

Tuesday 16th September 2025

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Anvils U18's



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U18 Girls XI: Justin Roadnight, Luke Burton

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U14: Dominic Brameld, Jon Wraight
U13: Paul O'Nions, Martin Challen
U12: Jamie Baldwin
U10: Peter Scanlon
U9: Tony Hill
U8: Andy Bridges
U7: Mike Philippou
U6: Sam Cane
U5: Howard Griggs

Girls

U16: Russ Baranca
U15: Chris Imhoff
U14: Dermot Sargent
U13: Rob Read
U12: Simon Nickols
U11: Ben Hunt
U10: Andy Goodwin
U9: Mark Hills
U8: Mark Hills
U7(LA): Paul O'Nions
U6(MA) Paul O'Nions

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Club Honours

U18 SUSSEX COUNTY CUP WINNERS	2024
SOUTHERN COMBINATION PREM RUNNERS UP	2023
ISTHMIAN DIV 1 SOUTH MEMBERS	2011/14
SUSSEX COUNTY SENIOR CUP FINALISTS	2012
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	2010/11
SUSSEX COUNTY FA RUR CUP WINNERS	2010/11
ROY WINGATE TROPHY WINNERS	2011

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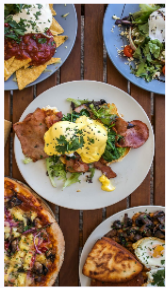
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WELCOME

to the haven

On behalf of all involved at Crawley Down Gatwick FC we extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and fans of Forest Row FC that welcome also of course extends to the match officials.

There will be a minutes applause before tonight's match for Colin MacCleaster who recently passed away after a long illness. Colin a Club Vice President was one of of Crawley Down's original Football startups who encouraged the Start of Junior Football in the 1980's. RIP Colin



Forest Row: Have had a very good start to the season having been promoted from Div 1 this season. They presently sit in 5th Position with 12 points from 5 games played. In the cups they have not done so well but are still in the PB Cup and RUR.

Anvils: Not one of the Anvils best starts in the league so far. In the cups we have fared better with wins in the PB and SCC. Our last 5 games have resulted in 3 wins & 2 Losses. They are still in the FA Vase, SCC, PB cup and RUR. Last Sat the Anvils got their first league win away to Lancing 2-1.

Next up for the Anvils:

Mon 22nd Sep a Forest Row 7:45pm

Sat 27th Sep H Roffey 3pm

Sat 4th Oct H Wick 3pm

U18's: Went out of the FA Yth Cup losing on Penalties to Balham. They played their first league game last Sunday with a tough match against Horsham FC

Next up for the U18's

Sun 21st Sep H Lancing Utd SCC R1 11am

Sun 28th Sep a Loxwood 11am

Sun 5th Oct a Loxwood League Cup 11am

U18 Girls: Had their first league match last Sunday 14th Sep away to Eastbourne Town

Next up for the U18 Girls:

Sun 21st Sep H Roffey 2pm

Sun 28th Sep H Hastings Utd 2pm

Sun 5th Oct a Hollingbury Hawks 2 pm

The 300 Club

June Draw

1st: £100 Ian Clements

2nd: £50 Steve Crockford

July Draw

1st: £100 Lynne Clingo

2nd: £50 Ian Clements

The 300 Club is a Lottery to help with general Club funds. The cost is £5 Per month. If you are interested and want to help support please see a CDG Official to obtain a Standing order form or BACS details to pay on line.

Girls Football

From ages 5 through to 18. Any interested girls wishing to get involved please email the Club at cdgfc.girls@gmail.com so we can put you in touch with the correct Manager

On the Language front

Please remember there are Children in the Stadium so please mind your language. The CDGFC Players and Management Team have signed up to the respect code of conduct which includes a good language initiative and hope that our visitors today will have done also. That of course also includes YOU the supporters so please mind your language today.

Kids Go FREE !!!

Children are offered free entry for the season. We will also be offering any Child or Junior team to be a Mascot for a Home match and the chance to walk out with the team for the pre match handshake and have their picture taken. Pictures or Video's Must only be taken by Parents/Guardians

The Haven Cafe Bar: Is open to the general public. The Haven Bar welcomes all Football Club supporters before during and after matches. **SKY** sports available in the Bar.



Our Visitors Today

Forest Row FC

Frow are one of the oldest football clubs in Sussex, founded way back in 1892. The past 133 years has mainly seen us ply our trade in the Mid Sussex divisions, playing at the Memorial Ground nestled in the heart of the village. It's a beautiful sports pavilion that's still home to our Reserves, the Juniors and other sports including tennis and cricket.

After a new crop of players joined back in 2012, the club were fresh off the back of two successive demotions, managerless and languishing in the MSFL Division One. Fast forward 9 years to 2021 and we were playing in the Southern Combination Football League for the first time in our existence.

Despite three promotions in this time, silverware eluded Frow, missing out on the MSFL Division 1 title due to a deducted point, and coming close in the Montgomery Cup against Lindfield in 2016. We also reached the Sussex Intermediate Cup final in 2020 only for COVID to enforce the cancellation of the competition. It was a frustrating end to a successful season for Frow, who were also sitting pretty in second and going for the MSFL Prem title.

Following a groundshare agreement with Oakwood FC thanks to support from our sponsors Elliot Scott Group, Frow's high placed finish at the end of the 2020/21 season was enough to take us up to County 1 and enjoy step 6 football. We registered an impressive mid table finish in our debut

season, and maintained our place in the division for the next few years.

In 2024, we bid Tinsley Lane farewell as we announced a groundshare with nearby neighbours, East Grinstead Town FC. This coincided with the most successful period in our history, clinching promotion to the SCFL Premier for the first time after winning the 2024/25 playoffs, following the appointment of Grant Hearn and Andy Willis. The Seconds backed this up with a double, winning the Sussex Cup for the first time and the MSFL Division 2 North title to round off a successful first year for Brett Caiger.

2025 saw the club on the move once again, agreeing a groundshare agreement with Three Bridges FC. It also marked a change in the committee, with Ron Holah and Will Irwin stepping down as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. Elliot Benton was named as Frow's new Chairman, with an exciting future ahead.

HONOURS (MSFL)

- Division One 1975-76
- Division Two 1951-52 (joint), 1971-72
- Division Three 1962-63, 1971-72
- Division Four 1959-60, 2000-01
- League Trophy 1987-88
- Mowatt Cup 1972-73, 1975-76, 1983-84
- Sommerville Cup 1999-2000
- Stratford Cup 2019
- Sussex Cup (Junior) 2025

HONOURS (SCFL)

- Division 1 Play-off Winners 2024/25
- Ground Directions
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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 2025/2026

PLAYER		<---APPEARANCES--->				<-GOALS->			CAUTIONS			S B	S B	
		LGE	SUB	CUP	SUB TOTAL	LGE	CUP	TOTAL	Y 25	Y 26	RED	Y 25	Y 26	
Josh	Alder	1	3	1	1	6		0						
Michael	Belli	2	1	1	1	5		0						
Alex	Bellingham	4		1		5		0						
Josh	Brown	2	2	3		7		0	1					
Sam	Clements	4	2	2	1	9	2	2						
George	Falzon	1	1	1		3	1	1						
Shaun	Findlay	4		1		5		0						
Liam	Holden	5		1		6		0				2		
Luca	Intelligenza	1	2	1		4		0	1					
Njagga	Jammahl John	6		3		9		0	1					
Callum	Kilkenny	2		1		3		0						
Oli	Leslie	5	1	3		9	3	3	6					
Kian	Lovett	2		1		3		0						
Jake	Neaves	1	3		2	6		1	1					
Marc	Pelling			1		1		0						
Abdul	Racheed Alaka	2	1	1	1	5		1	1	1				
Abdallah	Rady		1	1		2		0						
Jack	Ryder	5		1		6	1	1	1					
Oban	Sawle	2		2		4		0						
Sam	Schaaf		1	2	1	4		0	1					
Michael	Spence	5		2		7		0	1					
Matia	Tamale			1		1		0						
Alex	Tidy	1	1	1	1	4		0						
Jacob	Todman	5	1		2	8	1	1	1					
Beau	Walters	2	1	1	2	6		0	1					
Rhys	White	4			1	5		0						
Kevin	Zie		2		1	3		0	1					
	Own Goal													
Total's		66	23	33	14	136	8	5	13	10	0	0	2	0



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FROM the typewriter

ANVILS JUNIOR PATHWAYS

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News a couple of weeks ago that Lewis Gould, one of our first team players from last season, had signed a one-year contract with League One side Barnsley was fantastic for so many reasons. It came hot on the heels of Joe Emery, who played for our junior teams, making his first team debut for Sheffield Wednesday in the Carabao Cup against Bolton Wanderers and Tito Salaam, a first team regular at 18 last season, joining professional side Sutton United.

All these examples are, first and foremost, wonderful news for those individuals and their families. What they also do, though, is to show that Crawley Down Gatwick offers a genuine pathway for young players. As someone who is going into his 17th season coaching in the junior section here, I am proud of the way this club has developed. We now have 28 teams in this club which comprises the men's first team, U18s sides for men and women, plus 25 teams or training groups for boys and girls from U16s down to U5s.

I have always been a strong advocate for the junior section but it has to have a purpose and this is the two-fold purpose as I see it: to provide a safe and caring environment to play football for boys and girls who want to enjoy the game; to provide a pathway from junior football to the first team and higher if they are capable of it. Both those purposes are equally important.

There have been a few cases of Crawley Down players in the past joining professional clubs, but not too many. Mitch Walker played in goal for our junior teams and later made his professional debut for Brighton and Hove Albion in a League One game against Yeovil Town in 2010. Mitch is still playing now for Dover Athletic at the age of 33. Before that, Adam Aylward went to Chesterfield and Robbie Collins to Crawley Town. On the girls'

Match Report:

CDG U18's 2 Horsham FC U18's 3

Anvils U18s started their league campaign against defending champions Horsham this Sunday. The spectators were treated to a very entertaining game with CDGFC taking the lead through George Ferrar after a lovely through ball from Rodrigo Morales. Unfortunately, Horsham answered back just

front, Jodie Jacobs went on to play for Chelsea and West Ham after playing for Crawley Down, while two girls I coached left us after U13s to join professional clubs: Hannah Plumb was signed by Brighton and Hove Albion and subsequently played for West Ham U21s, while Rhianna Major went to Charlton Athletic.

What we have done at the club in recent years is to emphasise the second part of my 'two-fold purpose', which is to offer that pathway to the first team and beyond. Lewis Gould and Joe Emery, both played in the junior sides run by first team coach Martin Benetar. In fact, Gould was in our U18s squad that won the Sussex Cup in April 2024 alongside current first team squad members Jake Neaves and Alex Tidy. Fellow first teamers Callum Kilkenny and Alex Bellingham have also played for our junior sides.

While all still young themselves, these players are an inspiration to the next generation because what this does is that it shows players currently with our junior sides that there is a pathway to senior football at Crawley Down Gatwick if they work hard and have the ability to match it. Even more so, Lewis Gould's professional contract shows ambitious young players they do not have to go elsewhere if they want to follow in his footsteps.

There are currently players I have coached in our youngest groups who I know have real ability for their age group. Of course, there is a long way to go between where they are now and playing for the first team here at Crawley Down Gatwick but the message is clear: the pathway is there for boys in our club and, once we have launched the women's first team, the pathway will be there too for girls. These are exciting times for everyone at Crawley Down Gatwick.

Enjoy the game.

HOWARD GRIGGS

before HT to make it 1-1. The second half saw Horsham gain 2 further goals before Rodrigo Morales pulled one back with a low drive into the corner from just inside the 18-yard box to make it 3-2. CDGFC pushed for an equaliser and had chances but couldn't get it done before full-time. MOM for CDGFC was Finley Mott.



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CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FOOTBALL CLUB

Southern Combination League U18 North Div Res & Fix 2025-2026

Date	h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result	Goals
SEP						
04-Sep-25	Thu	H	7:00 Balham	FAYC Prel Rd	1-1	D Finley Wigmore (Pagham won 2-4 on Pens)
14-Sep-25	Sun	H	11:00 Horsham	League	2-3	L George Ferrar, Rodrigo Morales
21-Sep-25	Sun	H	11:00 Lancing Utd Colts	SCC R1		
28-Sep-25	Sun	a	11:00 Loxwood	League		
OCT						
05-Oct-25	Sun	a	11:00 Loxwood	League Cup R2		
12-Oct-25	Sun	a	11:00 Bosham	SCC R2		TBC
NOV						
16-Nov-25	Sun	a	11:00	SCC R3		TBC
DEC						

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FOOTBALL CLUB

SUSSEX COUNTY WOMEN & GIRLS U18 CHAMPIONSHIP Res & Fix 2025-2026

Date	h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result	Goals
SEP						
14-Sep-25	Sun	a	14:00 Eastbourne Town	League	2-2	D
21-Sep-25	Sun	H	14:00 Roffey	League		
28-Sep-25	Sun	H	14:00 Hastings Utd	League		
28-Sep-25	Sun	a	14:00 Loxwood	League		
OCT						
05-Oct-25	Sun	a	14:00 Hollingbury Hawks	League		
12-Oct-25	Sun	a	14:00 Loxwood & Kirdford	SCC R2		
19-Oct-25	Sun	H	14:00 Roffey	League Cup R1		
NOV						
02-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00 Lancing Rangers	League		
09-Nov-25	Sun	a	14:00 Lindfield Juniors	League		
16-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00 TBC	SCC R3		
30-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00 Loxwood & Kirdford	League		
DEC						
14-Dec-25	Sun	a	14:00 Newhaven	League		

SUSSEX COUNTY WOMEN & GIRLS

Up to and including Sun 14th September 25

U18 Championship		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Roffey	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	13	3
2	Bognor Regis Town	1	1	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	3
3	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
4	Eastbourne Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Hastings Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Hollingbury Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lancing Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lindfield Juniors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Woodingdean Wan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Worthing Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Newhaven	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	-5	0
12	Loxwood & Kirdford	1	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	-13	0

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A message from The FA & endorsed by CDG about anti-social and criminal behaviour

As we commence the new season we want to make you aware of new measures being taken across all of football, and the NLS, to ensure everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We are supporting strong action from the FA, and across the NLS to tackle anti-social and criminal behaviours that put all of us at risk.

Please remember the following activities are illegal, dangerous, have serious consequences and have no place in our game:

- Carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros
- Invading the pitch or entering the pitch without permission
- Throwing objects onto the pitch
- Drug use within the football ground
- Discriminatory behaviour

For everyone's safety, we will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a criminal record.

Anyone who enters the pitch without permission and those carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros will now receive an automatic club ban. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life-changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials. It also impacts the hard working volunteers, who ensure that our special part of the game continues to run.

We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters. Please work with us to call out the risks.

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SOUTHERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Up to and including Sat 13th September 2025

PREMIER DIVISION		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Haywards Heath Town	7	3	0	0	6	1	4	0	0	13	3	15	21
2	Horsham YMCA	7	2	0	1	5	6	4	0	0	12	1	10	18
3	Newhaven	6	2	0	0	5	1	3	1	0	9	4	9	16
4	Forest Row	6	2	0	1	4	6	3	0	0	5	0	3	15
5	Bexhill Utd	6	1	1	0	3	1	3	0	1	9	8	3	13
6	Guernsey	5	2	0	0	8	2	2	0	1	4	4	6	12
7	Roffey	6	4	0	0	11	4	0	0	2	1	3	5	12
8	Steyning Town	4	1	1	0	5	4	2	0	0	7	1	7	10
9	Pagham	6	2	0	1	4	2	1	1	1	4	3	3	10
10	Peacehaven & Telscombe	7	3	0	1	11	4	0	0	3	0	4	3	9
11	Shoreham	6	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	3	5	7	2	9
12	Little Common	7	2	0	2	6	7	1	0	2	2	6	-5	9
13	AFC Varndenians	8	0	0	4	2	9	2	1	1	6	6	-7	7
14	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	6	0	2	2	6	8	1	0	1	2	3	-3	5
15	Midhurst & Easebourne	8	1	0	4	4	12	0	2	1	3	6	-11	5
16	Eastbourne United	7	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	2	5	6	-4	4
17	Wick	7	0	0	4	4	9	1	0	2	4	5	-6	3
18	Lingfield	6	0	1	2	2	7	0	1	2	3	8	-10	2
19	Lancing	6	0	1	2	3	6	0	0	3	3	10	-10	1
20	Seaford Town	5	0	1	2	2	7	0	0	2	2	7	-10	1

SOUTHERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Up to and including Sun 14th September 25

U18 DIVISION NORTH		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Broadbridge Heath	2	1	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	9	3	9	6
2	Steyning Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	3	4	6
3	Horsham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
4	Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
6	Southwater	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0
7	Billingshurst	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	2	5	-5	0
8	Loxwood	1	0	0	1	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	-6	0



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Crawley Down Gatwick FC have made a remarkable rise from parks football to the Ryman League in less than 20 years. The club was only formed in 1993 but have enjoyed the type of success many could only hope for in their short history. In 2011 Sussex County League title success and promotion to Step 4 Football was followed by an appearance at the AMEX in the Sussex Senior Cup Final in 2012.

1983-95 Delving back into the history books to 1983, Crawley Down United could be found nestled in Division Six of the Mid Sussex League. By 1988 the club had risen to Div One, winning three league titles and finishing runners-up on two occasions. After three seasons in Div One they won promotion to the Premier Division as runners up to Lindfield. **1993/94** culminated in a merger of four local sides and adopting the name Crawley Down Village they finished third in the following season. 1994/5 they claimed their first Premier Division title by a massive margin of ten points from 2nd placed Wealden.

1995-2003 In 1995 the Anvils joined the Sussex County League Division Three. In the first season they finished second and found themselves making an even swifter move into Senior Football. They also reached the final of the Intermediate Cup. The first two seasons in Division Two provided much sought after consolidation but in the 1998-99 season they finished in a promotion position but only to be denied a place in Division One because they could not persuade Mid Sussex District Council to allow the installation of floodlights in time. The following season they thought they had finished in a promotion spot again only to be thwarted by a late decision to award Lancing three extra points after Mile Oak had fielded an illegible player. The next four seasons were not so easy for the club with changes of management and they finished no higher than 11th in that period.

The 2004-07 era was better as they finished tenth and fifth and In the Division Two Cup, they reached the semi-final stage two years running. 2006-07 was a struggle only staying up after an outstanding finish to the season losing just two of the last 14 matches. Cup form: Q/F of the Sussex RUR Cup and the Div Two Cup.

2007-08 was a massive year for the club as the culmination of 10 years' hard work behind the scenes paid off with the Anvils given the go ahead to upgrade facilities. Floodlights, hard standing and stands followed and were in place for the start of the new season. The Team finished 6th and reached the semi-final of the John O'Hara League Cup. In the FA Vase they reached the 4th round losing away at Brockenhurst. The Anvils also entertained Brighton & HA in the Sussex Senior Cup. By now, the club were gaining momentum on and off the pitch and they finally won promotion to Div One with a third place finish.

2009-2010 Many expected the Division One new boys to struggle but they defied the odds to enjoy a tremendous season, finishing eighth in the league and enjoying good cup runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase as well as reaching the League Cup Final.

2010-11 Proved to be the most successful season in the club's history as the Anvils won SCL Div One and promotion to the Isthmian League by a margin of 15 points as well as winning the RUR Cup. They reached the semi-finals of both the John O'Hara and the Sussex Senior Cups where they lost to Blue Square prem side Eastbourne Boro. **2011-14** Saw the Club in the Isthmian South for the first time and the Club set about building a team to compete at this level, finishing in 15th place and also getting to the Sussex Senior Cup Final at the AMEX, losing out in the last minute to Ryman South Champions Whitehawk. A name change to **Crawley Down Gatwick FC** was approved highlighting the wider area to which the Club is now associated.

2012/13 Season started remarkably well with the team topping the Ryman South table through to November but finally finishing in 13th position. Forced Manager changes meant a massive dip in form in **2013/14**, which saw the Anvils end up second to bottom and relegation. **2014/15** The Club rejoined the Sussex County League, unfortunately a 2nd relegation followed to SCL Div 1. **2015/16** saw the revival of the side under Paul Cooper as the rebuilt Anvils challenged at the top all season, finishing in 2nd place to Haywards Hth Tn and 14 points clear of 3rd placed Oakwood to gain promotion back to the Premier Division.

2017-25 Back in the SCL Prem the side continued its improvement finishing in a midtable position and reaching the RUR Cup Final in that first year. The following season they achieved a midtable finish and a PB cup Semi final. James Day took over the side from **2018-19** and did well in his first season as the side finished in 9th place with 57 points. **2019/21** Covid dominated and the League was abandoned with CDG in 6th Pos. **21-22** the team again ended mid table and a run to R3 of the FA Vase. **22/23** A very good season Anvils finishing in 2nd place to Broadbridge Hth & losing out on promotion to Isthmian side Sutton Common Rovers in a play-off. **2023/24** Anvils finished in 9th position with 60 points. **Martin Benetar's U18's took the headlines** with a County Cup Final win v Whitehawk and champions of the SCL North Div. **24/25** Chairman Donal Barrett retired and former Player Dave Connor was elected. A good season with the Anvils finishing 6th and a record FA Vase run to the R4 losing out to Fleet Town.

25/26: New Season and here we go again

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CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FOOTBALL CLUB

Southern Combination League Premier Div RES & FIX 2025-2026

Date	h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result	Goals
AUG						
02-Aug-25	Sat	a	3:00 Lancing	FAC Ex Prel Rd	0-1	L
09-Aug-25	Sat	a	3:00 Shoreham	League	0-2	L
12-Aug-25	Tue	H	7:30 Newhaven	League	2-2	D Sammy Clements 2
19-Aug-25	Tue	H	7:30 Eastbourne Utd	League	1-1	D Jack Ryder
30-Aug-25	Sat	H	3:00 Haywards Heath Town	League	2-3	L Oli Leslie 2
SEP						
02-Sep-25	Tue	H	7:30 AFC Walcountians	PB Cup R2	3-1	W Oli Leslie 2, Jake Neaves
06-Sep-25	Sat	H	3:00 Bexhill Utd	League	1-2	L Oli Leslie
09-Sep-25	Tue	a	7:45 Selsey	SSC R1	2-1	W Oli Leslie, Abdul Racheed Alaka
13-Sep-25	Sat	a	3:00 Lancing	League	2-1	W George Falzon, Jacob Todman
16-Sep-25	Tue	H	7:30 Forest Row	RUR R1		
22-Sep-25	Mon	a	7:45 Forest Row	League		
27-Sep-25	Sat	H	3:00 Roffey			
30-Sep-25	Tue	H	7:30 Newhaven	PB Cup R3		
OCT						
04-Oct-25	Sat	H	3:00 Wick	League		
11-Oct-25	Sat	a	3:00 AFC Varndenians	League		
14-Oct-25	Tue	a	7:30 Seaford Town	League		
18-Oct-25	Sat	a	2:00 Guensey TBC	League		FA Vase R1 Bye (Guensey Provisional League)
21-Oct-25	Tue	H	7:30 TBC	RUR R2		
25-Oct-25	Sat	H	3:00 Midhurst & Easebourne	League		
28-Oct-25	Tue	a	8:00 Peacehaven & Tel	League		
NOV						
01-Nov-25	Sat	a	3:00 Little Common	League		
08-Nov-25	Sat		3:00 TBC	FA Vase R2		
15-Nov-25	Sat	H	3:00 Steyning Town	League		
22-Nov-25	Sat	a	3:00 Pagham	League		
29-Nov-25	Sat	H	3:00 Horsham YMCA	League		
DEC						
06-Dec-25	Sat	a	3:00 Haywards Heath Town	League		or FA Vase R3
13-Dec-25	Sat	H	2:00 Guernsey	League		
20-Dec-25	Sat	a	3:00 Newhaven	League		
27-Dec-25	Sat	H	3:00 Lingfield	League		
JAN						
03-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00 Eastbourne Utd	League		
10-Jan-26	Sat					Reserved for Postponemets
17-Jan-26	Sat	H	3:00 Forest Row	League		or FA Vase R4
24-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00 Roffey	League		
31-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00 Bexhill United	League		
FEB						
07-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00 Lancing	League		
14-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00 Seaford Town	League		
21-Feb-26	Sat	a	3:00 Midhurst & Easebourne	League		
28-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00 Little Common	League		
MAR						
07-Mar-26	Sat					Reserved for Postponemets
14-Mar-26	Sat	a	3:00 Steyning Town	League		
21-Mar-26	Sat	H	3:00 Peacehaven & Tel	League		
28-Mar-26	Sat	a	3:00 Horsham YMCA	League		
APR						
04-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00 Pagham	League		
06-Apr-26	Mon	a	11:00 Lingfield	League		
11-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00 Shoreham	League		
18-Apr-26	Sat	a	3:00 Wick	League		
25-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00 AFC Varndeianians	League		
MAY						

FROM 'The Dugout'



Welcome to The Haven – Sussex PRINCIPAL RUR Charity Cup R1

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Forest Row, including their management, committee, and players, as they join us at The Haven this evening for our Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup fixture. We hope you've had a safe journey and enjoy your time with us under the lights.

Last Tuesday saw us travel to Selsey in the Sussex Cup, where we came away with a hard-fought 2–1 victory, thanks to a late winner from centre-back Rashid. It was a real testament to the squad's resilience, especially given the number of absentees due to injuries and rotation. We also lost Kian in the warm-up to an ankle injury and had a couple of lads arrive late after a near three-hour trip. Despite the disruption, the team delivered a professional second-half performance to seal the win.

On Saturday, we returned to league action away at Lancing, who had edged us out in the FA Cup opener earlier this season. This time, the boys came flying out of the blocks, and before Lancing could settle, George netted his first goal for the club after some slick build-up play. We dominated the first half, and Jacob marked his debut goal for the club with a stunning lob from outside the box, following a great run from Alex Tidy down the

right. We should've gone into the break with four or five goals, but a missed penalty from Oli Leslie meant for 3–0 meant we led 2–0 at halftime. The second half was more balanced, and although we conceded a sloppy goal late on, the lads held firm to secure our first league win of the season.

Tonight, we welcome Forest Row into the league after a couple of strong seasons in Division One. We've enjoyed preseason friendlies with them in the past, but it's great to now face off in a competitive cup tie. They've started their season well, and with a doubleheader on the horizon, tonight in the cup and again on Monday night at Three Bridges in the league - we're expecting a high-intensity clash with plenty of quality on show.

To all supporters joining us this evening, thank you for your continued backing. We hope you enjoy the match and a great night of football as we aim to progress to the next round of the Sussex RUR Cup.

**See you pitchside.
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FROM 'The Chair'



Good evening everyone and welcome to the Haven for our Tuesday night fixture against Forest Row FC in the Sussex Principal RUR Cup. We extend a warm welcome to the players, coaches, supporters and officials from Forest Row.

It is with the saddest of hearts that I let you all know that we sadly lost a legend of our football family this week Colin MacCleaster.

Colin played many roles within the club over the years and was one of the driving forces in uniting the three Crawley Down clubs to create the wonderful club we now know. He also played a pivotal part in many local football leagues and with the youth back in the 80's. He was also the reason I joined the club back in the mid 80's, as he offered me a pathway into adult football. A journey which has created memories that are a huge part of my life and will live on as some of my fondest.

As I said, Colin played many roles in the club over the years and was a huge supporter on and off the pitch. I can honestly say that he was a huge part of the foundations that created everything we have today. We will always be thankful to him and his family, and he will be sorely and lovingly missed.

We extend our sympathies to Rita, Alan Suzanne, Julie and all their family and friends, and will observe a minute's applause before the match this evening, which is the least we can do. RIP Colin and thank you for giving me the memories and the opportunity to be where I am now.

The three games since I last wrote were a mixed bag. Our home game to Bexhill cruelly ended in defeat to a last-minute snatch and grab goal from the visitors, something we have become accustomed to doing to other teams over the years!

Next up was our cup game away to Selsey. A long trek on a Tuesday evening but one which saw us take the three points and advance to the next round against a very resilient Selsey.

We then returned to league action on Saturday, away to Lancing who knocked us out of the FA Cup earlier in the season. We put on a strong performance for large parts of the game and were rewarded with two early goals from two of our youngsters, George Falzon and Jacob Todman, both scoring their first goals for the senior team. The irony of one of the goal scorers is that Jacob's grandad Roy played under Colin MacCleaster with myself when I first joined the club. Another affirmation of our family club philosophy.

Back to tonight's game. I'm sure both teams will be experimenting with players and giving their all to progress to the next round. Sadly I'm not there this evening but will be in spirit and via text through every minute!

Come on you Anvils!

Dave



The Charter A Group

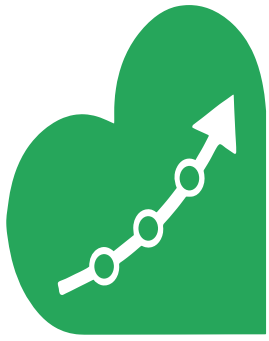
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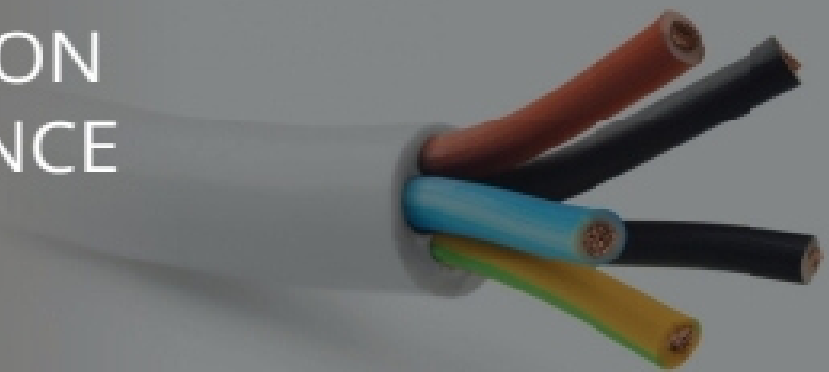
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Shirts: Red
 Shorts: Red
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Y/R	Goals	From
		Abdul Rasheed Alaka 1
		Joshua Alder 2
		Michael Belli 3
		Alex Bellingham 4
		Josh Brown 5
		Ben Chowney 6
		Sam Clements 7
		Ricardo De Ponte Silva 8
		George Falzon 9
		Shaun Findlay 10
		Liam Holden 11
		Luca Intelligenza 12
		Njagga Jammahl John 13
		Callum Kilkenny 14
		Oli Leslie 15
		Kian Lovett 16
		Tamale Matia 17
		Jake Neaves 18
		Marc Pelling 19
		Abdallah Rada 20
		Ali Rainford 21
		Jack Ryder 22
		Oban Sawle 23
		Sam Schaaf 24
		Michael Spence 25
		Alex Tidy 26
		Jacob Todman 27
		Beau Walters 28
		Rhys White 29
		Kevin Zie 30

FOREST ROW

Green :Shirts
 Green :Shorts
 Green :Socks

From	Goals	Y/R
Ethan McGrath (GK)		
Callum Donaghey		
Charlie Leach		
Clayton Garner		
Diego Carmo		
James Young		
Joe Stone		
Regan Jeffery		
Zack Lamont		
Alfie Kent-Mock		
Curtis Gayler		
Owen Miles		
Scott Faber		
Tariq Richards		
Ben Aubrey		
George Cousins		
Harvey Burgess		
Matt Feeney-Hill		
Cameron Lawson		
Jhon Castillo		
Kieron Pamment		
Tommy Seale		
Alessio Akabuogu		
Alieu Secka		

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 Ass: Matt Crane
 Coach: Martin Benetar
 Marc Pelling
 Richard Hughes
 Physio: Vicki Mackley, Emilie McSherry

MATCH OFFICIALS
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 Ass: Paul John
 Ass: Michael Nolan

Managers: Grant Hearn
 Andy Willis
 Coach:
 Physio: Alon Gross

Next Home Fixtures

Sun 21/09 U18's Lancing Colts SCC R1 11:00am
 Sun 27/09 1st Roffey 3:00pm
 Sun 04/10 1st Wick 3:00pm

Next Away Fixtures

Mon 22/09 1st Forest Row 7:45pm
 Sun 28/09 U18's Loxwood 11:00am
 Sun 05/10 U18's Loxwood Lge Cup R2 11:00am