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The Alan Turvey Trophy sponsored by Velocity

**AFC HORNCHURCH**

VS

**ENFIELD TOWN FC**

*Wednesday 10th April 2019*

*Kick Off 7:30pm*

at Aveley FC







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# Chairman's Welcome

Good evening and welcome to the Final of the Trophy named after our late President, Alan Turvey, which is currently sponsored and known under the name of our sponsor, Velocity.

This is the first holding of the final tie of the competition since the sad passing of Alan last November and I am delighted to say that his daughter, Susan, is going to be with us today to be presented to the two teams and to assist with the presentation of the trophies.

I cannot pay a higher tribute to Alan than by saying that he was a true Isthmian. Some people get an award from The FA for being involved in football for 50 years, Alan had been involved with the Isthmian League for 1 year short of 50 years. A truly remarkable achievement. Alan believed passionately in the Isthmian League and fought tirelessly to take the League forward in every way he could. Under his 33 years in charge the League moved forward from a stand alone League of 3 divisions to a highly respected member of The Football Association National League system. I will not here detail all the landmarks achieved by the League under Alan's guidance but suffice to say that the League would not be the League it is today without Alan's guidance over the years.

On to the business of today and I want to make a very warm welcome to the Players, Officials and supporters of the competing Clubs and all neutrals who have made their way here tonight. Both Clubs are linked to very famous names in non-league football and are both relatively new teams in the National League System.

AFC Hornchurch was born when Hornchurch FC went into liquidation in the early 2000's and Enfield Town FC were formed by some supporters of Enfield FC in 2001 because they were disillusioned with what was happening to their Club. Both Clubs had to start in the lowest part of the National Leagues System and the fact that they have both progressed to this stage is a great credit to them. The League is very proud to have them as members.

Colin McBride and his colleagues from AFC Hornchurch have been through hard times, particularly with the severe illness of the Manager Jim McFarlane last season but are now back on the up. We were also sad when their Secretary, Peter Butcher, passed away at the end of last season but were delighted when they appointed Norman Posner who had previously been associated with Thurrock FC as their Secretary.

Enfield Town FC have their President, Roger Reed, as a Director of the League and his son is Chairman of the Club. They pride themselves on not having one person as the face of the Club and they do achieve that extremely well. Anyone who has been to Donkey Lane will be testament to the excellent hospitality which they provide in their Boardroom. Roger has been extremely busy this year with ground gradings as he is in charge of that as a Director of the League.

Playing for Enfield Town FC tonight is Billy Bricknell who is seeking a unique treble having gained a winners medal for Billericay Town FC in the last two seasons when his Club won this Trophy. We wish him well but are certain that AFC Hornchurch will be equally determined to ensure that he does not achieve this unique milestone.

I want to thank Joe Boniface, Jonathan Rogers and Edward Buxton, the Directors of Velocity Sports Limited who are our sponsors tonight. They have supported us for two years now and have agreed to extend this for a further 3 years which is a magnificent testament to them. They are the producers of the 3G Pitch here at Aveley FC and at a host of other Isthmian grounds, notably at Bowers & Pitsea FC and soon to be putting down their special surface at Heybridge Swifts FC ground.

Every Club which has dealt with them speaks very highly of their commitment and their support which is why we have no difficulty in recommending them to our Clubs who wish to lay 3G Pitches. Let us hope that they continue with their support of this Trophy for many years to come. I also want to thank Craig Johnson and his wife Lynn for all their very hard work in helping us stage this match. Craig is Vice Chairman of the League and a tremendous support to me and the other members of the Board. Lynn is General Manager here and in charge of the hospitality tonight. We do thank Lynn for all her hard work.

I also wish to welcome the Match Officials here. Our Referee is Isaac Searle, the Assistant Referees are Robert Claussen and Ioannis Christodoulou, and the Fourth Official is Aju Ajibola. We wish them all a trouble-free evening and we hope that we remember the match for the spectacle and the goals and not for any decisions which are not agreed by both sides!

My final word of thanks tonight is to Kellie, our League Secretary and her team without whom we would not have a match tonight. Kellie organises everything including telling me when and where to be, when to write these notes and when to send them to her! I am sure everything will go well tonight and that is true testament to her organisational skill.

I return where I started and that is to remember Alan Turvey and to know that through this Trophy his legacy will never be forgotten.

Enjoy the game!

**N R Robinson**  
**Chairman**  
**Isthmian 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*



# AFC Hornchurch History

The club's history dates back to 1923 when the team were formed as Upminster Wanderers. They played in the Romford League until 1938 when they stepped up to the Spartan League, at the same time dropping the 'Wanderers' from their name as an original Upminster club had folded several years earlier.

When action resumed after the war Upminster were worried about a shortage of players and returned to the Romford League for 1945-46, winning the title and the Essex Junior Cup, before returning to the Spartan League.

Promoted to the Premier Division in 1951, they joined the Delphian League a year later, changing their name to Hornchurch & Upminster as they prepared to move into the new Hornchurch Sports Stadium. They took up residence there in November 1952 and have remained there ever since. It is actually in Upminster, though in 1960 that town was dropped from the club's title and it became Hornchurch FC.

By then, in 1959, the club had been elected to the Athenian League. They were to win the Division One championship in 1967 but were relegated in 1969 and promoted back again in 1971.

1974/5 saw the club reach the Fifth Round of the very first FA Vase competition where they lost to eventual finalists Epsom & Ewell by one goal. That performance helped the club gain election to the Isthmian League. In 1978, the club once again suffered relegation but three years later they were back after achieving the runners-up slot behind Feltham. It was a false dawn, to say the least. Apart from a tenth-place finish out of 21 in 1995, it would be 19 years before Urchins again finished in the top half of their table. They survived several brushes with relegation before losing their Division One place in 1986 and continued to struggle in Division Two North. Matters became even worse in 1989 when a fire destroyed the clubhouse and it took many years to recover. Inevitably, Urchins found themselves in Division Three when the regionalised divisions were scrapped in 1991 and an appearance in the final of the Associate Members Cup – a competition for the bottom two divisions – in 1994 was a rare taste of success.

Mick Marsden was appointed manager in February 1998 and in his second season in charge of the club took them to fourth place. After that, 2000/01 was disappointing as far as league performances were concerned, but the team had an excellent run in the FA Vase before being knocked out by eventual finalists Berkhamsted in an exciting replay.

Things were soon to change dramatically as the club was taken over and restructured. Second place in Division Three in 2002 brought promotion to Division One North as the league was reorganised and another runners-up spot followed in 2003 to take Urchins into the Premier Division for the first time. Much work was also done on the near-derelict stadium, allowing the club to take its place in the new Conference South after finishing fifth in 2003-04, though the season was more notable for a run to the Second Round of the FA Cup in which Darlington were beaten 2-0 before Tranmere stole a controversial 1-0 victory in front of TV cameras and a capacity crowd at Bridge Avenue. The dream continued a little longer as, under former Dagenham manager Garry Hill, the team stormed to the top of Conference South. It seemed too good to be true, and it was. On a grim Thursday in November the entire squad was released.

They had reached the First Round of the FA Cup before the collapse and the tie at Boston United was fulfilled by six debutants and a collection of youth-team players, who took an early lead and gave a valiant show before going down 5-2. The season descended into chaos. Almost 100 players wore first-team shirts as new manager Tony Choules contrived to avert relegation despite a ten-point deduction. Indeed, without it the club would have finished in a remarkable ninth place.

But the off-pitch affairs could not be resolved and the club reformed under the name AFC Hornchurch, to be placed by the FA in the Essex Senior League. Former youth manager John Lawrence took charge in May 2005.

A brand-new Urchins squad proceeded to run away with the championship and also won the league's two cup competitions, becoming the first side to achieve the treble.

Even so, Lawrence was replaced by former Thurrock manager Colin McBride for

the return to the Ryman League and Urchins romped to a second successive title, amassing 103 points to finish 21 clear of runners-up Harlow. They also won the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating Great Wakering 2-1 at Southend United's Roots Hall.

Success continued in the Premier Division as Urchins finished fourth to secure a play-off place but lost 3-1 in the semi-final to AFC Wimbledon in front of a crowd of 2,897 on a memorable night at Kingsmeadow.

The following season also proved to be an eventful one. The biggest thrill, and the bitterest disappointment, was a 1-0 defeat by Peterborough United at a packed Bridge Avenue in the First Round of the FA Cup. Urchins held their opponents for 90 minutes and even had a goal disallowed but their hearts were broken by a goal by Craig Mackail-Smith in added time. In the league Urchins were fourth going into the final day but a 2-1 defeat at Sutton meant that they finished sixth and missed the play-offs.

Things were still not right off the field and manager Colin McBride took control of the club as chairman midway through the 2009-10 campaign in an effort to sort out the problems caused by the previous regime. His assistant Jimmy McFarlane took over team affairs, initially as caretaker though later to be confirmed in the job. Urchins finished ninth in the league after being in and around the play-off places throughout the season.

It was a similar story in 2010-11, when Urchins were unable to sustain their play-off bid in the closing weeks and missed out by four points, finishing tenth.

But the 'two Macs' achieved their ambition the following season as Urchins recovered from three successive defeats in August to storm into play-off contention. They topped the table more than once, eventually having to settle for the runners-up spot behind Billericay. Bury were beaten 3-1 in the play-off semi-finals and a tense final against Lowestoft was goalless after 90 minutes. After taking the lead in extra time only to be hauled back to level terms, Urchins snatched a 2-1 victory with a 119th-minute goal by Michael Spencer and returned to Conference South seven years after the unhappy ending to their first attempt.

It proved to be a difficult season and, despite a brief flirtation with the play-off spots, six dropped points to bottom club Truro proved decisive as Urchins finished 20th, two points short of safety. A second Essex Senior Cup triumph, coming from behind to beat Grays Athletic 2-1 in the final at Dagenham, provided some consolation.

Back in the Ryman League and shaking off the disappointment, Urchins enjoyed a 15-match unbeaten run early in the 2013-14 season and maintained their challenge for promotion to the very end. A poor finish to the season threatened to derail promotion hopes but Urchins scraped into fifth place on the final day and then reached the play-off final with a 1-0 victory at Kingstonian.

So, for the second time in three seasons, Urchins faced Lowestoft Town in the final. This time, though, it was away from home, and with four key men missing through injury or suspension. Others had to play while less than properly fit and Lowestoft won 3-0.

The following season started with high hopes but the club's landlords, the local council, closed the stadium to install new floodlights, forcing all the pre-season friendlies and the first eight league games to be played away from home. Just one point came from those matches and left Urchins facing a season-long fight to avoid the drop. With six weeks to go they had finally lifted themselves out of the bottom four and looked on course for survival, only for form to desert the team completely as just two points came from the last ten games.

Urchins had high hopes of regaining their Premier status quickly but it was not to be as they lost the 2016 Play-off final to Harlow Town and the 2017 semi-final to Thurrock. However it was third time lucky last season when they won Bostik North by 13 points, amassing 103 goals in total with a goal difference of +62.

At the end of November long serving manager Jimmy McFarlane stood down and in his place the Club appointed Mark Stimson.



# AFC Hornchurch Player Profiles

**Callum Chafer (Goalkeeper)** – Callum signed from Bostik South side Bowers & Pitsea in May 2018 having played a huge part in their successful 2017/18 campaign as the club reached the play-offs only to lose out to Canvey Island in the semi finals. Callum was originally part of the Hornchurch youth setup making his debut for Hornchurch in a League Cup tie at East Thurrock United in October 2014. With first team opportunities limited Callum moved to Hertford Town and Redbridge on loan before signing for Romford and then Bowers & Pitsea. Having matured into an exceptional goalkeeper it is great to see Callum back at Bridge Avenue.

**Kenzer Lee (Defender/Midfield)** – Kenzer signed for Hornchurch at the start of the 2016/17 season. A product of the West Ham youth academy, he has had spells at Oxford United, Banbury and Bishop's Stortford prior to joining Hornchurch. Comfortable as both a defender and midfielder Kenzer stated out at Hornchurch playing central midfield but following an injury to one of the Hornchurch centre backs he was moved back into defence to cover – and has not looked back since. Kenzer was voted 2016/17 Players' player of the season. Recently played his one hundredth game for the Urchins.

**Remi Sutton (Defender)** – Signed from Enfield Town in February. Began his football career with Basildon United before moving to Thurrock in December 2013. Had a short spell at Greenwich Borough before returning to Thurrock and going on to make exactly 200 first team performances. Is ineligible for tonight's final.

**Jordan Clark (Midfield)** – Jordan signed for Hornchurch in June 2018. Previously with Thurrock where he made 152 appearances, scoring 30 goals.

**Alex Bentley (Defender)** – Alex played for Dagenham & Redbridge and Cray Wanderers prior to signing for the Urchins in readiness for the Conference South campaign of 2012/13. Alex then moved to Bromley but was only there for their 2013/14 pre-season before returning to Bridge Avenue where he has been a key member of the Urchins' defence ever since. Has now made over 280 first team appearances.

**Sean Marks (Forward)** – Sean signed from Vanarama National side Maidenhead United in May 2018, making over 30 appearances and scoring 6 goals for the Magpies in the 2017/18 season. He is an experienced striker who signed for Maidenhead United in the summer of 2016 from Braintree Town to reunite with manager Alan Devonshire. Sean played over 300 games for the Iron in an eight year spell following his transfer from Heybridge Swifts. He played a leading role in Braintree's remarkable rise to the highest echelon of non league football, scoring 25 goals when they won the Conference South in 2011.

**George Purcell (Forward)** – George signed from Margate in July 2013. He finished top scorer at the end of that season and repeated the feat in the next two seasons scoring over 100 goals (102 in fact) in those 3 seasons. A prolific striker who has previously turned out for Ebbsfleet United, Braintree Town, York City, Dartford, Eastbourne Borough, Dover Athletic and Tonbridge Angels. Has made over 270 first team appearances and is the club's record goalscorer.

**Nathan Cooper (Defender)** – Nathan signed from Isthmian Division 1 North side Romford in September 2015. A strong, pacy centre back Nathan has been a key member of the Hornchurch defence which, since his arrival, has an unparalleled record for keeping clean sheets. Not content with stopping goals, Nathan has also chipped in at the other end too, scoring 12 in 139 appearances up to the end of the 2017/18 season.

Nathan was voted both 2017/18 Players' player of the season and Supporters' player of the season. Is club captain. Currently injured.

**Lewwis Spence (Midfield)** – Lewwis signed for Hornchurch in June 2018. Previously with Thurrock where he made 181 appearances scoring 46 goals. Lewwis' previous clubs include Crystal Palace, Wycombe Wanderers, Rushden & Diamonds, Dover Athletic, Bishop's Stortford, Greenwich Borough and Thurrock.

**George Saunders (Midfield)** – Signed for Hornchurch at the start of the season. Last season was playing for Kelvedon Hatch at level seven in the pyramid. Has quickly adapted to the higher grade football.

**Ronnie Winn (Forward)** – Signed from Waltham Abbey at the beginning of December where he had been from the start of the season. Had previously played for Thurrock where he made 120 appearances scoring 31 goals. Prior to his time at Ship Lane Ronnie was with Redbridge.

**George Winn (Defender)** – Signed from Waltham Abbey at the beginning of December. Prior to playing for the Abbey George was at Thurrock whom he joined in October 2015. Had also had time at Redbridge. Is the twin brother of Ronnie.

**Charlie Stimson (Forward)** – Joined the Urchins at the start of December. Previous clubs include Gillingham, Barnet, Tooting & Mitcham United and Thurrock. Was at Thurrock for six seasons where he made 220 appearances and scoring 70 goals. Is the son of manager Mark Stimson.

**Joe Christou (Midfield)** – Joe signed from Tilbury in October 2014 and made his debut on 11th October 2014 in a 1-1 draw at home to Bury Town. He made 15 appearances that season before moving to Thurrock where he made 131 appearances, scoring 19 goals. He had a brief spell at East Thurrock United before joining up with Mark Stimson at Waltham Abbey at the start of the 2018/19 season. He re-signed for Hornchurch in December 2018.

**James Goode (Midfield/Defender)** – James signed from Waltham Abbey in December 2018. He is a midfielder or defender who joined Waltham Abbey at the start of the 2018/19 season from Thurrock. He appeared 15 times for Waltham Abbey. At Thurrock he came up through the Youth and Reserves going on to make 135 first team appearances scoring 20 goals.

**Glenn Wilson (Defender)** – Signed on dual registration from Wealdstone of National South in January making his debut in the 2-0 win over Burgess Hill Town on 19 January 2019. Glenn started his career at Crystal Palace before moving onto AFC Wimbledon, Rushdon & Diamonds and Crawley Town where he played 150 games. Has also played for Aldershot Town, Salisbury City, Margate and Greenwich Borough among others.

**Sunny Dutton (Midfield)** – Some excellent performances in the Urchins Youth team has seen Sunny gain a place in the first team squad.

**Mark Stimson (Manager)** – Mark had a professional playing career with Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United, Portsmouth and Leyton Orient. As a manager he won three FA Trophies, twice with Grays Athletic and once with Stevenage Borough. Has also been the manager at Gillingham, Barnet and Kettering Town. He had six seasons at Thurrock and a short spell at Waltham Abbey, before taking on the AFC Hornchurch job.





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# The Alan Turvey Trophy 2018/19 sponsored by Velocity

## Preliminary Round

Aveley	2-0	Hanwell Town
Bowers & Pitsea	5-0	Waltham Abbey
Bracknell Town	3-3	Kingstonian
(Bracknell Town won 5-4 on penalties)		
Corinthian Casuals	5-1	Westfield
FC Romania	2-3	AFC Sudbury
Haywards Heath	2-5	Horsham
Mildenhall Town	1-0	Heybridge Swifts
Sittingbourne	2-0	Phoenix Sports
Soham Town Rangers	2-3	Uxbridge
Tonbridge Angels	1-0	VCD Athletic
Ware	3-3	Romford
(Ware won 5-4 on penalties)		
Whitehawk	2-1	Three Bridges
Whyteleafe	2-0	Bedfont Sports

## Round One

Ashford Town	0-1	Hayes & Yeading United
Ashford United	0-4	Folkestone Invicta
Aveley	0-4	Cheshunt
Barking	2-2	Brentwood Town
Basildon United	0-1	<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>
Bognor Regis Town	8-0	Whitehawk
Bowers & Pitsea	3-1	Haringey Borough
Bracknell Town	3-1	Horsham
Canvey Island	0-1	<b>Enfield Town</b>
Carshalton Athletic	0-3	Corinthian Casuals
Chalfont St Peter	0-2	Ware
Chipstead	1-0	Dorking Wanderers
Coggeshall Town	2-2	Great Wakering Rovers
(Coggeshall Town won 3-2 on penalties)		
East Grinstead Town	2-9	Hastings United
Egham Town	2-1	Whyteleafe
Faversham Town	1-2	Burgess Hill Town
Felixstowe & Walton United	4-3	AFC Sudbury
Harlow Town	1-2	Potters Bar Town
Herne Bay	0-6	Hythe Town
Hertford Town	1-2	Bishop's Stortford
Leatherhead	0-1	Worthing
Maldon & Tiptree	3-2	Uxbridge
Mildenhall Town	1-2	Wingate & Finchley
Molesey	0-1	Greenwich Borough
Northwood	2-0	Bury Town
Ramsgate	0-2	Whitstable Town
South Park	1-2	Sittingbourne
Thamesmead Town	2-4	Merstham
Tilbury	1-0	Marlow
Tonbridge Angels	3-0	Sevenoaks Town
Tooting & Mitcham United	2-0	Margate
Witham Town	0-0	Grays Athletic
(Witham Town won 5-3 on penalties)		

## Round Two

<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>	0-2	Coggeshall Town
Bowers & Pitsea	3-3	Wingate & Finchley
(Wingate & Finchley won 5-4 on penalties)		
Burgess Hill Town	2-0	Tooting & Mitcham United
Cheshunt	2-1	Brentwood Town
Corinthian-Casuals	0-0	Chipstead
(Chipstead won 4-3 on penalties)		
Hastings United	1-2	Merstham
Egham Town	0-1	Bracknell Town
<b>Enfield Town</b>	2-1	Ware
Felixstowe & Walton United	3-1	Northwood
Folkestone Invicta	3-1	Sittingbourne
Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	Potters Bar Town
(Hayes & Yeading United won 5-4 on penalties)		
Hythe Town	2-1	Bognor Regis Town
Bishop's Stortford	1-1	Tilbury
(Bishop's Stortford won 7-0 on penalties)		
Maldon & Tiptree	1-0	Witham Town
Whitstable Town	4-1	Greenwich Borough
Worthing	1-1	Tonbridge Angels
(Worthing won 3-2 on penalties)		

## Round Three

<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>	3-0	Chipstead
Bracknell Town	3-1	Felixstowe & Walton United
Folkestone Invicta	2-0	Hayes & Yeading United
Hythe Town	0-2	Burgess Hill Town
Maldon & Tiptree	1-2	<b>Enfield Town</b>
Whitstable Town	4-3	Cheshunt
Wingate & Finchley	1-5	Bishop's Stortford
Worthing	1-3	Merstham

## Quarter Finals

<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>	4-1	Whitstable Town
Bracknell Town	4-1	Folkestone Invicta
<b>Enfield Town</b>	4-1	Burgess Hill Town
Merstham	1-1	Bishop's Stortford
(Bishop's Stortford won 3-2 on penalties)		

## Semi Finals

<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>	3-2	Bracknell Town
<b>Enfield Town</b>	3-3	Bishop's Stortford
(Enfield Town won 4-2 on penalties)		

## Final

<b>AFC Hornchurch</b>	v	<b>Enfield Town</b>
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# 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	Billericay 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
2016-17	Billericay Town	Tonbridge Angels	Carshalton Athletic	8-3
2017-18	Billericay Town	Metropolitan Police	Aveley	5-3



# Enfield Town FC History

Formed on 23rd June 2001, Enfield Town FC started life in the Essex Senior League in 2001-02. The club finished runners-up in that first season before winning the league championship the following year. Their time spent in the ESL was successful, with two championships, two league cups, a Middlesex Charity Cup and wins in the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy finals to show for their efforts.

Following promotion to the Southern League (East) in 2005, the Towners had a terrific first season at that level, before eventually losing to Wivenhoe Town in the promotion play-offs. The following season, following a move into the Ryman League for 2006-07, the club again finished 3rd – this time losing out via the play-offs to AFC Sudbury. In 2009-10, the club yet again only just missed out on promotion, being beaten this time by Concord Rangers in the play-off final.

The club originally played at Brimsdown Rovers' Goldsdown Road ground in a ground share arrangement. In October 2008, however, Enfield Council announced a deal with the club allowing it to relocate to the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium. Realising a long held dream, the club worked closely with the Council to see the old athletics stadium restored and upgraded to be able to host Ryman League football. This finally provided the club with a home of its own a short distance from the former stadium in Southbury Road, with a capacity of 2,500. While retaining a running track as a training facility for local use, the club has been able to provide an atmospheric environment. The Stadium was formally opened in November 2011 with a match against a Tottenham Hotspur XI.

Following the move to the new ground, there was a very close Ryman 1 (North) title race between Town and eventual champions Leiston. After finishing as runners-up, Town had to settle for promotion the hard way, beating Grays Athletic and Needham Market in two exciting play-off games. Subsequently, after a period of consolidation at Step 3 had turned into a battle for survival, safety was only secured on the final day of the 2013-14 campaign with a 2-1 away win at Cray Wanderers. Bradley Quinton then succeeded George Borg as first team manager in August 2014 and, during his first few months at the helm, the team recorded impressive 3-0 wins at Hendon, Maidstone and Margate, all of whom were either eventually promoted or reached the play-offs. Indeed, such was the team's improvement that a play-off place was achieved, only for three crucial points to be deducted towards the end of the campaign, in controversial circumstances, consequently leading to a final league placing of 7th.

In 2015/16, Town went on a terrific late run and only missed out on a play-off spot by a couple of points. Then in 2016/17, the club's play off dream was finally realised, but a 2-4 reverse at Dulwich Hamlet in the semi-final prevented further progress.

Following the departure of manager Bradley Quinton to Braintree Town, the experienced Andy Leese took over the managerial reins for the 2017/18 season, with former Premier League defender Darren Purse as his assistant. The new management team assembled a competitive squad, virtually from scratch and, within a few months of their arrival, equalled the furthest the club have progressed in the FA Cup (to the 4th Qualifying Round) in its relatively short history, taking National League side Maidstone United to a replay.

The first supporter-owned club in the country, growth continues at a sustainable pace. Over the last few years, successful Reserve, Under-21, Under-18 and Ladies sides have been built, along with a number of other teams of various age groups and abilities, including a learning difficulties squad.

In June 2017, the club were awarded the Charter Standard Community Club of the Year by the Middlesex Football Association, one of a number of awards to recognise all the hard work being done to support the local community. In November 2017 a 3G training facility was opened adjacent to the club's stadium. This London Borough of Enfield project was made possible with a grant via the Football Foundation and is used primarily by Enfield Town FC as well as a range of local schools and other clubs. Last year the club hosted a number of matches (including the final) in the Confederation of Independent Football Associations (CONIFA) 2018 Football World Cup.

The club continues to look forward, and aims to build on the on and off-field momentum that has been established over the past few seasons as it continues to pursue its vision as an inclusive club for all and a football and social centre for the community, with a range of teams playing at the highest sustainable levels possible.



Photo: Phil Davison



# Enfield Town FC Player Profiles

**Joe Wright (Goalkeeper)** – Joe is a 26 year-old former Queens Park Rangers youth goalkeeper who arrived at the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium in June 2017 from Bishop's Stortford, where he had two spells. He has also represented Billericay Town, Hendon and Welling United.

**Matt Nolan (Goalkeeper)** – Signed as cover for Joe Wright in August 2017, Matt has represented Broxbourne Borough, Chesham United, Cuffley, Great Wakering Rovers and Ware. He made his first team debut in a 4-3 win at home to Chipstead in the Velocity Trophy in December 2017. He is cup-tied.

**Sam Hatton (Defender)** – Sam is an experienced player who has represented clubs including AFC Wimbledon, Aldershot Town, Grimsby Town and Welling United. He is an England C International and he signed for Town in time for the opening day of the current campaign at Folkestone.

**Dan Rumens (Defender)** – 23 year-old Dan signed from Braintree Town in July 2017, having also played for Dagenham & Redbridge, Histon, Bishop's Stortford and Hendon. He made his Braintree debut at Southport, before going on to make half a dozen appearances for Hendon on a dual-registration basis. He has played both in the centre and on the left in recent seasons.

**Marc Weatherstone (Defender)** – A December arrival, Marc had joined Dulwich Hamlet in the summer of 2016 after nine years and over 400 appearances for Wingate & Finchley, where he had been club captain. He started his career as a youngster at West Ham United and then had spells at Barnet, Luton Town and Dagenham & Redbridge prior to joining Wingate. After helping Hamlet to promotion at the end of last season, he returned to Summers Lane to break the W&F appearances record when he turned out for the club for the 452nd time at Potters Bar. He is cup-tied.

**Jay Porter (Defender)** – 25 year-old Jay signed for Town in February. He had joined AFC Hornchurch in August 2017 from the now-defunct Thamesmead Town, where he had made over 120 appearances, including one in a successful Ryman One (North) play-off final at Maldon in April 2013. He went on to make 43 league appearances in 2017/18 as the Urchins clinched the Bostik Division One North title. He has also represented Dartford as a youth.

**Joe Payne (Defender)** – Joe joined Town from Barnet on a short-term loan in March. He has been at the Hive since 2010 and graduated via the Bees' youth set-up to make his first team debut as a substitute against Peterborough United in the Checkatrade Trophy in August 2016 shortly after signing a professional contract. Primarily a left-back who can also play centrally, he made his Town debut in a 3-1 win at Whitehawk.

**Mickey Parcell (Defender/Midfield)** – Born and raised in Enfield, 23 year-old Mickey signed a professional contract with Torquay United after completing a two year scholarship there, but injury curtailed his time at Plainmoor, which included brief loan spells at Bideford and Truro City. He joined Town at the start of the 2015-16 season and has now made over 150 appearances for the club.

**Junior Mubiayi (Defender/Midfield)** – A young utility player, Junior has progressed through the youth ranks at the Q&E Stadium, and he stepped up to the first team squad last season, scoring his first goal for the club in a 2-2 draw at Dorking Wanderers in April. He is currently on loan at Hertford Town.

**Brad Empson (Defender/Midfield)** – Brad came through the Town youth set-up and was with the Watford academy for a couple of years before being released. He can operate equally well at full-back or in midfield.

**Ryan Blackman (Midfield)** – 24 year-old Ryan signed for Witham Town in August 2014, having been spotted playing for Tilbury as a teenager. He moved on to Waltham Abbey, where he became captain and then joined Canvey Island, also as skipper, in November 2016. He has also had experience at Biggleswade Town, and he moved to the QES in June 2017. Town's captain for 2018/19.

**Sam Youngs (Midfield)** – A former Chesham United player, Sam originally made his Generals' debut at Didcot Town in March 2011, and then, after a spell away, returned to the Meadow in the summer of 2015. He has enjoyed three spells at Rugby Town, including scoring a dozen goals in season 2012/13, and has also spent time at Redditch United. His other clubs include Hemel Hempstead Town, Banbury United, Ware and Halesowen Town. Aged 28.

**Matt Johnson (Midfield)** – Formerly with Billericay Town, Bishop's Stortford, Braintree Town, Ebbsfleet United and Margate, 29 year-old Matt had been at Chelmsford City for most of the 2017/18 campaign before making the switch to Enfield in March 2017.

**Aaron Greene (Midfield)** – 24 year-old Aaron joined Town from Chelmsford City in August 2017. His other previous clubs include Bishop's Stortford, AFC Sudbury and Harlow Town. Having originally joined Chelmsford from Harlow in December 2013, he went on to trial with Brentford and also spent some time on loan at

Boston United. He rejoined the Clarets in June 2017, joining Town initially on a dual-registration basis before signing permanently.

**Sam Chaney (Midfield)** – 23 year-old Sam has played in the National League with Torquay United, where he earned himself a professional contract in 2014. He has also had loan spells with Bideford and Whitehawk and has trialled at QPR. Town moved quickly to get his signature upon his release in July.

**Bilal Sayoud (Midfield)** – Bilal, 22, was released by Coventry City after a two year spell there. He has also had experience with the Nike Academy, and is a wide player who can operate on either flank. He is currently dual-registered with Hendon.

**James Mulley (Midfield)** – 30 year-old James signed for Town in February. He began his career with Yeading FC and its successor club Hayes & Yeading United and, following spells at Slough Town and Chelmsford City, he signed for AFC Wimbledon in January 2011. After subsequent loan time at Hayes & Yeading United and Wealdstone, he signed for Braintree Town. His next stop was Maidenhead United in June 2015, following Iron manager Alan Devonshire to York Road, before a brief spell at Wingate & Finchley prior to a transfer to Hampton & Richmond Borough. He moved back to Maidenhead in July 2018.

**Lewis Taaffe (Midfield)** – Lewis, 27, returned to Concord Rangers last season after spells at Hemel Hempstead Town and Billericay Town. He eventually notched up over 150 Concord appearances, becoming a fans' favourite with his energetic style. He has also had experience with Leyton Orient and Histon, and joined Town at the start of the season.

**Billy Bricknell (Forward)** – Enfield-born Billy, 30, moved from Chelmsford City to Billericay Town in November 2016, having previously had a stint with Dover Athletic. As well as two spells at Billericay, he has also appeared for Leyton, Ebbsfleet United and Maidstone United and he netted his 250th career goal in November.

**Muhammadu Faal (Forward)** – 21 year-old Muhammadu joined the club from Kingstonian in December Hackney born, he started his career with Italian club L'Aquila, making a number of appearances in Serie D, before joining Dulwich Hamlet at the start of the 2017-18 campaign. From there he moved on to Kingstonian, initially on loan, towards the end of the season.

**Kezie Ibe (Forward)** – A former Arsenal youth player, Kezie previously played for Yeovil Town in the Football League, as well as for several non-league clubs including Basingstoke Town, Canvey Island, Chelmsford City (twice), Ebbsfleet United, Farnborough, Hendon and Staines Town. During his extensive career he has made over 700 appearances and scored over 200 goals. He moved to the Q&E Stadium from Egham Town in January, making his debut at Merstham. He is cup-tied.

**Josh Davison (Forward)** – A former Peterborough United youngster, Josh has enjoyed loan spells at St Neots Town, Wisbech and Barking. He signed for Town this season and has been a regular for the Under 23s, forcing himself into first team reckoning with a hat-trick in a 4-1 Velocity Trophy win over Burgess Hill Town in January.

**Andy Leese (Manager)** – Before joining Enfield Town in June 2017, Andy had spent over a decade as manager at Chesham United, having moved to the Meadow in the summer of 2007 from Potters Bar Town. His successful spell at Chesham included reaching the Southern League Division One Midlands play-offs twice, including promotion at the end of the 2009/10 season. In the Premier Division, he then led the Generals to three consecutive play-off places. In 2015/16 the Second Round of the FA Cup was reached, and he followed that up the following year with another appearance in the First Round. During his time at Potters Bar he guided the club to the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, having saved the team from relegation the previous season. Prior to that, Andy had begun his management career at Somerset.

**Mario Noto (Assistant Manager)** – Mario started out with Tottenham Hotspur before moving on to Reading and then to Canvey Island. He subsequently had spells at Chelmsford City and Boreham Wood before joining Harlow Town in November 2015 prior to a move to Enfield Town in August 2017. He was appointed assistant manager in the summer.

**Steve Wales (Coach)** – Steve reached the Isthmian Premier play-off semi-finals with Wingate & Finchley before moving across Middlesex at the beginning of last season. His other previous clubs include St. Albans City, Chesham United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Boreham Wood, Cambridge City and AFC Wimbledon. He is an England C international, and joined the Town management team during the close season.

**Ed Thompson (Goalkeeping Coach)** – Ed joined the club as goalkeeping coach last season. As a player, he represented Wingate & Finchley, and he then had a couple of years at Dagenham & Redbridge as a professional prior to further spells at Thurrock and Harlow Town before knee problems effectively ended his playing career. He has also had coaching experience at Potters Bar Town.



# Match Officials Pen Pics

## Referee – Isaac Searle

Isaac has been refereeing on the Contributory League for 3 seasons and is an Assistant Referee on the Football League. Highlights of his career so far are lining at Stamford Bridge and the Emirates, and being appointed to referee the Cup Final tonight as well as the Kent Senior Cup Final 2019

## Assistant Referee – Robert Claussen

Robert started refereeing whilst at the University of Nottingham in 2008 and is a member of Basildon Referees Association.

## Assistant Referee – Ioannis Christodoulou

Ioannis started his refereeing career at the age of 14 when he was still playing football. He has now been refereeing for over 13 years and enjoying the profession. He has been a level 4 Supply League Referee and Contributory Assistant Referee for 5 seasons and also mentor younger referees at the Oxford United Academy. The highlight of Ioannis's refereeing career so far came when he was appointed to be the Senior Assistant Referee on the Southern League Play-Off Final, May Bank Holiday in 2017 with a match attendance of over 3,000 and he quotes "a great experience to be part of."

## 4th Official – Aji Ajibola

Aji is celebrating his 20th season as a qualified Referee. He has been a Contributory League Official for 12 years, added to his four years on the National League. He has officiated in the Quarter and Semi-Final of this competition and delighted to be finally involved in the Final. Away from football, Aji enjoys travelling, swimming and sparing a few rounds in the boxing ring.

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