town and Dorking Wanderers	

RESULT SECOND ROUND

2-1	Brightlingsea Regent v Bowers & Pitsea	54
2-3	Burgess Hill Town v Godalming Town	148
0-2	Bury Town v Needham Market	230
0-0	Canvey Island v Ware (Ware won 3-1 on penalties)	151
1-4	Enfield Town v AFC Hornchurch	120
1-1	Faversham Town v Hastings United	
(Faversham Town won 6-5 on penalties)		101
1-2	Greenwich Borough v Dulwich Hamlet	213
4-3	Merstham v Leatherhead	154
0-1	Metropolitan Police v Corinthian-Casuals	103
1-0	Romford v Chatham Town	65
2-1	South Park v Carshalton Athletic	72
3-4	Staines Town v Harrow Borough	123
1-1	Tilbury v Billericay Town	
(Billericay Town won 4-2 on penalties)		112
2-0	Tonbridge Angels v Sittingbourne	260
2-5	Waltham Abbey v AFC Sudbury	62
2-1	Worthing v Dorking Wanderers	280

RESULT THIRD ROUND

1-0	AFC Hornchurch v AFC Sudbury	76
2-1	Billericay Town v Brightlingsea Regent	126
2-5	Corinthian-Casuals v Merstham	81
2-1	Dulwich Hamlet v Faversham Town	321
0-4	Harrow Borough v South Park	53
2-2	Tonbridge Angels v Romford	
(Tonbridge Angels won 4-2 on penalties)		133
1-2	Ware v Needham Market	60
2-1	Worthing v Burgess Hill Town	444

RESULT QUARTER FINALS

2-3	AFC Hornchurch v Dulwich Hamlet	146
1-1	Merstham v South Park	
(South Park won 4-3 on penalties)		110
1-3	Needham Market v Tonbridge Angels	148
0-7	Worthing v Billericay Town	318

RESULT SEMI-FINALS

4-3	Billericay Town v South Park	275
3-1	Tonbridge Angels v Dulwich Hamlet	305

League Cup Final History

Season	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Score
1974-75	Tilbury	Croydon	(Two-legs)	3-1
1975-76	Slough Town	Tilbury	Hayes	4-0
1976-77	Hendon	Barking	Harrow	1-0
1977-78	Dagenham	Leatherhead	Dulwich	1-0
1978-79	Enfield	Hayes	Slough	2-1
1979-80	Enfield	Sutton United	Harrow	2-1
1980-81	Slough Town	Walthamstow Avenue	Hayes	4-2
1981-82	Leytonstone-Ilford	Kingstonian	Boreham Wood	2-0
1982-83	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legs)	2-1
1983-84	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legs)	3-1
1984-85	Wycombe Wanderers	Farnborough Town	(Two-legs)	5-1
1985-86	Sutton United	Uxbridge	Metropolitan Police	3-1
1986-87	Bognor Regis Town	Hendon	Windsor	3-2
1987-88	Yeovil Town	Hayes	Basingstoke	3-1
1988-89	Bishop's Stortford	Farnborough Town	Hayes	1-0
1989-90	Aveley	St. Albans City	Dagenham	3-0
1990-91	Woking	Carshalton Athletic	Kingstonian	2-1
1991-92	Grays Athletic	Enfield	Dagenham	3-1
1992-93	Marlow	Molesey	Aldershot	2-1
1993-94	Chertsey Town	Enfield	Hayes	3-0
1994-95	Aylesbury United	Slough Town	Marlow	1-1 (7-6 on pens)
1995-96	Kingstonian	Aldershot Town	Aldershot	4-1
1996-97	Boreham Wood	Braintree Town	Dagenham	1-0
1997-98	Sutton United	Oxford City	Harrow	6-1
1998-99	Aldershot Town	Boreham Wood	Slough	2-1
1999-2000	Farnborough Town	Maidenhead United	Basingstoke Town	1-0
2000-01	Heybridge Swifts	Croydon	Purfleet	3-0
2001-02	Northwood	Hampton & Richmond	St. Albans City	3-2
2002-03	Yeading	Canvey Island	Hornchurch	2-0
2003-04	Thurrock	Dunstable Town	Bishop's Stortford	5-1
2004-05	Slough Town	Hampton & Richmond	Staines Town	3-1
2005-06	Fisher Athletic	Billerica Town	Grays Athletic	4-0
2006-07	Ashford Town (Middx)	Dover Athletic	Bromley	4-1
2007-08	Ramsgate	AFC Sudbury	Dartford	0-0 (5-4 on pens)
2008-09	Tilbury	Harrow Borough	Staines Town	2-0
2009-10	Leatherhead	Wealdstone	Met Police	0-0 (4-3 on pens)
2010-11	Wingate & Finchley	Dulwich Hamlet	Metropolitan Police	2-0
2011-12	Bury Town	East Thurrock Utd	Staines Town	1-0
2012-13	Concord Rangers	Dulwich Hamlet	Maidstone Utd	3-2 (AET)
2013-14	Maidstone United	A.F.C. Sudbury	Maidstone Utd	3-0
2014-15	Hendon	Grays Athletic	Whyteleafe FC	3-2
2015-16	Kingstonian	Faversham Town	Carshalton Athletic	5-0

Tonbridge Angels FC History

Tonbridge FC was formed in October 1947 and took the bold step of applying to enter the Southern League, then one of the strongest leagues in the country, for the 1948/49 season. They were accepted along with Chingford, Hastings United and Kidderminster Harriers.

The founding of the club had been at the suggestion of local businessman Herbert Portch and he became the club's first chairman. The club took out a lease on the Angel Ground, named after an adjacent public house, which had previously been a home to Kent County Cricket Club, just a few minutes walk from the railway station.

Fate threw together Tonbridge and Hastings United, both clubs making their Southern League debuts on 21 August 1948. Tonbridge netted first, Albert Robson ensuring his place in the club's history, but Hastings won 2-1. Tonbridge's first season ended with an inauspicious third from bottom placing.

In the early seasons the Angels, an obvious nickname, struggled in the league, but cup competitions brought some cheer. In 1949/50 the club reached the Southern League Cup semi-final, only to lose 3-2 to Colchester just a few months before the Essex club were elected to the Football League.

Starting in 1950 Tonbridge reached the first round of the FA Cup in three consecutive seasons, only to lose each time in replays. Their opponents were Chelmsford City, Aldershot and Norwich City respectively. The Aldershot game attracted a record crowd of 8,236 to the Angel Ground, while the last match, away to Norwich at Carrow Road, was settled by a late goal, which many thought should have been disallowed for offside. It was to be fifteen years before Tonbridge again reached the 1st Round, losing 1-0 at Dagenham in 1967.

The Kent Senior Shield brought some silverware to the club, Tonbridge lifting the trophy four times in the 1950s. It was different story in Southern League Cup where the Angels were twice beaten finalists, losing to Yeovil in 1955 and Hereford in 1957.

The Southern League expanded to two divisions in the late fifties and Tonbridge were relegated from the Premier Division in 1962, but were promoted two seasons later having just missed out the year before. In 1964/65 Tonbridge lifted the Kent Senior Cup for the first time but the following season were relegated back to Division One.

The 1960s saw two local players leave Tonbridge to pursue careers in the Football League. Goalkeeper Tony Burns signed for Arsenal in 1963. He made 31 appearances for the Gunners and also played for Charlton, Crystal Palace and Brighton.

Full-back Malcolm MacDonald joined Fulham in 1968. Converted to a striker he was later to appear for Arsenal and Newcastle and is the only player ever to score five goals in one game for England, a feat he achieved against Cyprus at Wembley in 1975.

In 1972/73 Tonbridge were promoted back to the Premier Division and in the same season reached the first round of the FA Cup again. Charlton Athletic were the visitors to the Angel Ground and they won 5-0 in front of a crowd of 7,770.

Two years later, managed by World Cup winner George Cohen, Tonbridge lifted the Kent Senior Cup for the second time, beating Maidstone United in the final.

The 1975/76 season ended in relegation but it was also the season that the club went into voluntary liquidation. Tonbridge Angels FC emerged from the chaos but there was another major problem just around the corner.

The club's landlord was the local council who wanted the Angel ground, a site just off the high street, for development. A battle in the High Court ensued before the club was offered a site for a new ground in north Tonbridge.

What was begun by Albert Robson in 1948 was ended by the appropriately named Micky Angel. He netted the last ever goal at the Angel Ground, during a 2-2 draw with Hounslow on Monday 21 January 1980. The remaining home fixtures for the season were played at various grounds in Kent.

The club played its first game at Longmead Stadium on 18 August 1980, a Southern League Cup match against Crawley Town watched by an encouraging crowd of 707.

Despite having a new home, finances proved a problem but nevertheless the club only missed out on promotion back to the Premier Division on the last day of the 1983/84 season and reached the semi-final of the Southern League Cup in 1986/87.

Hopes were high for the club's 40th anniversary season in 1988/89, encouraged by the appointment of former Tottenham player Terry Naylor as manager. But Naylor's reign ended after seven games and just one point, and the season ended in disaster as Tonbridge were relegated from the Southern League.

It took Tonbridge four years to win the Kent League and return to the Southern League, during which they twice lifted the Kent League Cup, beating Whitstable on each occasion. They also reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing narrowly to Yeovil in October 1991 in front of a then record Longmead crowd of 1,483.

That crowd was beaten in 1997/98 when Crystal Palace, then a Premier League side, sent their full first team squad to Tonbridge for a charity match in aid of two local hospices, a game watched by 2,412.

Tonbridge, managed by Alan Walker, started the 2003/04 season in superb form, winning sixteen of their first seventeen league fixtures. But Walker left midway through the season and the Angels eventually finished third despite amassing 88 points.

The restructuring of the non-league pyramid saw the club transferred to the Ryman League Premier Division for the start of the 2004/05 season and they were relegated in their first season. But they bounced back the following year, beating Dover 3-2 in the Division One play-off final in front of a crowd of 1,863 at Longmead.

In 2006/07 the club reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup again, losing 1-0 at home to Newport County. It was also a season in which Jon Main broke all the club's scoring records with 44 goals including 7 hatricks.

Following an FA Cup 4th qualifying round defeat at Ware in October 2007 the Angels parted company with manager Tony Dolby and Tommy Warrilow was appointed. The club finished 8th in the Ryman Premier and had a good run in the FA Trophy, beating Blue Square Premier side Oxford United before losing to AFC Wimbledon in the next round at Longmead, a game which drew a crowd of 2,281.

In 2008/09 the Angels finished third in the Ryman Premier but lost to Carshalton in the play-offs. The close season saw a major ground development. The old covered stand, which had been transported from the Angel Ground to Longmead in 1980, was a hollow shell except for a pathway and 200 temporary seats. It was completely refurbished and transformed into a smart 720 capacity all-seater stand.

In 2009/10 the Angels missed out on the play-offs but after a poor start to the 2010/11 season they embarked on a run of just one defeat in eighteen matches and put themselves in contention for a play-off place. That place was eventually won and Harrow were beaten 3-2 after extra-time in the semi-final to set up a final with Lowestoft at Longmead.

A crowd of 2,411 saw Tonbridge take a 2-0 lead before Lowestoft pulled a goal back. The Angels were 3-1 up at the break but the Suffolk side fought back and eventually equalized with just 13 minutes left. With the game heading towards extra-time and finger nails in short supply, up stepped Lewis Taylor in the 81st minute to score what proved to be the winning goal. Club captain Scott Kinch had played most of the game with a broken wrist, but he used his one remaining hand to hold aloft the Play-off winner's trophy and confirm the Angels place in the then Blue Square South, the club's highest ever place in the non-league pyramid.

The club had three seasons in the Football Conference's South Division, but was unfortunately relegated at the end of Season 2013/14, and long serving manager Tommy Warrilow left the club. This is our second season back into the Ryman League Premier Division under the new management of Steve McKimm and Barry Moore.

Tonbridge Angels FC Player Profiles

STEVE MCKIMM (Manager) DOB 30/07/1975

Steve McKimm joined the Angels in May 2014 after six years at Sutton United where he spent the last two years as Head Coach.

BARRY MOORE (Assistant Manager) DOB 04/02/77

Joined the club in May 2014. Was previously been a coach at Merstham and Bromley FC.

JUSTIN LUCHFORD (Coach) DOB 01/02/77

Joined the club in May, 2014. Was previously a manager with Ramsgate, Whitstable, Horsham and Faversham Town.

STEWART COPELAND (GK Coach) DOB 28/07/84.

Joined the club in June 2016, having previously been with Tunbridge Wells.

ALEXANDER AKROFI (Midfield) DOB 16/04/95)

Joined the club in November 2016, from Hastings United, having previously been with Maidstone United and Concord Rangers.

LUKE ALLEN (Midfield) DOB 22/02/93

Joined the club in December, 2015, from St. Albans City, having previously also been with Hemel Hempstead Town, Cambridge City and Cambridge United.

GEORGE BEAVAN (DEFENDER) DOB 13/02/90

Joined the club in July 2016, having previously been with Billericay Town.

LUKE BLEWDEN (Midfield) DOB 05/04/91

Rejoined the club at the start of Season 2015/16 from Lewes. Has also been with Crawley Down. A product of our Youth system, has also played for our Reserve team, before moving into the First Team.

ANTHONY DI BERNARDO (Goalkeeper) DOB 18/08/82

Anthony signed for the club during the summer of 2015, having previously been with Peacehaven and Telscombe.

NATHAN ELDER (Striker) DOB 05/04/85

Spent the last months of season 2014/15, with us on loan from Dover Athletic. Has joined us on a permanent basis from the start of Season 2015/16.

JAMES FOLKES (Defender) DOB: 12/01/1990

James signed for the Angels from Sutton United where he made 37 appearances in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 seasons. Previously played for Hayes & Yeading United and Eastleigh

as well as loan spells with Ebbsfleet United and Hemel Hempstead Town.

BRADLEY FORTUM-TOMLINSON DOB 04/01/95

Joined the club in July 2016, having previously been with Grays Athletic, Bishops Stortford, and St. Johnstone.

ANDRE MCCOLLIN (Striker) DOB 13/02/90

Joined the club in July 2016, from Kingstonian, having previously been with Cray Wanderers, Aldershot Town, Croydon Athletic, Yeovil Town, Fisher Athletic and Corinthian Casuals.

SONNY MILES (Defender) DOB 21/10/90

Sonny rejoined the club in the Summer of 2015, having had one season with Maidstone United. A product of our youth system.

TOM PARKINSON (Midfield) DOB: 18/05/1991

Signed from Leatherhead in June 2014 Versatile midfielder player, who has previously been with Leatherhead, Maidstone United and Ramsgate.

JACK PARTER (Defender) DOB: 21/11/1993

Signed pro forms with Gillingham in the summer of 2013. After a loan spell at Ramsgate, Jack signed for Whitstable in March 2014.

TOM PHIPP (Midfield) DOB 03/08/92.

Joined the club during the summer of 2015, having previous been with Margate.

DAMIEN SCANELL (Midfield) DOB 28/04/85

Joined the club during the summer of 2016, having previously been with Dulwich Hamlet

UGO UDOGI (Defender DOB 09/01/89

Joined the club in July 2016, on a season long loan from Bromley FC, having previously been with Rushden and Diamonds

NICK WHEELER (Midfield) DOB 16/12/90.

Joined the club during the Summer of 2015, having previously been with Lewes.

TOMMY WHITNELL (Striker) DOB: 12/10/1988

Signed for the Angels at the Start of Season 2014/15, have previously been with Thamesmead Town, Cray Wanderers, Margate, Maidstone United and Croydon.



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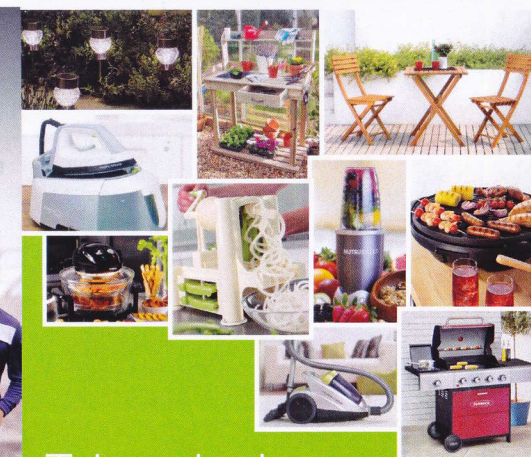
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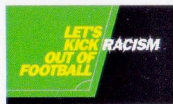
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