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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL SPECTATORS

We have been advised by the Sussex County FA that it is an offence for any spectator to enter the field of play at any time. Failure to comply may have serious consequences.

This restriction applies one hour prior to kick off, whilst the match is in progress, the half time interval and for one hour after the game's conclusion.

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WELCOME TO THE PILOT FIELD

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Pilot Field for this evening's Peter Bentley Cup match against Forest Row.

We welcome the players, officials and supporters of Forest Row who have made the journey to be with us today. We also welcome our match officials: Mr Findlay-Geer, Mr Bird and Mr Mulvenney and we hope that everyone enjoys their short stay.

On Saturday we slipped to a disappointing 2-1 defeat at Wick. Sam Ellis had given us an early lead but we failed to build on this and despite creating a number of openings we let our hosts back into the game. As always, we have to put this behind us and move on, and with two games a week for the next month, we have plenty of opportunities to pick up points and progress in cup competitions.

Our visitors this evening are enjoying a fantastic start to life in the Premier Division and currently sit in fourth place, having won seven and lost just one of their eight matches to date. On Saturday they were without a fixture due to an electrical fault at Peacehaven's ground. Should this evening's match finish level at the end of ninety minutes then the tie will be decided by penalties. The winners of this evening's match will be at

home to Worthing United or Lancing in the quarter finals.

We thank Hastings United for kindly hosting us this evening, we have a fault with one of our floodlights which is due to be fixed this coming Thursday, meaning that we had to seek an alternative venue for this evening.

Our opponents in the next round of the FA Vase are now known, and we will make the journey to Working on the 18th October to take on Sheerwater. We will be running a coach to this match and there are still some spaces on board if anyone would like to make the trip.

On Thursday evening the Under 23s return to action with a league cup fixture against Hailsham Town, this match will take place at the Oval, Eastbourne due to Hailsham's pitch being unavailable.

The 2nd and 3rd XI were both without fixtures at the weekend but they return to league action next weekend with home games against Northiam 75 II and Herstmonceux respectively.

On Saturday we return to league action when Roffey will be the visitors to the Rec for a 3pm kick off.

Enjoy the match, which I am sure will, as ever, be entertaining.

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Crawley Down Gatwick		2-3 (HT 2-0)		Roffey
Eastbourne United		0-0 (HT 0-0)		Pagham
Guernsey		7-1		Newhaven
Horsham YM		2-0		Lingfield
Lancing		2-7		Bexhill United
Seaford Town		1-2		Midhurst & Ease.
Shoreham		0-4 (HT 0-2)		Haywards Heath Town
Steyning Town		3-0 (HT 0-0)		AFC Vardeanians
Wick		2-1		Little Common

Next up at the Rec...

Saturday 4th October 2025
 Little Common v Roffey
 SCFL Premier Division
 3.00pm

Tuesday 7th October 2025
 Little Common v Three Bridges
 Sussex Senior Cup
 7.30pm

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Haywards Heath Town	9	9	0	0	26	4	22	27
2	Horsham YM	9	7	0	2	19	10	9	21
3	Forest Row	8	7	0	1	18	10	8	21
4	Newhaven	8	6	1	1	18	14	4	19
5	Bexhill United	9	5	2	2	22	17	5	17
6	Roffey	8	5	1	2	16	10	6	16
7	Guernsey	7	5	0	2	20	9	11	15
8	Steyning Town	6	4	2	0	16	6	10	14
9	Pagham	8	4	2	2	14	5	9	14
10	Midhurst & Ease.	10	3	2	5	12	19	-7	11
11	Peacehaven & Tels.	7	3	0	4	11	8	3	9
12	Shoreham	8	3	0	5	11	14	-3	9
13	Little Common	8	3	0	5	9	15	-6	9
14	AFC Varndeanians	9	2	1	6	8	18	-10	7
15	Eastbourne United	9	1	3	5	7	11	-4	6
16	Wick	9	2	0	7	10	18	-8	6
17	Crawley Down Gatwick	8	1	2	5	13	19	-6	5
18	Lingfield	8	1	2	5	7	18	-11	5
19	Seaford Town	6	0	1	5	5	16	-11	1
20	Lancing	8	0	1	7	8	29	-21	1

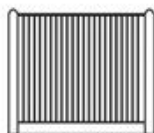
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 Seaford Town v Lancing
 Steyning Town v Guernsey

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TODAY'S VISITORS

FOREST ROW



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

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Kenny Pogue	17	Ben Aubrey

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