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F.A. Challenge Cup

Best Season: 2012/13 (3rd Qualifying Round)

F.A. Challenge Vase

Best Season: 2009/10 (3rd Round Proper)

Surrey Senior Cup

Best Season: 2009/10 (Semi-finalists)

Aldershot Senior Cup

Winners: 2010/11

Aldershot Senior Cup

Runners Up: 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 & 2011/12

Combined Counties Reserve League

Runners Up: 2008/09

GLS Hellenic Supplementary Cup

Winners: 2005/06

GLS Hellenic League Reserve Division Two East

Winners: 2004/05

Kenny Warner Memorial Shield

Winners: 2003/04 & 2004/05

Surrey Junior Cup

Winners: 1937/8

Runwick Charity Cup

Winners: 1937/8, 1986/87 & 1988/89

Surrey Intermediate Premier Division One

Winners: 1937/38 & 1985/86

Surrey Intermediate Premier Division One

Runners Up: 1983/84

Surrey Intermediate Premier Division Two

Winners: 1992/93

Surrey Intermediate Premier Division Two

Runners Up: 1982/83 & 1998/99

Surrey Intermediate Premier Challenge Cup

Winners: 1987/88 & 2000/01

Surrey Intermediate Premier Challenge Cup

Runners Up: 2002/03

Surrey Intermediate Premier Invitation Cup

Winners: 1989/90

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Division One

Winners: 1987/88 & 1988/89

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Division One

Runners Up: 1983/84 & 1992/93

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Challenge Cup

Winners: 1982/83, 1987/88 & 1994/95

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Challenge Cup

Runners Up: 1999/00 & 2002/03

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Invitation Cup

Winners: 1984/85

Surrey Intermediate Reserves Invitation Cup

Runners Up: 1997/98 & 2001/02

MARK BROAD

Chairman Mark Broad welcomes our opposition and updates us on all things Badshot.



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Committee/Directors, management, players and supporters from Banstead Athletic for this Combined Counties league game, which sees us play our first league game for four weeks.

So our Emirates FA Cup exploits are finally over after we were beaten last weekend by Step 3 side Hayes & Yeading. On the day we just come up short but we had enough decent chances to effect the scoreline but we have to honest and say not the result. 4-0 flattered them but we were beaten by the better side on the day.

As a Chairman I would like to thank the players and management for creating some new memories in the competition and we must now refocus and get back to the bread and butter of our league campaign.

With your success in cup competitions it gives you a hectic schedule and we are

about to enter a busy time but we need to use that to give us momentum.

Again we have seen some decent crowds and last weekend was another one of them and I am hoping we can continue with decent crowds for the run up to Christmas. We are looking at some initiatives to get more local residents along to our games and we will announce this soon.

Enjoy the game and I will see you in the bar afterwards

Yours in sport

**Mark Broad,
Chairman**

P.S If you enjoy your visit tell your friends as all the support we get is greatly appreciated.

COME ON YOU BAGGY BOYS



GAV&**FORDY**

Gav & Fordy share their thoughts ahead of today's league encounter with Banstead Athletic.

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the management and players of Banstead Athletic for this league fixture.

Well, we are back to the league campaign today with our first league fixture since the end of August when we played Camberley here at our new ground. After our exit from the Emirates FA Cup last week against a decent Hayes & Yeading side and it is now our job to make sure that the players react and regroup as the games will come thick and fast.

Our visitors have had a tough start to the league season but it must be noted that they have played a lot of the sides at the top end of the league and as we know, all teams in

this division are capable of beating each other on the day, there are no gimmee's, so we have prepared properly and will respect our opponents

Enjoy the game, your support is important to us

We look forward to seeing you in the bar after the game

COME ON YOU BAGGY BOYS

Gav & Fordy

OUR HISTORY



Early history suggests that the village football club was formed in 1904, after a meeting at the local village hall. They initially played friendly matches before deciding that they affiliate to the Surrey County Football Association in 1907. They began life in the junior leagues before gradually progressing through the leagues. The most recent history shows the Lea playing in the Aldershot leagues and progressing through the various divisions, eventually obtaining promotion to the Surrey Intermediate League Western in 1978.

Progress through the three divisions saw the Lea eventually promoted to the Surrey Premier League in 1986. This was for one year only as we obtained the dubious distinction of being relegated with the highest points total ever achieved by a side being relegated.

Season 1988 saw us again in the Surrey Intermediate League Western. The ensuing years saw the ups and downs that one experiences until season 2002/03 which saw eventual promotion to Senior Football via The Hellenic League. This was not without its problems as The FA at Soho Square tried to block the move. It was only the determination of the committee and the full backing of The Hellenic League that eventually saw us given the green light along with London APSA (Essex Senior League) and Sporting Bengal (Kent League).

In our first season we took time to adjust to Senior Football eventually finishing 4th from bottom under the guidance of manager Maurice Gregory.

Season 2004/05, David Ford took over the management reigns with Nathan Fealey and in their first season took the side to a credible 7th place finish. Season 2005/06 saw the 1st team finish mid table and reach two cup finals. They narrowly lost out to Sandhurst Town in the Aldershot Senior Cup on penalties but beat Penn & Tylers Green in the Hellenic Supplementary Cup.

2006/07 saw them yet again lose out on penalties in the Aldershot Senior Cup this time against Camberley Town. On the league front they produced some fantastic football all season and after chasing Bisley Sports for most of the season ended up finishing in 3rd place.

The 3rd place finish was enough to enable us to take up a promotion position and with a groundshare secured with near neighbours Farnborough we were able to do so.

2007/08 season under the guidance of Dave Ford we finished our first season at Step 5 in a respectable 11th place and beaten finalists in the Aldershot Senior Cup losing by the odd goal against Fleet Town. The National League's Committee then sanctioned a move to the Combined Counties Premier League for season 2008/09 where they swapped places with Reading Town. Season 2009/10 saw us reach the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Cup as well as reaching the 3rd round proper of the FA


Vase. We also reached the Semi Final of the Surrey Senior Cup beating Woking on the way. Eventually losing to Sutton Utd. Season 2010/11 saw us finish 6th in the league and finally win the Aldershot Senior Cup defeating Fleet Town on penalties. Season 2011/12 saw us finish in a disappointing league position, the lowest at Step 5. We still managed to get to a Cup Final at Aldershot Town, where we lost out to Ashford Town (Middx) in The Aldershot Senior Cup Final. Season 2012/13 saw Mark Anderson replace Dave Ford as manager and he finished in an excellent 7th place and also led the team to the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying round where after beating Ryman League sides Folkestone Invicta and Premier side Leiston, finally lost out to Southern Premier side Chippenham Town. Mark Anderson resigned for personal reasons in July 2013 and the club appointed Ryan Scott and Nick Sowden as joint managers. In November 2013 Trevor Norris was appointed and he steered us to a safe position at the end of the 2013/14 season. In September 2014 Trevor Norris resigned his position as manager and was replaced by Mark Thomas. He was joined by James Reeves and Coach Darren Barnard. An excellent run of results left us finishing in a very credible 8th position. In September 2015, ex-Hartley Wintney manager, Ben Dillon replaced Mark Thomas and with him comes Jason Minton and Steve Saunders as part of his management team.

In July 2016, ex-Reading player Neville Roach took over the management role and bought with him Matty Angell and the experienced Mick Wollen. In October 2016, Neville resigned his position and joined Basingstoke Town as their new U21 manager. The club appointed new Manager Michael Charles, who along with his assistant/coach Darryl Jelly and Luke Wheeler. Sadly, we lost our Step 5 status at the end of the season and found ourselves in Step 6. For season 2017/18 we started a groundshare arrangement at Camberley Town whilst our new ground is under construction. In October 2017, Michael Charles resigned and we turned to ex-manager Mark Thomas who successfully led us to immediate promotion back to the Premier Division at the end of the 2017/18 season. Sadly, Mark had to resign his duties and after an extensive search and interview process, we appointed the successful Keith Hills, from fellow Premier Division team, Knaphill to lead us back into the Premier Division for season 2018/19. In December 2018 we appointed a management team of Gav Smith/Dave Ford as Joint Manager's along with Paul Harkness as coach and Dan Bailey as assistant. They galvanised the squad and finished in an excellent 9th place.

In 1997 the first Youth Team joined the Club and this saw the beginning of the very successful Youth and Colts section of the Club. We increased from one team to over 20 and were given extra facility to accommodate this success.

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Management Team

Gav Smith (Joint Manager) – Joined the club in December 2018. Gav had a successful playing career for Fleet Town, Ashford Town (Middx), Bracknell Town, Godalming Town as well as previously playing for us under Michael Charles's. He went into management at Godalming Town but resigned at the end of last season and took up an assistant manager's role at Bracknell Town under Carl Davies, Carl stepped down in October to concentrate on playing and Gav disappointingly left the club.

Dave Ford (Joint Manager) – Joined the club in December 2018. Dave is a very well known character within the football club and arguably has been one of the longest serving managers we have had. His tenure lasted nine years and in that time he built some really good sides and he put the club firmly on the map. His enthusiasm and experience will be invaluable to the players and fellow management team

Paul Harkness (Coach) – Joined the club in December 2018. Again Paul is well known to the club, in fact he has previously been joint caretaker manager with Mark Anderson. More recently he has built up a successful coaching company called Pulse and he will be running a new one out of our new ground from September. Paul's playing career was dominated by his time at local side Farnborough Town, where he is seen as somewhat of a legend. He also had a successful time at Camberley Town. Again Paul's experience and knowledge will be invaluable to his fellow management team as well as the players.

Dan Bailey (Assistant Manager/Coach) – Joined the club in January 2019. Dan is well known to the club and previously played under Dave Ford in the Hellenic League days. His first steps into management and coaching has seen him at Fleet Town U18's with Neil Selby where they have run a successful team.

Megan Tubridy (Sports Injury Therapist) – Joined the club in July 2019. Megan has graduated from Chichester University and has now moved back into the area. She has practical experience from her time at Wessex League side Hythe & Dibden. Will prove to be a valuable member of the matchday squad

Playing Staff

Kallum Lunn (Goalkeeper) – Joined the club in July 2019. Kallum has previously played for Camberley Town and progressed through their youth ranks. He returned to the UK having starred for New Zealand side North Shore Utd and helped them secure promotion.

Nojus Trinovas (Goalkeeper) – Joined the club in pre season July 2019. An excellent prospect. Will be dual registered with Slough Town

Josh Pound (Defender) - Rejoined the club in July 2018. Previously with Godalming Town and Camberley Town where he has gained valuable experience. Can play in defence or midfield and again his versatility will be invaluable.

Darren Blake (Defender/Midfield)- A Baggies Legend, 19 years at the club. 'Blakey' represented the Hellenic League and won Golden Boot in their Premier Division. The former Millwall youth player can play anywhere, and is as capable preventing opposition goals as scoring for Badshot Lea. A versatile player who will play anywhere for the cause.

Ben Hutchings (Defender) – Rejoined the club in July 2019. Previously with Camberley Town. Excellent defender and is also another player who is comfortable on the ball

Liam Roberts (Defender) Rejoined the club in July 2018 after spending the last few seasons at Camberley Town. Previously with Godalming Town in the Ryman league. An excellent left footed defender and very comfortable on the ball.

Liam Flanighan (Defender) Joined the club in July 2018. Previously with Fleet Town. Will add balance to the backline. Excellent header of the ball.

Drew Matthews (Midfield) Joined the club in July 2019. Drew has Combined Counties experience having previously played for Frimley Green. Returned to the UK last season having had a successful spell in New Zealand for Napier City Rovers. Been impressive in pre season.

Ashley Lloyd (Midfield) Joined the club in July 2018 from Southern League side Fleet Town where he was an ever present last season. Previously with Godalming Town in their Ryman League campaign. A natural leader and his experience will be important this season.

Mac Ford (Midfield) Rejoined the club in October 2018. He spent last season at Camberley Town before going to New Zealand, where he helped North Shore to promotion. Delighted to have him back and he will drive the team on in the centre of midfield.

Zac Hawker (Midfield) Rejoined the club in July 2019. Robust and industrious, debut for the Baggies September 2014. Strong central midfielder who breaks up play very well but also chips in with goals. Former clubs include Camberley Town.

Jordan Carter (Midfield) Joined the club in July 2019. Jordan has looked impressive in pre season and was previously with Farnborough through the youth system before moving to Cardiff City.

Stacey Thripp (Midfielder) Joined the club in July 2017. Previous Combined Counties experience with Camberley Town and Frimley Green. We are pleased to secure Stacey's services for this season. Excellent left foot and will bring the balance to the side. Has been impressive in pre season.

Gav Muir (Midfield) Rejoined the club in July 2019. Previously with Alton FC, Knaphill and Camberley Town. Played University football for Sheffield Hallam. His pace in wide areas causes headaches for opposition defenders. Equally at home at left back.

Nick Medcraft (Midfield) Joined the club in July 2019. Previously with local rivals Farnham Town where he was a regular scorer. Another player who has fitted in really well and has been impressive in pre season.

Danilo Cadete (Attacking Midfielder) – Joined the club in February 2019. Was previously with Fleet Town where he played for four seasons. Tricky and Pacey player who will add another dimension to our play

Nic Ciardini (Midfield/Forward) Joined the club in July 2019. A very experienced player who joins us from Hartley Wintney where he was club captain. Probably best known for his time at Farnborough but also played at Havant & Waterlooville & Lewes. His experience will be invaluable.

Meshach Williams (Forward) Rejoined the club in August 2019. Shaq joined us at the back end of last season from local side Fleet Town. Quick and has an eye for a goal

Reece Connolly (Forward) – Joined the club in January 2019. The much travelled striker can boast Aldershot Town, Farnborough, Whitehawk, Eastleigh, Eastbourne Borough, Basingstoke Town and Salisbury. His experience will be invaluable

Brad Smith (Forward) - Rejoined the Baggies in July 2019. A bit of a Baggies Legend, in his 4th spell at the club and the club's record goalscorer. Previous clubs include Camberley Town & Eversley & California both of which he was a prolific goalscorer.

Brandon Lewington (Attacking Midfielder) – Rejoined the club in August 2019. Initially came to the club in February 2019 on a dual registration basis with Woking. Made his debut as a second half substitute at Redhill. Looks an exciting prospect.



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BADSHOT LEA FOOTBALL CLUB

AUGUST	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	KO/RES	ATT	1	2	3	4
Sat 3rd	Sutton Common Rovers	A	CCFL	W 4-1	71--	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Tues 6th	Frimley Green	H	CCFL	W 5-0	194	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 10th	Ascot United	A	FAC EP	D 2-2	120	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Tues 13th	Ascot United	H	FAC EP R	W 2-1	123	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 17th	Sheerwater	A	CCFL	L 1-3	98	Lunn	Blake	Flanighan	B Hutchings
Fri 23rd	Christchurch	A	FAC P	W 2-1	121	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Tues 27th	Camberley Town	H	CCFL	W 5-0	159	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 31st	Ash United	A	FAV 1Q	W 2-1	86	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
SEPTEMBER									
Sat 7th	South Park	A	FAC 1Q	W 3-1	98	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 14th	Cobham	A	FAV 2Q	W 4-2	82	Trinovas	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 21st	Hayes & Yeading Utd	H	FAC 2Q	L 0-4	189	Lunn	Blake	Roberts	B Hutchings
Sat 28th	Banstead Athletic	H	CCFL						
OCTOBER									
Tues 1st	Redhill	H	CRRC 1R	7:45pm					
Sat 5th	Raynes Park Vale	H	CCFL						
Sat 12th	Westbury United	A	FAV 1R						
Tues 15th	Cobham	H	CCFL	7:45pm					
Sat 19th	Guildford City	A	CCFL						
Tues 22nd	CB Hounslow United	A	CCFL	7:45pm					
Sat 26th	Balham	H	CCFL						
NOVEMBER									
Sat 2nd	Hanworth Villa	A	CCFL						
Sat 9th	Abbey Rangers	A	CCFL						
Tues 12th	Egham Town	A	CCFL						
Sat 16th	Molesey	H	CCFL						
Sat 23rd	Knaphill	A	CCFL						
Sat 30th	Frimley Green	A	CCFL						
DECEMBER									
Sat 7th	Redhill	H	CCFL						
Sat 14th	Spelthorne Sports	H	CCFL						
Sat 21st	Ascot United	A	CCFL						
Sat 28th	Egham Town	H	CCFL						
JANUARY									
Sat 4th	Sheerwater	H	CCFL						
Sat 11th	Southall	A	CCFL						
Sat 25th	Sutton Common Rovers	H	CCFL						
FEBRUARY									
Sat 1st	Cobham	A	CCFL						
Sat 8th	Guildford City	H	CCFL						
Sat 15th	Spelthorne Sports	A	CCFL						
Sat 22nd	Colliers Wood United	H	CCFL						
Sat 29th	CB Hounslow United	H	CCFL						
MARCH									
Sat 7th	Molesey	A	CCFL						
Sat 14th	Abbey Rangers	H	CCFL						
Sat 21st	Redhill	A	CCFL						
APRIL									
Sat 4th	Raynes Park Vale	A	CCFL						
Sat 11th	Hanworth Villa	H	CCFL						
Mon 13th	Camberley Town	A	CCFL	11:30am					
Sat 18th	Southall	H	CCFL						
Sat 25th	Balham	A	CCFL						
TBC	Colliers Wood United, Banstead Athletic	A	CCFL						
TBC	Ascot United, Knaphill	H	CCFL						

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2019/20



5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUBS USED
Flanighan	Lloyd	Cadete	Hawker 2	Smith 2	Ciardini	Medcraft	Pound (10) Williams (9) S Hutchings (7)
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Flanighan	Lloyd	Cadete	Thripp	Ciardini	Hawker	Medcraft	Williams (10) Matthews (8) Carter (6)
Flanighan	Lloyd	Cadete	Matthews	Williams	Hawker	Medcraft	Carter (11) Ciardini (10)
Armsworth	Lloyd	Cadete	Matthews	Williams	Ciardini	Medcraft	Carter (7) Hawker (10)
Flanighan	Thripp	Cadete	Hawker	Williams	Carter	Medcraft	Armsworth (3) Smith (9) Lloyd (8)
Flanighan	Thripp	Carter	Hawker	Connolly	Ford	Medcraft	Matthews (10) Williams (9) Cadete (7)
Armsworth	Thripp	Cadete	Matthews	Connolly	Ford	Lewington	Smith (9) Carter (11) Ciardini (8)
Flanighan	Thripp	Carter	Hawker	Williams	Ciardini	Medcraft	Ford (10) Cadete (7) Smith (9)
Flanighan	Thripp	Cadete	Hawker	Connolly	Ciardini	Medcraft	Pound (2) Williams (9) Matthews (8)
Flanighan	Thripp	Carter	Hawker	Williams	Ciardini	Medcraft	Connolly (9) Matthews (3) Ford (6)

OUR CHARITY

We are delighted that Badshot Lea Football Club have chosen the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as one of their chosen charities.

Our son Freddie is 8 years old and has played for the club since he was 5; starting off at Little Strikers on a Saturday morning and then joining the Gladiators as an U7. When Freddie was 4 weeks old he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis which is one of the UK's most common genetic conditions affecting just over 10,000 people.

CF mainly affects the respiratory and digestive systems but can impact on other organs in the body too, including the liver. It is a life-limiting condition and the twice daily routine of medication, physio and treatments cannot be escaped as they are essential to ensure a long and healthy life. There is currently no cure.

Raising awareness and fundraising for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust is so important to us. Freddie has benefitted first hand from the work of the charity through the trial of new medicines, advances in physiotherapy and developments in research and guidance not to mention the amazing moral support that we receive from everyone we come into contact with. They are working tirelessly to create a brighter future for all those affected by CF.

Leading an active lifestyle will ensure Freddie lives the full and unlimited life that he truly deserves and exercise is one of the best things he can do to keep his lungs super strong and healthy. It is a good job he LOVES his football!! We are so happy that Freddie has a hobby that allows him to be active whilst having lots of fun and are incredibly grateful to the club and our brilliant coaches for their continued support and encouragement.

Thank you!

Ollie & Ellie Lane

LEAGUETABLE

CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Ascot United	6	6	0	0	17	1	+16	18
Molesey	7	5	1	1	15	5	+10	16
Balham	7	5	0	2	20	9	+11	15
Colliers Wood United	6	4	2	0	12	6	+6	14
Sutton Common Rovers	8	3	2	3	17	14	+3	11
Sheerwater	7	3	2	2	15	14	+1	11
Southall	6	3	1	2	13	10	+3	10
Camberley Town	7	3	1	3	8	14	-6	10
Badshot Lea	4	3	0	1	15	4	+11	9
Knaphill	7	2	3	2	13	11	+2	9
Spelthorne Sports	5	3	0	2	7	9	-2	9
Abbey Rangers	5	2	2	1	7	1	+6	8
Frimley Green	6	2	2	2	6	9	-3	8
Egham Town	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
CB Hounslow United	7	1	3	3	5	9	-4	6
Redhill	8	2	0	6	7	15	-8	6
Cobham	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
Hanworth Villa	5	1	1	3	5	8	-3	4
Raynes Park Vale	8	0	4	4	6	17	-11	4
Guildford City	6	0	3	3	2	5	-3	3
Banstead Athletic	7	0	1	6	4	28	-24	1

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BANSTEAD ATHLETIC



One of the few clubs to be founded during the second World war Banstead began football activities in the season 1944-45 under the name Banstead Juniors. They played in the Epsom & Ewell League at Tattenham Way Recreation ground. In their first season they won the League Cup and finished runners up in the League. The following season they joined the Sutton & District League and by the end of the year achieved promotion to the Surrey Intermediate League. During the close season of 1946/47 they changed the name of the club to Banstead Athletic F.C. In their first year in the League 'Athletic' won the Surrey Intermediate Cup and the following two seasons captured the League title. After five successful years at junior/intermediate level, Banstead achieved senior status and joined the Surrey Senior League for season 1949/50. The promotion to senior football marked the start of 'Banstead's Glory Days', as the next decade brought them an abundance of honours. In the first season of senior status Banstead achieved runners up position to Leatherhead. Their success owed much to the prolific goalscoring of Harry Clark who netted 104 goals.

Before the commencement of season 1950/51 Banstead moved from the Recreation ground to their present headquarters at Merland Rise. The first season at the new ground saw Athletic win the League title from Dorking by a margin of 11 points. Harry Clark only managed 81 goals in 26 games! They proceeded to win the title for the next three seasons, making it a record four continuous championships. In the following five years they achieved one more title success (1956/57) and four runners up positions. In addition they were winners of six Surrey County Cup competitions. The period between 1959-1964 was a barren time for Banstead with only one notable achievement, the winning of the East Surrey Charity Cup in 1959/60. However, under the management of Gordon Taylor the League title was won again in 1964/65.

Owing to having only a short term lease arrangement the club were unable to obtain the necessary financial support to enhance ground facilities, which severely restricted their ambitions of playing in a higher grade of football. When in 1965 the club received promises of a long term lease they joined the Spartan League for season 1965/66. In the first two seasons Banstead reached the League Cup Final, losing on both occasions to Hampton. During nine seasons in this League their highest achievement was 5th position. However in 1966/67 they won the East Surrey Charity Cup by beating Redhill 4-0. In 1975/76 the League became the London Spartan League and Banstead finished runners up in 1977/78. The club beat Whyteleafe to win the East Surrey Charity Cup in 1976/77 and were beaten finalists the following year.

Banstead joined the Athenian League in 1979/80 and won the League Cup in 1980/81, beating Windsor & Eton 1-0. The following season they successfully defended the trophy defeating Uxbridge 1-0 after a replay. One year later (1982/83) they lost to Chalfont St. Peter in the final by 2-1. With the demise of the Athenium League Banstead joined the Isthmian League Division Two (South) in 1984/85 and in their first season finished 9th. Towards the end of season 1989/90 the club faced closure due to the resignation of the Chairman and his family Directors over differences with the local council on ground leasing. Fortunately our then Reserves team manager Terry Molloy rescued the club by negotiating a settlement with the previous Chairman and the council to become the new owner and Chairman of Banstead Athletic. He then improved facilities at Merland Rise with the installation of new floodlights and the upgrading of clubhouse amenities. The team did well enough to reach 11th position in season 1990/91 and saved the club from the drop into the newly formed third division.

The club then appointed joint Managers in Bob Mapleson and Mickey Sorensen. In their first season (1992/93) Banstead had their best ever run in a major Cup competition when they reached the FA Vase quarter finals, and were beaten 1-0 by the eventual Vase winners Bridlington Town, however because of the large backlog of League matches at the end of the season Banstead finished in a disappointing 13th place. Banstead were approached by their near neighbours Epsom & Ewell to ground share at Merland Rise for the 1993/94 season as Epsom's ground had been sold for redevelopment. An agreement was reached but Banstead had to carry out considerable ground improvements to acquire a Grade C rating. With the help of Epsom & Ewell this was achieved at a cost of £40,000. League and Cup success eluded the club in seasons 1993/94, when they finished in 9th place and 1994/95 when Banstead faded out of the promotion battle to finish in 8th spot. Good runs in the Carlsberg Trophy, FA Vase and Surrey Senior Cup kept interest alive, whilst further ground improvements secured a B Grading. The 1995/96 season proved to be one of the clubs more eventful and eventually frustrating seasons in recent years. Promotion was snatched from their grasp in the final match at Wivenhoe, and a last minute Peacehaven goal brought elimination at the 5th round stage of the F.A. Vase, whilst Canvey Island beat us 2-1 in the final of the Carlton Trophy.

A poor start to the 1996/97 League campaign plus an end of season schedule of 17 games in 40 days virtually rule out a serious promotion bid, but a fabulous and exciting run in the Vase saw the club reach the semi-finals and after two tremendous tension-filled games eventual Vase winners Whitby Town emerged 2-1 aggregate winners, nevertheless the media attention lifted the profile of the club. Manager Bob Langford and player/coach Mickey Stephens had the task of rebuilding the side in 1997/98 as several of the longer serving and better quality players left for pastures new and as a result Banstead struggled to achieve consistency. Out of all Cup competitions before the end of December and a final League position of 13th summed up what was a transitional period for the club. The 1998 /99 season saw Banstead hovering around the top four places in the table for most of the campaign, but were unable to clinch a promotion spot and Bob Langford stood down as manager at the season's end. New manager Chick Botley previously with Hampton replaced Langford for season 1999/2000, however after just eight games Botley resigned as Manager and Bob Langford was recalled to the Manager's chair. Ray Best, previously Manager at Molesey was brought in by Langford as Assistant Manager and Mickey Stratford took on the role of Coach. A clear out of players brought in by Botley took place and it took time for Langford's squad to settle in. The League campaign was a struggle to keep out of the relegation zone, however a splendid end of season run of seven victories in eight games saw the club finish in a very respectable tenth position. Defeats at the first hurdle in the F.A. Cup, F. A . Vase, League Cup and County Cup were offset by a good run in the Vandanel Trophy which ended at the 4th round stage, and silverware was gained in the East Surrey Charity Cup when Chessington United were beaten 2-0 in the final. A good run in last season's F.A.Cup indicated a promising League campaign ahead, but this never materialised as the team struggled for much of the time in the lower half, however five wins in the last seven games hoisted the club to a respectable 11th position. With no promotion or relegation at stake in division two in season 2001/2, Bob Langford will be motivating his players into finishing in the top six.

2001/02 season we managed to finished 5th in the League.

2002/03 season we flirted with relegation but finished 16th.

2006 season we joined the Combined Counties League.

2006-2013 there were a number of managers and assistant managers, Graeme Banyard, Dave Leaworthy, Barry Barnes, Paul Norris, Russell Harmsworth, & Bobby Knock, Dave Tidy, Perry Gough, Paul Elsey,

2012 (Aug) Began life in the 1st div after relegation Andrew

Tucker, Michael Watson, Danny lee, Nicky Bolt.

May 2013 A change of manager out went Danny Lee, Steve Bennett & Arron Tarry. In came Jack Johnson as manager. His assistant managers was Gary Ring along with Ross Birch

April 2014 Reached the semi-finals of the RPM Records Division One Challenge Cup. First season with Jack Johnson in charge we finished 12th in Division One.

June 2014 A new Assistant Manager was appointed in James Cameron. The club won the Combined Counties League programme of the year award for 2013-2014

Aug 2014 Appointed Steve Tyson head coach and Ross Birch & Gary Ring as coaches.

May 2015. Jack Johnson resigns as manager of this football club.

James Cameron takes over the role as manager for the new season.

Brian Downing, Peter Day & Dennis Partridge three sons of the founder members of this club visit us

James brings in as his assistant managers Ross White & Rod Davis. Ross will also do the coaching

July 2015 A very sad time indeed for the club, Mr Gordon Taylor-President of this club passes away.

Dec 2015 Len Walker central defender died.

Season 2015-2016 we won best administered club in the First Division, another proud moment for us all.

May 2016 Finished 6th in Division One after we were in a good position with a few games left.

Feb 2017 It was announce George Corbett passed away this month, he was a consistent and reliable player

April 2017 WON THE DIVISION ONE TITLE AND PROMOTION WITH ONE GAME TO SPARE this month. Unbeaten in the league since October 2016 under the management of James Cameron & Rod Davis. WELL DONE LADS. Martin Smith is top goalscorer for the club with 40 goals.





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It's quite telling that Danny Cowley mentioned his and brother Nicky's Non-League roots in the opening press conference as Huddersfield Town manager.

From the Essex Senior League to the Championship in a little over a decade is some rise – and they will never forget where they came from.

The Cowley brothers have now been at every level of English football from tier two down to Non-League's Step 5. They even picked up back-to-back Manager of the Year honours at our annual National Game Awards!

Their recent success at Lincoln City, who they took to the National League title and then League Two winners, has seen them linked to a number of jobs higher up the ladder. For Imps fans, news of their departure would have been something they'd have known was eventually coming but would have done little to dampen the pain of seeing them leave Sincil Bank for pastures new last Monday.

Of course, it all began at Concord Rangers with Danny as joint-manager to Danny Scopes – the man back in the Beachboys' hot-seat this season – and Nicky as a player.

Since then they've gone on to form a formidable partnership, taking Concord to National League South football before a third-place finish with Braintree Town in Non-League's top tier and a subsequent move into the full-time management with Lincoln.

Concord chairman Ant Smith told The NLP what stood them apart all those years ago and how a

relentless quest to be as good as they possibly can has been the cornerstone of their success, which is why he thinks they'll go right to the very top.

"Danny would only ask for that extra one per cent to make things better for the players or the club," said Smith. "He wasn't asking for thousands of pounds, just little bits and pieces that would make a big difference.

"On a Thursday night after training we'd have 'Pizza Night'. I'd order them in, a few of the committee would go down there and we'd have a laugh and it just helped that comradery and the bonding between us all. Little things like that.

"Their desire to win games and their attention to detail was just incredible. For anybody in Non-League to watch what they've done gives everyone hope. I truly believe they will manage England one day."

It would be a remarkable story should they go on to lead the Three Lions but for now we wish them all the best in their new challenge and know they continue to be great ambassadors for Non-League football.

Like Chris Wilder in the Premier League at Sheffield United, it is a boost to Non-League gaffers with big aspirations to see these examples. It shows there are sharp managerial minds outside of the Football League.

Let's hope more get a shot because of them.

By David Richardson

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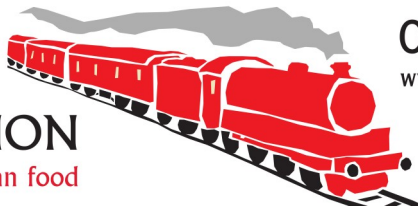
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