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NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome to the Theatre of Trees. Today we host the players, management and supporters of Bexhill United and we hope that they enjoy our hospitality. Also welcome to todays match officials.

I am writing these notes whilst on holiday and kept up to date with the Pagham cup tie by Twitter and was a nervous wreck by the end. The lads held their nerve to win on penalties after a very competitive game which had we taken our three guilt edge chances may have been far more comfortable.

In the last 15 minutes we had to withstand a lot of pressure but oue defence kept a clean sheet and Monty then saved a Pagham penalty so in the end the win was deserved. Wrighty and Dean were very pleased with the quality of our play for 75 minutes and the character we showed at the end and we really feel we are moving forward with the 'Roffey' style of play.

Bexhill have made a good start to the campaign and sit fourth in the league as I write so we know this will be another tough challenge. With the squad they have this year I am sure they will be serious contenders for a play off spot.

Enjoy the game.

Jack

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TODAYS VISITORS

We're delighted to welcome Bexhill United, their players, staff and supporters to today's match. Our visitors arrive with a fresh look in the dugout as Jay Skinner Swain takes charge, stepping up to the manager's role after a year as head coach under Ryan Light. He's joined by the vastly experienced Jaimie Podmore, who continues as assistant manager, and together they've put together a squad that mixes bright young talent with the steady presence of a few older heads. Players like Ritchie Welch, Kyle Holden, Dan Rogers and Jack Shonk bring valuable know-how and leadership, giving the vounger lads the right platform to develop and making Bexhill a wellbalanced side.

Football in Bexhill has a proud history that stretches right back to 1889, when the town's first club took shape and played on a pitch near the present-day fire station on London Road. By 1923 the club had moved into the Polegrove, which is still their home today, and just a few years later they merged with another local side to form Bexhill Town, joining the Sussex County League. After the Second World War, the town's football scene was briefly revived by Bexhill Wanderers, but when they folded it was Bexhill Town

"BEXHILL'S RESILIENCE
SHINES THROUGH, BOUNCING
BACK TO REACH STEP 5
FOOTBALL ONCE AGAIN."

and Bexhill Amateur Athletic who carried the torch. The two clubs combined in 1946/47 to form Bexhill Town Athletic – a merger that proved hugely successful. The following two decades were something of a golden era for the club, with silverware arriving on a regular basis. They lifted the Hastings Senior Cup

decades were something of a golden era for the club, with silverware arriving on a regular basis. They lifted the Hastings Senior Cup, the League Cup and the Sussex County League title in the fifties, before adding further honours in the sixties, including consecutive league championships. Under the guidance of Don Pellet, they very nearly made it three league wins in a row, missing

out only on goal difference, and the club also collected a number of local cups during what supporters still look back on as a purple patch in their history.

In 1969 the club simplified its name back to Bexhill Town. More ups and downs followed: they won the Royal Ulster Rifles Cup in the seventies but suffered relegations in the eighties, even dropping into Division Three. They bounced back strongly, though, with promotions and eventually the Division Two title in 1989/90, which restored their Division One status. The nineties brought further

setbacks, but that resilience has always been part of the club's character.

The current Bexhill United came about in 2002 through another merger with Bexhill Amateur Athletic. Even after the Amateur Athletic side later went their own way, the Bexhill United name remained, along with a badge designed to reflect both clubs, proudly carrying the motto "Semper Paratus" - Always Ready. Since then, United have had their fair share of promotions and relegations, but they've kept moving forward.

Most recently, a full rebrand during the

pandemic gave the club a new identity and renewed ambition. That was followed by the FA restructure, which opened the door for promotion. In 2021/22 they reached Step 5 football for the first time since the early nineties – and made a real statement by going unbeaten at home and finishing fourth in the SCFL Premier Division.

All of that history, resilience and ambition comes with them into today's game. We're looking forward to a competitive encounter and hope their players, staff and supporters enjoy their afternoon with us.



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Shane **SAUNDERS**

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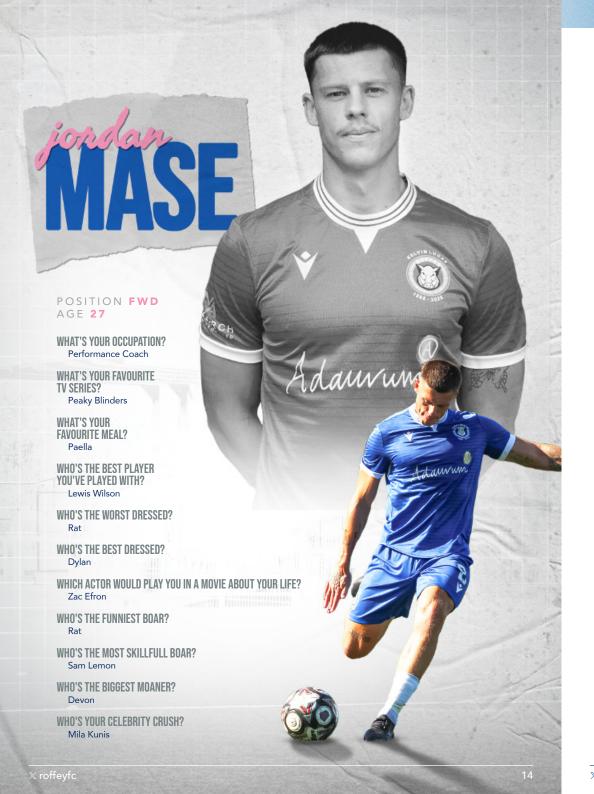
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MATCH REPORTS

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[2 - 4 ON PENALTIES]

Boars' penalties silence The Lions' roar.

Roffey made the long journey to Pagham, for this Senior Cup tie, without Danny Pappoe and Dylan Pauw, the two centre halves from Saturdays victory over Eastbourne United. The two Dans, Mobsby and Pearse formed a new and very experienced duo. Devon Fender returned to the squad in place of the injured Sam Lemon and Ricardo Fernandes was also on the bench proving the strength of the Boars squad.

Roffey started fast and with their mixture of cultured build up and longer balls sliced through the home defence three times to create massive chances. After just 3 minutes Jack Bilbruck fed Lui Edwards who forced a save from Kelly in the home goal. Two minutes later it looked like Roffey must take the lead but Kelly pulled of a brace of close range saves from Jordan Mase and Bilbruck. On seven minutes Josh Neathey slipped the ball through in for Mase but the ball was cleared off the line. Roffey continued to dominate possession but Pagham gradually got their game going and showed that they too could be a threat and Monty Watson-Price had to save from close range as the game became more even. HT 0 - 0.

The second half started with Roffey on the front

foot again with a corner that was cleared and a shot from James Pearse that cleared the bar. There was a scare on 58 minutes when Pagham broke and the ball ended up in the Roffev net but the assistant's flag cut short the home celebrations. With twenty minutes to go Neathey put Bilbruck through one on one but Kelly pulled of another great save. From the corner Mase had a shot deflected onto the post as the Boars continued to dominate. However, Pagham weathered the storm and as the game entered the final quarter of and hour started to push Roffey back. It was now the Boars turn to have to defend in numbers and Watson-Price had to go full length to save a goal bound shot. Roffey were no longer controlling possession and had to dig in but with

Pearse and Mobsby using all their experience and Elliott Hanslow having to move to right back for the injured Jake LeGrange, Roffey held out till the whistle and the place in the place in the next round of the Senior Cup would be decided by penalties.

Roffeys' four penalties from: Dan Pearse, Jordan Mase, Lui Edwards and Devon Fender were immaculate giving Kelly no chance. Pagham's second spot kick was nearly saved by Watson-Price and the Boars keeper then went one better full length down to his right to save the third Pagham kick. When the hosts' fourth came back off the bar, the Boars were through. So, a well contested and entertaining game came to a close with Roffey continuing their promising start to the season.

STARTING XI: Watson-Price, LeGrange (Fernandes), Elmellas, Mobsby, D Pearse, J Pearse, Bishop (Clark), Mase, Edwards, Bilbruck (Hanslow), Neathey (Fender).

SUBS: Moyo.

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Jordan Mase 62' Lui Edwards 84' Josh Thomas 26'

Edwards opens his account to deliver the points.

Eastbourne United were the visitors to the Theatre of Trees on Saturday and as usual in the games between these two there was no quarter asked or given. The visitors had begun to hit form in the league after a slow start and are amongst the favourites for the top five this season. The Boars were without skipper Dan Pearse and Finn Bishop took his midfield birth with Sam Lemon starting after a long injury break.

For the first 25 minutes, Roffey's slick passing through the lines had their visitors on the back foot and the excellent Alex Hobden was forced to save from Lui Edwards, Jordan Mase and Bishop. Roffey would have been disappointed not to make more of these chances whilst enjoying the lion's share of possession and they suffered a further blow when Lemon had to depart injured after just 10 minutes with Bailey Moyo replacing him. As so often happens the first goal came at the other end when after a quick break Tariq Ibrahim found himself in space on the right, He cut inside Dylan Pauw and as Jake Legrange covered, hit the deck although it was not clear that the Roffey defender had actually made a challenge however the referee from fairly close to the play pointed

to the spot and Josh

Thomas converted the penalty on 26 minutes.

This lifted the visitors and the rest of the half was much more even with both sides taking turns to pressurise their opponents' box. Monty Watson-Price and his defence had to deal with several dangerous crosses and corners with one of these leaving the Boars stopper flat out on the ground after a late challenge. Watson Price also had to save down to his left and the hosts managed to scramble the ball away. Danny Pappoe was again winning most of the aerial battles and after Yannis Drais put his shot wide the half ended 0 – 1

The first few minutes after the restart saw the visitors attacking perhaps hoping to put the game to bed but after this it was the Boars who started to control the bulk of possession and began to look increasingly

dangerous. A flowing move ended with Mase being denied by a great close range save from Eastbourne Borough loanee Hobden. The Boars were now on top, Edwards drove a shot just wide and Bishop just too high.

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when Mase received a throw in surrounded by defenders in the box. His first touch took him away from his man and he squeezed between two others and curled a tremendous shot inside the far post. At this point it was no more than Roffey deserved.

Roffey were now playing with confidence and

winning more than their share of the personal battles around the pitch. However as the game became more physical and yellow cards started to appear regularly the result was still in the balance and Pauw and Legrange had to make important blocks. The 84th minute saw the Boars at their best when a United through ball was cleared by Watson-Price to Edwards who touched it off to Mase and span between the defenders to pick up the return pass before cutting inside and burying the ball in the bottom corner for his first goal as a Boar. Cue wild celebrations from the boys in blue and deflation from the visitors.

United tried their best to get back into the game and the challenges were flying in with Karim Elmellas getting an arm in the face and Drais receiving a second yellow for kicking out at Mitch Clark right in front of the referee. Roffey were not to be denied and saw the game out without further incident. Eastbourne had proved tough opponents as expected but Roffey appear to be improving game by game and will hope to take this form into the Senior Cup match at Pagham on Tuesday night.

STARTING XI: Watson-Price. LeGrange, Elmellas, Pauw, Pappoe, J. Pearse, Bishop, Mase, Edwards, Lemon (Moyo) (Clark), Neathey (Bilbruck).

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