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Hello and welcome to the Theatre of Trees. Today we host the players, management, officials and supporters of Petersfield FC as well as our match officials. We hope you enjoy our hospitality.

So we come to the last game of a rollercoaster of a season. Back in July following our promotion priority was to consolidate with a top ten finish but as the season unfolded the play offs became a real possibility. Unfortunately after beating both Haywars Heath and Hassocks on their own patches our our form took a dip with the loss of Danny Pappoe, Jack Poplett and James Pearse amongst others through injury. Despite dropping from second to outside the play offs in the last couple of months we must remember that this is still the highest league position in the clubs history. We have only been a senior club for 6 or 7 years so to be challenging for a place in the Isthmian League is an achievement in itself. We must now use this season as a platform for future success and continue to build on and off the pitch and continue to be a club that the local community can be proud of. Next Season there will be a new face in the dugout as our physio Dayna Van de Rooyen will no longer be with us. All the lads and everyone at the club would like to thank Dayna for the professional and friendly way in which she has supported us this year. We hope to see her again...once a Boar always a Boar.

Petersfield are still in the mix for one of the play off places and have shown us what a good team they are so this is going to be a tough challenge but I know the lads will be giving their all to end the season on a high.

Finally we would like to thank you all for your support this season and hope to see you again in July ......and bring your friends.

Enjoy the game Jack and Jimmy

## TODAYS



The Rams were formerly known as Petersfield United and the club enjoyed a spell in the Isthmian League from the mid-1980s until the early 1990s, before they had to reform as Town in 1993 to be able to take their position in the Wessex League.

Peter De Sisto was the new chairman and hopes were high of immediate success when he brought in former Tottenham and England defender Gary Stevens as manager. However the club failed to prosper and within months Stevens had left and matters came to a head in 1995 when Petersfield Town Council refused to grant a lease on the Love Lane ground. Local businessman Geoff Goad together with existing club officials including Ken Longland, Dave Ayre and Mark Nicoll took over the club so that it could remain playing at the Love Lane stadium and appointed Tony Adams as Manager and although he managed to keep the club up in his first season, relegation to the Hampshire League came at the end of the 1996-97 campaign.

Ernie Turrell became manager and built up a squad centered on local players but after he resigned midway through the season, Mick Catlin and Bruce Kendall took over but could not prevent another relegation.

In 1999-2000 Paulsgrove pipped the Rams to the Division 2 title but Petersfield were placed in the newly created Premier Division for the following season. A run of mid-table finishes then followed, with Bruce Kendall taking sole charge of the team for the 2001-02 campaign and he was replaced by Mark Burton in 2003-04.

In 2004-05, Petersfield joined the newly formed Wessex League Division 2 and finished in fifth place. Mick Cripps then took over as manager for two seasons but the club found itself towards the lower end of Division 2, which was then renamed Division 1.

Paul Ryan became manager at the beginning of the 2007-08 season and this prompted a spell of improved performances, which brought a fourth placed finish in Wessex League Division 1 in 2008-09 and two appearances in the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

In the summer of 2010 first team coach Matt Short took over as manager and he was replaced by Ian Saunders in the summer of 2012.

Seasons 2013-14 and 2014-15 are certainly the stand out period in the history of Petersfield Town for their supporters. After years of false dawns and struggle those two campaigns brought silverware and new club records galore.

The 2013-14 campaign brought promotion from the Sydenhams Wessex League Division 1 and 'the Rams' won the league title – only taking over at the top of the table for the first time all season from Andover Town on the penultimate round of matches. It was Petersfield's first promotion won on the pitch since 1982 and striker Robbie Tambling was the golden boot winner for the division with 40 goals. The club also reached the final of the Wessex League Cup and the quarter finals of the Hampshire Senior Cup – both record runs for the Rams in those competitions. Manager Ian Saunders' side won the team of the month prize on three occasions and they broke the club's record score several times – eventually setting a new best on January 25, 2014, when they beat Andover New Street 14-0 at Love Lane.

The 2014-15 season brought more title-winning glory when the Rams secured the Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division to take them up to step four football – the highest level the club has played at in its history in non league football. Again a number of team of the month awards were won by Saunders' side and midfielder Ed Dryden was signed by Premier League side Stoke City during the second half of the season. Strikers Warren Hunt (33 goals) and Andy Todd (31 goals) both passed the 30 goal mark for the season. The club were runners-up for the second year running in the Wessex League Cup and they were also runners-up in the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

Over this two year period the Reserve team added to the silverware haul for the club. In 2013-14 they won the Wyvern League Shield and in 2014-15 they won the Wyvern League Challenge Cup.

Season 2015-16 was another year of firsts for Petersfield – it was the first time they had played in the Southern League and they went on to finish in 13th place in Division 1 Central. They played in the FA Trophy for the first time too and had their best ever run in the FA Cup to date – reaching the third qualifying round before losing to National League South side St Albans City.

Saunders left the Rams a little over a week before the start of the 2016-17 campaign and Andy Neal and Gary Lines had short spells in charge of first team matters before John Robson was appointed manager in October 2016. However, he could not reverse what had become a disastrous season and the Rams finished bottom of Division 1 Central, gaining only nine points all season. It wasn't all doom and gloom though – the first team reached the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup at Fratton Park, home of Portsmouth FC, and the Reserve team won the Wyvern League's Division 1 East title and the Wyvern League Challenge Cup. In the summer of 2017, Jim Macey was appointed first team manager and the Rams were placed back in the Wessex Premier Division following their relegation from step four football. After a poor start to the campaign Jim Macey resigned and Mark Summerhill took the helm. He worked tirelessly but could not turn around the season, and the club finished bottom of the Premier Division for a second successive relegation.

Back in Wessex Div One the goal in 2018/19 was to stabilise the club both on and off the field, and this was achieved with Mark Sumerhill taking the team to a 15th place finish on 40pts, well clear of a relegation position, plus a Quarter Final appearance in the Russell-Cotes Cup, whilst off the field several key additions were made to the team of dedicated volunteers.

Further progress was made in 2019/20 with the team on course for a top half of the table finish when the season was terminated due to Covid19. There was also cup success, the highlights being the club's best ever run in the FA Vase reaching the 2nd Round Proper, and the 3rd Round of the Hampshire Senior Cup.

At the time Covid19 brought season 2020/21 to a premature end the club was once again enjoying a solid campaign.

After the two curtailed seasons it was great to complete 2022/23.Most of the season was spent hovering just above the danger zone but in the end the team finished in 12th place well clear of relegation.

At the end of that season a major change was made on the playing side with the club entering a partnership with Gosport Borough which was hoped would be beneficial to both clubs. Mark Summerhill became Head of Football with Pat Suraci and Joe Lea joining from Gosport as joint First Team Managers. The benefit of the arrangement exceeded expectations with a great season, culminating in promotion to the Wessex Premier Division via the play offs after finishing the season on fifth place. In two very tense matches the Rams beat Newport in the Semi Final, and then New Milton Town in the Final, with both games decided on penalty shoot outs. They also reached the final of the Wessex League Cup where they went down 4-2 to Baffins Milton Rovers in a highly competitive game.

At the end of the 2024/25 season Pat and Joe left to take up the position of joint First Team Managers at Gosport Borough, with Mark Summerhill also going to Gosport as Head of Football Operations. The club acted swiftly to install a new Manager, appointing last season's captain, Connor Hoare. He brought in a very strong coaching team, led by Callum Glen and Steve Weston both with plenty of experience at Wessex Premier level. They put together a squad of experienced and talented young players, and the club comfortably achieved its target of retaining its Step 5 status, with a 13th place finish.

In the close season the FA laterally moved the club from the Wessex Premier to the Southern Combination Premier. The club unsuccessfully appealed against the move. As a consequence of the move, some of the coaching staff and players left the club, but Manager Connor Hoare and Callum Glen, who is now Joint Manager, have stayed along with the rest of the coaching staff and the bulk of last season's squad. With several new signings, the squad looks stronger than ever, and after a promising pre-season the club is looking forward to their debut season in the SCFL.

## TODAY'S LINE UPS



- Cavan Chedzy
- Devon Fender
- Ricardo Fernandes
- Ryan Ferrar
- Shaun Findlay
- Pat Gibbs
- Dylan Peuw
- Terrell Joseph
- Jake Le Grange
- Kemo Darboe
- Jordan Mase
- Riley Morgan
- Bailey Moyo
- Anthony Mutongerwa
- Daniel Pappoe
- James Pearse
- Dan Pearse
- Callum Chesworth
- Bailey Shorey
- Tom Tolfrey
- Jamie Wanstall
- Monty Watson-Price



- Ellis GRANT
- Kieran ALCOCK
- Brandon MILLER
- Will WEBB
- Jack FARRIER
- Jack LEE
- Kian TOWSE
- Liam KIMBER (C)
- Harrison CABLE
- Callum KIMBER
- Asad SSEMWOGERERE
- Subs
- Charlie MERRITT
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**Managers:- Connor HOARE** 

& Callum GLEN

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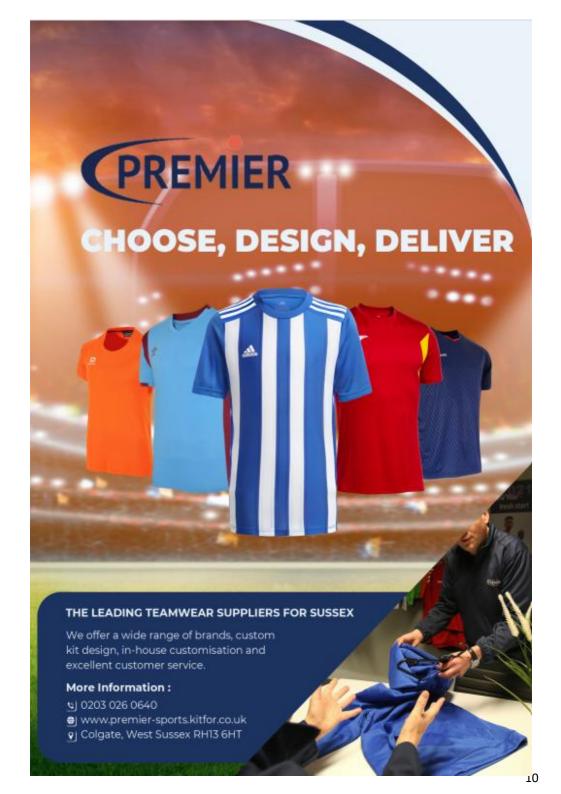




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1-0 (3) Roffey Crawley Down Gatwick (HT 0-0) 3-1 Newhaven Roffey (HT 1-1) 1-1 Roffey (1) Shoreham (HT 0-0) 1-1 Little Common Roffey (HT 1-0) 2 - 1 Roffey (1) Lingfield (HT 2-1) 1-0 Crowborough Athletic Roffey (HT 0-0) 0-1 Roffey (1) Pagham (HT 0-0) 2 - 0 Midhurst & Ease. Roffey (HT 1-0) 2 - 0 Roffey (1) Loxwood (HT 2-0) 4-2 Eastbourne United Roffey (HT 2-0) 0-0 **Bexhill United** Roffey (HT 0-0) 1-2 Roffey (1) Horsham YMCA (HT 0-0) 0-1 Peacehaven & Tels. Roffey (HT 0-0) 0-2 Wick Roffey (HT 0-1) 1 - 0 Roffey (N) Little Common (HT 1-0)

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2 - 2 (HT 1-2)

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(HT 1-1)

Roffey

Crawley Down Gatwick



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Pos		Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Form
1	0	Hassocks U23	16	13	1	2	48	19	29	40	
2	滇	Horley Town U23	18	11	2	5	49	30	19	35	
3	1	Broadbridge Heath U23	18	11	1	6	52	34	18	34	
4	2	Horsham YMCA U23	18	9	4	5	41	26	15	31	
5	(8)	Roffey U23	16	9	2	5	37	27	10	29	
6	(3)	Lingfield U23	16	8	1	7	41	31	10	25	
7	0	Loxwood U23	17	7	4	6	46	40	6	25	
8	0	St Francis Rangers U23	17	3	3	11	26	55	-29	12	
9	0	Storrington U23	18	3	0	15	30	73	-43	9	

#### SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE UNDER 18 NORTH

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Pos		Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Form
1		Horsham U18	16	14	0	2	73	18	55	42	
2	(8)	Roffey U18	15	11	2	2	61	25	36	35	
3	0	Loxwood U18	15	11	0	4	65	19	46	33	
4		Crawley Down Gatwick U18	15	9	2	4	32	26	6	29	
5	0	Steyning Town U18	16	8	0	8	62	58	4	24	
6	?	Horsham Crusaders U18	16	6	2	8	48	25	23	20	
7	*	Southwater U18	16	4	1	11	19	60	-41	13	
8	0	Broadbridge Heath U18	15	3	0	12	24	63	-39	9	
9	W	Oakwood Youth U18	16	0	1	15	11	101	-90	1	

#### SOUTH SURREY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE UNDER 17/18

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Holland Sports Youth D1	15	14	1	0	43
2	Walton & Hersham Robins D1	15	8	4	3	28
3	Farncombe Lions D1	16	7	2	7	23
4	Horsley Mustangs D1	16	6	4	6	22
4	Roffey Youth D1	15	6	4	5	22
6	Southwater Royals D1	16	5	2	9	17
7	Ifield D1	15	5	1	9	16

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#### **NEWHAVEN 3-1 ROFFEY**

Despite hitting our worst run of form of the season we made the journey to Newhaven with an outside chance of making the play offs but our opponents had also crept into contention with a run of 8 straight victories.

The Dockers started fast with some very direct attacks but after the first few minutes the Boars began to get hold of the ball and press high up the pitch. Josh Neathey playing a bit deeper than usual was picking out his front and wide men and Ryan Ferrar was a constant threat down the left.

Then against the run of play Abudiore opened the scoring for the hosts. Roffey fought back hitting the woodwork and then forcing a penalty when A cross was handled by a defender. Neathey made no mistake rolling the ball into the bottom corner.

Just before half time Neathey's inswinging corner clearly crossed the line before Barnes-Galloway could claw it out but the referee awarded a free kick for a push that no one else had seen.

The second half was end to end until on the hour mark when ex Seagull Jake Robinson was left unmarked 8 yards out and made it 2-1. The game became scrappy with lots of whistle and Shaun Findley was sent off for treading on Abudiore who himself had been putting in some questionable challenges and was then give a second yellow card. Roffey tried to get back into the game with a shot coming back of the bar but in

the last minute
Lee Robinson
produced a clinical finish to make
it 3-1. So despite
a lot of effort and
some good football from us it
was Newhaven
who made it nine
wins on the trot.



#### CRAWLEY DOWN 1-0 ROFFEY

The Boars made the trip to The Haven for the last away game of the season against Crawley Down who were still very much in the hunt for a play off place. Jordan Mase returned after suspension and Callum Chesworth started as a striker. Kemo Darboe, Devon Fender and Dylan Peuw were unavailable.

The first half was an even affair with both sides having spells of pressure but it was Bellingham in the home goal who was the busiest making to good saves from Chesworth and Mase and then a brilliant stop from Ash Mutongerwa' shot which had looked destined for the bottom corner.

After an even 20 minutes The hosts began to push the Boars back and eventually scired in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute when Olie Leslie was put through down the middle to finish over the top of Monty Watson-Price for the only goal ofv the game. Roffey came close to an equaliser following a flowing move that ended up with Ricardo Fernandes missing the far post by inches.

So it was again a case of so close and yet so far as we drew another blank. The many of the recent games have seen luck desert us and some questionable referring decisions but in the end we have come up short but are not far away from being a team that can seriously challenge for Isthmian football in the coming seasons.





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Pos		Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Form
1		Hassocks	37	30	4	3	98	28	70	94	
2	(	Crowborough Athletic	37	24	6	7	85	35	50	78	
3	3	Eastbourne Utd AFC	37	22	5	10	73	45	28	71	
4		Haywards Heath Town	37	21	7	9	73	40	33	70	
5		Crawley Down Gatwick	37	21	6	10	83	62	21	69	
6	•	Petersfield Town	37	20	8	9	77	41	36	68	
7		Peacehaven & Tels	37	20	7	10	75	50	25	67	
8	4	Newhaven	37	20	3	14	73	65	8	63	
9	8	Roffey	37	17	10	10	65	39	26	61	
10		Bexhill United	37	14	9	14	65	54	11	51	
11	(4)	Midhurst & Easebourne	37	12	8	17	42	65	-23	44	
12	<b>2</b>	Horsham YMCA	37	11	8	18	59	69	-10	41	
13		Wick	37	11	7	19	49	76	-27	40	
14	0	AFC Varndeanians	37	11	6	20	48	80	-32	39	
15		Lingfield	37	9	10	18	45	75	-30	37	
16	<b>~</b>	Pagham	37	9	9	19	44	59	-15	36	
17	0	Little Common	37	8	6	23	33	70	-37	30	
18		Shoreham	37	7	8	22	39	86	<b>-47</b>	29	
19	7	Loxwood	37	8	5	24	51	103	-52	29	
20	•	Saltdean United	37	3	12	22	44	79	-35	21	72
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