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WELCOME

Good evening and welcome to the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final 2023/24.

Many congratulations to Hastings United and Horsham - two clubs in the Isthmian League Premier Division (Step 3 of The FA National League System) - for reaching this season's final, and we wish them the best of luck for tonight's game.

Our congratulations also go to tonight's team of match officials who, through their dedication and achievements throughout the season, have been appointed to officiate in this most senior of the County Cup Finals in Sussex.

We are most grateful to the directors and staff at Brighton & Hove Albion, for allowing us to continue holding our prestigious Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final at their fantastic American Express Stadium.

We very much appreciate all our sponsors for their important and valuable support they offer to all our cup competitions and would very much like to thank Sussex Transport in particular for sponsoring this competition and to BBC Radio Sussex for their coverage of each round.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the directors, staff and regular county members

of the Sussex County FA who have tirelessly volunteered in the evenings and weekends to help out at all our 24 County Cup Finals to offer the special occasion feel of the Cup Finals to all the finalist clubs, their players, coaches, supporters, as well as to the teams of appointed match officials and observers.

Our special thanks to our Football Services team, in particular, Dan Bartlett and Elliot Davey, for their efforts throughout the season in administering this and all our other County Cup competitions, and also to Darren Ford and Sam Stephenson, from our Marketing & Communications team, for their support in promoting and media activities for all our County Cup competitions.

Tonight's two finalists have already played each other twice in their league this season, and have had a great season, so we look forward to an entertaining and competitive match, played in good spirit and sportsmanship.

Enjoy the match and please have a safe journey home afterwards.

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WELCOME



Good evening and welcome to all attending the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final, between Hastings United and Horsham.

We are incredibly honoured to share this occasion with you, at the esteemed American Express Stadium and would very much like to echo the gratitude of the Sussex County FA to Brighton & Hove Albion for their generosity, in permitting the final to be held at their venue. We are all looking forward to what, I am sure, will be another historic Final.

As sponsors, Sussex Transport is thrilled to support this competition, a jewel in the crown of local sports, embodying a rich tradition of team spirit and community pride. This competition, featuring the best of Sussex football, is a testament to the talent and passion that thrives within our wonderful county.

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Tonight's match is more than a game. It is a celebration of the dedication, hard work, and community spirit that each club, and its supporters, has demonstrated throughout the season. We are proud to be part of this historic event and are excited to see another memorable final unfold. We wish the very best to both Hastings United and Horsham, in their quest to lift the trophy this evening.

We'd love to invite everyone to stay connected and share their experiences of tonight's game through



[L-R] Ken Benham, Sussex County FA CEO and Damian Pulford, Sussex Transport Managing Director

the magic of social media. So why not tag your club, the Sussex County FA and of course @SussexTransport in your photos of this evening's event. We'll even be popping up multiple prizes for the best snap of the evening!

Thank you once again for your enthusiastic support. Enjoy the game, have a safe journey home and we'll see you for next seasons Sussex Transport Senior Cup!

Damian Pulford
Sussex Transport Managing Director

COMPETITION HISTORY



Ben White has played an important role in Arsenal's challenge for the Premier League title, while Jack Hinshelwood has enjoyed a stellar breakthrough season at Brighton & Hove Albion.

What is perhaps less known, is that both players can say the Sussex Transport Senior Cup played a key part of their football education.

Hinshelwood, who scored three goals in 18 appearances this season before being sidelined by injury, won the competition with the Seagulls Under-21s side two years ago, while Ben White lifted the trophy while with the club in 2017.

They are just two of many players who have featured in the competition before going on to enjoy impressive careers, while a number of other household names have played in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup in the later stages of their career.

The latter list includes Gerry Armstrong, whose goal for Northern Ireland, famously beat hosts Spain at the 1982 FIFA World Cup Finals. Armstrong went on to make headlines for the wrong reasons in 1989, when he attacked a supporter during a Sussex Transport Senior Cup tie between Brighton & Hove Albion and Southwick.

Stefan Iovan won the UEFA European Cup, the forerunner of the Champions League, with Steaua Bucuresti in 1986 before lifting the Sussex Transport Senior Cup towards the end of his career with Brighton in 1992. While Mark Chamberlain, having won eight caps for England in the 1980s, played for the Seagulls as they won the 1995 final against Bognor Regis Town.

Gordon Smith, Gerry Ryan and Gary Howlett all played and scored for Brighton & Hove Albion in early rounds of the 1982-83 competition, and at the end of that campaign they featured for the Seagulls in The FA Cup final at Wembley, against Manchester United.

Peter Ward and Gary Stevens both played in the competition for Brighton & Hove Albion before earning first-team debuts with the club and going on to play for England.

When Ben White, who went on to win four caps for England, played in the 2017 final one of his team-mates was Robert Sánchez who earned a £25million move from Brighton & Hove Albion to Chelsea last summer, while two of Jack Hinshelwood's team-mates in 2022, Cameron Peupion and Benicio Baker-Boaitey, have both played for the Seagulls' first team this season.

The competition, which was first played for in 1883, has a rich history. For many years, the final was played at Brighton & Hove Albion's Goldstone Ground and tonight's showpiece game is the 12th final to be played at the impressive American Express Stadium. In total, 11 different venues have been used for finals, including the County Ground, home of Sussex County Cricket Club, which hosted 18 finals in the early years of the competition.

Worthing have been the most successful team in the competition, lifting the trophy on 22 occasions, but Bognor Regis Town's five wins on the trot, during a dominant period in the 1980s was particularly impressive.

Lewes hold the unwanted record of most cup final defeats, having lost 13 finals, while the most goals in a final came in 1937 when Southwick beat Haywards Heath 8-3.

If you think tonight's two teams have met before in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final, then think again. Hastings United and Horsham met in both the 1976 and 1979 finals but that was a different Hastings United, a club that folded in 1985.

The current Hastings United were known as Hastings Town from 1976 up until 2002. They had previously played in six finals while known as Hastings and St Leonards, although they are not to be confused with another club, also called Hastings and St Leonards, who played in three finals between 1898 and 1903. Confused? Don't be, just enjoy tonight's game!



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For a club which was formed in 1893 with plenty to celebrate in the intervening years, it is somewhat surprising that Hastings United have only won the Sussex Transport Senior Cup on four occasions and have not appeared in the Final for 24 years.

It was 1998 when they last won the competition, beating Burgess Hill Town 2-1 in the Final. It was their second success in three years, having defeated Crawley Town 1-0 two years earlier thanks to a Danny Simmonds rocket, and was part of a run of four final appearances in five seasons.

Prior to that, the club's only other triumphs in the competition came in 1936 and 1938, which featured among five final appearances in eight seasons. The 1930s were a glorious period for the club, as they won the Southern Amateur Football League three years on the trot, and four times in five seasons between 1935 and 1939.

Originally formed as Rock-A-Nore, the club has since been known as Hastings and St Leonards (from 1921), Hastings Town (from 1976) and Hastings United (from 2002).

One consequence of those name changes has been that the club's history has become inclined to be interwoven with that of other clubs with similar

names, such as another Hastings United (which won this competition in 1979 and folded in 1985) and another Hastings and St Leonards (which was dissolved in 1910).

Originally playing in the East Sussex Football League, before becoming founder members of the Sussex County Football League in 1920, and then switching to the Southern Amateur Football League. Hastings played in the Corinthian Football League immediately after the Second World War and returned to the Sussex County Football League in 1952. Following the demise of the other Hastings United, they joined the Southern Football League before switching to the Isthmian Football League in 2004.

In 2012-13, Sean Ray's side reached the Third Round of The FA Cup before losing 4-1 away to Championship side Middlesbrough in front of a crowd of 1,068. It was a little disappointing that the crowd was not announced as 1066, which might have been more appropriate for a club steeped in the history of Hastings for so long.

MANAGER INTERVIEW



"We've made it to the Final, so as far as I'm concerned, I just want us all to enjoy it, how many people can say they've managed or played in a Cup Final at the Amex Stadium?"

CHRIS AGUTTER

Hastings United Manager

Hastings United's Chris Agutter has the chance to cap off his return to the club in spectacular fashion, when his side walk out at the Amex Stadium to take on Horsham in their first Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final for 24 years.

Though to get to this point, they first had to overcome a spirited Littlehampton Town side, who's perseverance back in March was enough to give Agutter's men plenty to think about.

"Littlehampton were a good side, and that game was as tough as we expected it to be," said Agutter, "on their day they can cause an upset, but when it came to the game, we were a bit more ruthless in both boxes, and that was where the game was won."

At the time of writing, Hastings, like Horsham, are very much in the hunt for a play-off spot in the Isthmian Football League Premier Division, which for Agutter, is all the more impressive considering his task on arrival back at the club was simply to keep them in the division.

"To be ahead of where we thought we'd be is something to take a lot from," said Agutter, "we've had lots of pats on the back, but we know that we could be doing even better, because we've played and beaten the best teams in the division, but our position in the league doesn't reflect that."

It's clear that such improvement can be seen across the squad, but is there anyone who Agutter feels particularly embodies this growth?

"JJ Walker has been really good for us this season," said Agutter, "he's still a teenager, and he's had to be patient and wait for his opportunity, but due to the turnaround and the nature of the cup run, he's been involved in every minute of our journey to the Final."

Looking ahead to the Final, and for Agutter, his side and Horsham are no strangers to each other this season, having met in the league twice already, with Horsham coming away winners on both occasions.

"Whilst they took six points of us, for me that doesn't reflect the nature of those games," said Agutter, "I think if we'd just been more clinical on the day it would have been a different story."

"So, we know from the two games that, if we're at it, we have enough to get the better of them."

With Hastings having not lifted the trophy since 1998, that naturally brings with it an extra sense of anticipation, especially for the supporters, but for Agutter that's something he's not letting faze him or his team.

"We've made it to the Final, so as far as I'm concerned, I just want us all to enjoy it, how many people can say they've managed or played in a Cup Final at the Amex Stadium?"

Of course, for Agutter, he knows the club's recent fortunes aren't just down to the hard work of his staff and players, but also the incredible support from their fans.

"When speaking about the potential of a Cup Final, as a team a big motivator was the fact that we could give the supporters this day out at the Amex," said Agutter.

"So hopefully we can go all the way and repay them by making some special memories on the day!"



Charlie Grainger

Former England Under-18s goalkeeper who made 26 Football League appearances for Leyton Orient and impressed at Dulwich Hamlet where he was Player-of-the-Season in 2021-22. Joined Hastings United this season and made his 50th appearance for the club in April.



Harry Howes

Goalkeeper who is a product of the Hastings United academy. The 16-year-old is now with United's Under-18s and has also spent time on loan at Westfield.



Nikolai Krokhin

Defender who had a spell with Carshalton Athletic before two impressive seasons at Tooting & Mitcham United, the second as captain. Switched to Cheshunt last summer and joined Hastings United for the run-in to the season at the end of March.



Cameron Thompson

Teenage defender who is a product of the Hastings United academy, playing through the age ranges since Under-12s. Spent time on loan at Little Common this season, and had a previous loan spell at Westfield. Has also represented East Sussex College Hastings.



Josh Turner

Another product of the Hastings United academy, the 19-year-old defender has been with the club since Under-15s and was part of United's highly successful Under-23s team. Spent time on loan at Little Common this season.



Sam Okoye

The 19-year-old defender or midfielder made his Gillingham debut as a substitute in a League One fixture against Cheltenham in November 2021. Spent time on loan with Sheppey United last season and joined Hastings United on loan last November.



JJ Walker

Yet another product of Hastings United's academy, the 19-year-old defender is an exciting prospect who is now part of the first team squad. Signed a first team contract last October.



Adam Lovatt

Midfielder and captain who began at Eastbourne Borough before first joining Hastings United in 2017. Joined Sutton United in 2020, making 12 Football League appearances, and had loan spells at Tonbridge Angels, Dartford and Farnborough before rejoining United last August.



Tom Chalmers

Joined the club aged 13 and is a highly regarded product of the club's flourishing academy. An attacking midfielder who can drift past opponents while having a real eye for goal, he recently made his 100th first team appearance.



Ansu Janneh

Joined on loan from National League South side Tonbridge Angels in February. The box-to-box midfielder enjoyed a previous spell with The U's as well as playing for Lancing, Walton Casuals, Dagenham & Redbridge, Wingate & Finchley, Braintree Town and Havant & Waterlooville.



Tommie Fagg

Midfielder who joined Hastings United in December from National League South side Tonbridge Angels, for whom he made 32 appearances last season. Had a loan spell with Chatham Town earlier this season and has also spent time with Sittingbourne and Ashford United.



Jamal Lubanga

Midfielder who is a product of Hastings United's academy. Given first team exposure by last season's management team and now a regular part of the first team squad. The exciting prospect signed a first team contract last October.



Sam Adams

Club legend, former captain and record appearance holder with more than 650 games for the club. Joined from Rye United in 2005 and part of two promotion squads. Now 37, the midfielder returned on a dual registration basis from Lydd Town in March.



Eliot Jenks

Midfielder who came through the ranks with Brighton & Hove Albion, spending a season as a professional before being released by the Seagulls last summer. Joined Lancing in November, playing seven games and scoring once. Switched to Hastings United in March.



Jordy Mongoy

Midfielder or forward who joined Hastings United on loan from South Shields in March. Was previously with United in the 2018-19 season and has also had spells with Billericay Town, Lewes, Bognor Regis Town and Spennymoor Town. Made his senior debut with Dagenham & Redbridge.



John Ufuah

Rapid winger who joined Hastings United last summer from Billericay Town where he made 41 appearances in the 2022-23 campaign. The 25-year-old has also spent time with Whitstable Town, Margate, Leatherhead and Dartford.



Freddie Legg

Teenage winger who joined Hastings from Bexhill United in 2021 and enjoyed great success with the Under-18s before becoming a first team regular. The 19-year-old was selected for England Under-18s schoolboys following trials in December 2021.



Davide Rodari

Leading scorer this season after returning to the club following a spell at Crawley Town. Made his Hastings United debut in 2017-18 and scored eight goals in a game against East Grinstead Town in Nov 2019. A Sussex Transport Senior Cup winner while on loan at Worthing last season.



Will Harley

Teenage forward who joined from Southern Combination Football League side Little Common where he played for the Under-18s and Under-23s before graduating to the first team. The 17-year-old has featured for Hastings United's first team this season.



Harry Marchant

Joined the club this season from Bexhill United and plays for the Under-18s. The 17-year-old made his first team debut in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Semi-Final win over Littlehampton Town in March.



Charlie Scarles

A product of the of the Hastings United academy, the 17-year-old attacker has played for the club since Under-16s. Plays for the Under-18s side and has spent time on loan this season with Bexhill United.



Chris Agutter

Returned last October having previously been in charge for four years from 2017, having been youth coach and assistant manager before that. Left in 2021 and subsequently worked as academy professional development lead coach with both Stevenage and Brighton & Hove Albion.



Ben Cornelius

First team coach and assistant to Agutter, Cornelius has been working with the club in various coaching and scouting roles since 2017. Part of the successful coaching team that helped the Under-23s win league titles in 2022 and 2023.



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PLAYER INTERVIEW

For Hastings United captain, Adam Lovatt, his first season back with the U's has been far from uneventful.

"It's been an interesting season that's for sure," said Lovatt, "we started strong but then a few months in things went a bit downhill, which of course saw Chris [Agutter] come back to the team as manager.

"Since that point, we really kicked in, from fighting at the bottom of the table, to pushing for a potential play-off spot.

"Whilst we might have fallen a bit short recently, the way we turned things around, and especially to have made it to the Amex is something we can take a lot of pride in."

This season has been Lovatt's first wearing the captain's armband, and despite still only being 24, it's a position and a responsibility he's relishing.

"I'd never really seen myself as captain material, because I was never the loudest voice in the dressing room, but I've really enjoyed having the role this season," said Lovatt.

"We've got a young team, along with a few like me with a lot of experience, so we've got a really good balance here.

"I still see myself as having a foot in the young player camp, so it's a bit strange having them to come to me for advice, but it's great to be able to help them out."

Looking ahead to the Final against Horsham, just what kind of test is Lovatt expecting?

"When we played Horsham at home, we just didn't play well, and then when we went away, we just didn't take our chances," said Lovatt.

"It'll be good to play them again that's for sure, and hopefully we learn from those experiences and bring the trophy home."

Of course, with the pressure of Cup Final that won't be easy, but Lovatt is confident he and the rest of the side can block it all out.

"I don't think any of us will be too troubled by the noise, we should be able to just focus on the game plan, and hopefully deliver a result that repays our fans for their incredible dedication this season!"





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Legg (12'), Rodari (82', 90')

It was one to remember for Hastings United and their supporters, as they put in a near complete performance to edge out a determined Littlehampton Town side at Culver Road, to progress to their first Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final in 24 years.

Chris Agutter's 'U's' were given a significant scare by Littlehampton, but ultimately prevailed to seal their place in the Final.

Hastings had found things tougher than expected and needed Rodari's 82nd minute tap-in and even later 25-yarder screamer to put a comfortable distance between them and the Step 4 side.

In truth, the eventual scoreline was slightly harsh on the Golds. Mitchell Hand's men fell behind early but recovered to give a good account of themselves only to be thwarted by a combination of good goalkeeping, wasteful finishing and heroic last ditch defending.

Freddie Legg had already fired a warning shot in the seventh minute when he thumped an angled effort off a post, but made no mistake with his second chance five minutes later.

The Hastings No.17 collected a ball over the top, took a touch to steady himself and fired it towards goal, and thanks to a more than helpful deflection off a Littlehampton defender, goalkeeper James Binfield was unable to react quick enough.

Coach and captain then combined to almost bring about a leveller for Littlehampton. Player/manager George Gaskin released his captain Dion Jarvis one-on-one but Hastings' stopper Charlie Grainger got down well to save.

Jordan Clark was booked for a late challenge as he scythed down the tricky John Ufuah on the edge of the box and was almost made to pay an even greater price, when Rodari's resultant free-kick beat the wall but was tipped wide by the busy Binfield.

Dave Herbert went close at the other end when he lobbed into the gloves of Grainger, but Hastings had another huge opportunity to increase their advantage just shy of the interval.

Ufuah poked his effort goalwards after a scramble in the box, and the ball looked to have trickled in only for Josh Short to come to his side's rescue as he cleared it off the line.

That proved to be the last action of a half United had the better of, but Littlehampton belied the gap between the sides with an impressive showing after the interval.

Grainger certainly put the small but vocal band of travelling U's through the wringer. A string of second-half saves kept the Golds at arm's length, but only after he almost proved the architect of his own downfall.

A wayward, hurried clearance from the keeper cannoned off Gaskin and rolled inches wide of the upright, much to his and his side's relief.

Moments later, he redeemed himself for that misjudgement with a fine save from Jarvis and would later tip over from substitute Ollie Starkey's edge-of-the-box curler.

In an exciting, end-to-end encounter befitting of this competition, back came Hastings as they weathered the storm and saw chances of their own go begging.

Binfield saved a Tom Chalmers strike from distance and the dangerous, effervescent Legg flashed over the top on the counter.

It wasn't until eight minutes from time when the Step 3 side ultimately made the game safe. A raking cross-field pass picked out John Ufuah, who turned the ball across goal into the path of Rodari to apply the finish from close range.

The same player then applied the finishing touch in the final minute, with a stunning 25-yard strike into the top corner, that beat Binfield all ends up to send United into the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final.

SEASON REVIEW



Picture: Harry Shooman celebrates Steyning Town Community's penalty shootout victory over division higher Burgess Hill Town at the Quater-Final stage

A competition packed with goals, surprises and penalty shootouts has resulted in two teams who have not lifted the trophy since the turn of the millennium contesting this year's Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final.

Two of the four Quarter-Finals were decided by spot-kicks along with three of the eight Third Round ties. League Two side Crawley Town tumbled at the first hurdle, while Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion's Under-21s exited before the last eight stage.

Eastbourne Borough, one of Sussex's two National League South sides, lost in the Quarter-Finals and last year's finalists, Worthing and Bognor Regis Town, were both knocked out by Littlehampton Town. Who were joined in the Semi-Finals by this season's surprise package, Southern Combination Football League Premier Division side Steyning Town Community.

Worthing's defence of the title they won at the Amex Stadium last May, began in impressive style as they won 6-2 away to Crawley Town in the Second Round, with two goals from Jake Robinson, who was part of the Brighton & Hove Albion side that won the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final 20 years ago in 2004.

Brighton & Hove Albion eased past Shoreham 3-0 with goals from Josh Duffus, Brody Peart and Louis Flower, while Eastbourne Borough brushed aside Billingshurst 6-0 with five goals from Fletcher Holman, who would subsequently join Premier League side Wolverhampton Wanderers in January.

Hastings United began their march to the Final by coming back from 3-2 down to beat Three Bridges 4-3, thanks to a hat-trick from Davide Rodari, and an 89th-minute winner from Femi Akinwande, while Horsham eased past Midhurst & Easebourne 3-0 thanks to Daniel Ajakaiye, Lucas Rodrigues and Charlie Hester-Cook.

Elsewhere, Charlie Walker bagged a hat-trick as Whitehawk overcame Crowborough Athletic 5-2, Bognor Regis Town beat Horsham YMCA 5-0, while Dion Jarvis nabbed the only goal as Littlehampton Town won 1-0 at Seaford Town.

Steyning Town Community beat Montpellier Villa and Selsey to reach the Third Round, where they caused a huge upset by knocking out Brighton & Hove Albion 2-1, with goals from Joe Radley-Martin and Harry Shooman.

Worthing also exited in the Third Round, losing 5-4 on penalties at home to Littlehampton Town after a 2-2 draw, while Eastbourne Borough held on to beat Wick 2-1.

There was no such scare for Horsham as they overcame Chichester City 6-0, four days after drawing away to Barnsley in the First Round of The FA Cup. Hester-Cook scored a hat-trick while Rodrigues, Ajakaiye and Charlie Harris also netted.

It was not so comfortable for Hastings United, who edged through 5-4 on penalties away to Crawley Down Gatwick after a goalless draw, and then repeated the feat in the Quarter-Finals as they drew 0-0 with Eastbourne Borough, before triumphing 2-1 on spot-kicks. Burgess Hill Town, having won on penalties in the Third Round, then lost on spot-kicks in the last eight to Steyning Town Community, for whom Shooman was the hero with a late equaliser and the winning penalty.

Horsham again had a comfortable passage, beating Eastbourne United Association 5-1, with substitute Jack Mazzone grabbing a sensational six-minute hat-trick in the second-half, after goals from James Hammond and Reece Meekums, had put the Hornets in control. Littlehampton Town completed the Semi-Final line-up with a stunning 6-1 defeat of Bognor Regis Town, with player-manager George Gaskin scoring twice.

The goals continued to flow in the Semi-Finals, as Littlehampton Town's run ended at the hands of Hastings United, who produced a polished display to win 3-0, thanks to Freddie Legg and a late double from Rodari.

Horsham, meanwhile, went through 4-1 against a spirited Steyning Town Community side, who played the entire second-half with 10 men following the dismissal of Nathan Cooper. Shamir Fenelon scored twice with Rodrigues and Mazzone getting the others.



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Horsham sit sixth in the list of teams who have won the Sussex Transport Senior Cup the most number of times, but remarkably it is 48 years since they last lifted the trophy.

In fact, it is 18 years since the Hornets last reached the Final, with John Maggs' underdogs putting up a brave display before losing 3-1 after extra-time to a Lewes side two divisions above them in 2006.

Of their 15 appearances in the Final, seven came in a 13-year spell between 1967 and 1979, including three Final defeats on the trot, but also victories in 1972, 1974 and 1976. In total, Horsham have won the competition seven times with their other successes coming in 1934, 1939, 1950 and 1954.

Although Horsham Football Club can trace its roots back to 1871, it was not until the club reformed in 1881 that fixtures were played on a more regular basis.

Initially playing in the West Sussex Senior Football League, where they won the title four times, they joined the Sussex County Football League in 1926, heralding a golden era for the club.

Six times the County League title was won during the 1930s, with the side regularly scoring more than 100 goals in a season, while more silverware was

added by virtue of the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup (seven times) and the Sussex Transport Senior Cup (twice).

They would go on to play in the Metropolitan Football League, Corinthian Football League and Athenian Football League before joining the Isthmian Football League in 1973.

It was under Maggs that they reached the Premier Division for the first time in 2006 and then in 2007-08 they made history by reaching the Second Round of The FA Cup for the first time, taking eventual League One champions Swansea City to a replay, with both matches shown live on Sky.

Having played at Queen Street since 1904, they moved into an impressive new ground, the Camping World Community Stadium, in 2019 and have been on an upward curve since, finishing seventh last season when crowds averaged 920, and continuing that progress during the current campaign.

MANAGER INTERVIEW



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DOM DI PAOLA
Horsham Manager

Dom Di Paola's Horsham have the chance to cap off a historic season at the club with a Sussex Transport Senior Cup triumph at the Amex Stadium.

It goes without saying that their run to the final was far from straight forward, with Steyning Town Community giving them a highly competitive Semi-Final.

"We expected Steyning to give us a good game, because they're a confident side and would have seen it as an opportunity to progress," said Di Paola.

"Of course, the red card made it more of a comfortable game than it could have been, but we had a few injury worries that night, so it was definitely a relief to get through."

At the time of writing, Horsham are very much on track to secure a play-off spot in the Isthmian Football League Premier Division, which would be a fitting reward for the hard work Di Paola's men have put in this season.

"It's been a long season, and massive credit to the boys for grinding out the results week-in-week-out, especially considering all the games they've had to play.

"We've got a really good bunch this year, so now it's just about getting over the line and getting a result at the end of the season that reflects their quality."

With crunch time very much upon Horsham at the moment, who in the squad would Di Paola say has really stepped up at this crucial time?

"So many players have really put a shift in for us this season," said Di Paola, "Lucas Rodrigues is one who in the last few weeks has really shown his quality, especially since coming back from loan.

"But everyone has done themselves and us proud, and with the amount of games still left

to play, getting through them and picking up results, will be down to all of them."

Looking ahead to the Final, and for Di Paola's side, confidence can be taken from the fact that they've already done the league double over opponents Hastings United.

"They were both really close games, reflecting the quality of that Hastings side," said Di Paola, "they're a really good side though, and they play a nice brand of football, so it should be a great game come the Final."

Horsham haven't lifted the cup since 1976, a fact which Di Paola is desperate to change.

"This competition is the pinnacle of football in Sussex, and it's one I always want to do well in, and I know the club are also desperate to bring the trophy back to Horsham.

"It would be amazing to get the win, because since I've been here it's always been something that as a club we've been aiming for."

Di Paola went onto add: "We've been part of one of the greatest seasons in the history of the football club, and our fans have been incredible every step of the way.

"A Sussex Senior Cup Final is a special occasion, I've been watching them since they were played at the Goldstone, so I know just what this competition means to the fans.

"I don't doubt our fans will turn up in their numbers and bring a real noise with them, that hopefully we'll be able to channel into a victory for them!"

**Lewis Carey**

Came through the youth ranks at Bristol City and has subsequently played for Bromley, Tonbridge Angels, Eastbourne Borough, Lewes and Cray Wanderers. A Sussex Transport Senior Cup winner with Borough in 2016, Carey joined Horsham last summer.

**Sami El-Abd**

Defender who was at Brighton & Hove Albion as a youngster and has played for a number of clubs including Crawley Town, Lewes, Whitehawk and Bognor Regis Town. Captained Dorking Wanderers to the Isthmian Premier title in 2019. Joined Horsham last summer.

**Bobby Price**

Made almost 300 appearances for Carshalton Athletic after making his senior debut in 2013. Joined Horsham in the summer of 2022 but missed almost half of his first campaign through injury. Cool-headed defender who likes to make surging runs from deep.

**Harvey Sparks**

One of the club's most consistent performers since arriving from Bognor Regis Town in September 2018, picking up a clean sweep of Player-of-the-Season awards last season. Previously at Worthing with whom he won promotion to the Isthmian Premier in 2016.

**Jack Strange**

An experienced centre-back who was at Queens Park Rangers as a youngster but failed to make the grade and dropped into non-league football with Sutton United briefly, then Corinthian-Casuals and Kingstonian. Joined Horsham in December 2022.

**Isaac Philpot**

Began his career at Sutton United and the defender played for Cardiff Metropolitan University before joining home-town club Dorking Wanderers in 2017. Played a major role in Wanderers' climb to the National League before joining Horsham on loan in January.

**Danny Barker**

Defender or midfielder who captained Brighton & Hove Albion's Under-18s and had broken into the Under-23s when injury cut short his time with the Seagulls. Joined Worthing in February 2018 and made more than 150 appearances before joining Horsham last July.

**Jack Brivio**

Club captain and inspirational leader, the midfielder helped Horsham back into the Isthmian Premier Division via the play-offs in his first season and lifted the Velocity Trophy in 2021. Joined in September 2018 after spells at Tonbridge Angels and Burgess Hill Town.

**Lee Harding**

A key performer since joining from Burgess Hill Town in 2018. A matchwinner on his day, he was named Supporters' Player-of-the-Season in 2022 after impressing down the right flank, as well as playing an unaccustomed defensive role.

**James Hammond**

Joined Horsham last summer after three years with National League South side Eastbourne Borough. The midfielder made his debut aged 16 for Peacehaven & Telscombe before making 200 appearances for Lewes, helping them to promotion to the Isthmian Premier in 2017.

**Charlie Heester-Cook**

A cultured midfielder who came through the Woking academy before joining Leatherhead in May 2019, and then signed for Dorking Wanderers in November 2020. Initially joined Horsham on loan in August 2021 before making the deal permanent at the end of the season.

**Tom Kavanagh**

Began his career at Sutton United where he played Conference South football before joining Canvey Island in 2012. Had three spells at Kingstonian, from whom he joined Horsham in 2021. The midfielder has scored a number of important goals for the Hornets.

**Tom Richards**

A superb crosser of the ball, the left-sided midfielder began his career at Fulham and made his professional debut on loan at AFC Wimbledon in 2014. Has also enjoyed spells at Aldershot Town, Austria's FC Kitzbühel and Dorking Wanderers. Joined Horsham in 2021.

**Doug Tuck**

After a two-year scholarship with Brighton & Hove Albion, the midfielder went on to make more than 300 appearances during a nine-year stay at Bognor Regis Town. Scored the goal that won the Rocks the Sussex Transport Senior Cup in 2019. Joined Horsham in 2020.

**Reece Myles-Meekums**

An attacking midfielder who won the Sussex Transport Senior Cup with Brighton & Hove Albion in 2018 and then Worthing last season. Played Under-23s football with the Seagulls. Joined Horsham on a dual-registration basis from Worthing last September.

**Lucas Rodrigues**

Brazilian-born right winger who came through the ranks at Whitehawk, making his debut aged 16 and playing more than 150 games for the club, before joining Horsham in the summer of 2021. Finished his debut season with a Velocity Trophy winners' medal.

**Daniel Ajakaiye**

Striker who began his career as a youngster at West Ham United and had spells with Bromley, Grays Athletic, Whyteleafe and Kingstonian, before scoring 34 times for Hastings as they finished third in Isthmian Division One South East in 2019. Joined Horsham last summer.

**Shamir Fenelon**

Made three first team appearances for Brighton & Hove Albion and won two caps for Republic of Ireland Under-21s, before signing for Crawley Town in 2015. Joined Horsham at the start of the 2021-22 season and ended his first campaign as top scorer.

**Jack Mazzone**

Last season's top scorer with 24 goals in 44 appearances, the striker made a big impact after his summer arrival from Met Police. A product of the Woking academy, he has also played for Chertsey, Hendon, Godalming Town and South Park.

**Elliott Romain**

A November arrival from Dulwich Hamlet, Romain began as a youngster at Millwall and Brighton & Hove Albion. Played in the National League with Dagenham & Redbridge and won the Sussex Transport Senior Cup with Lewes in 2015 and Eastbourne Borough in 2016.

**Dom Di Paola**

Now in his ninth full season as manager, Di Paola joined Horsham in 2015 after a spell as Hastings United manager. Made his name in management at East Preston, whom he led to two league titles in three seasons, and the last 16 of The FA Vase.

**Jon Meeney**

Assistant manager, who is now in his second spell at Horsham after rejoining last summer from Hastings United, where he was also No.2. His coaching career has also included time with Brighton & Hove Albion's Centre of Excellence, Crawley Town, a spell in Finland and as Worthing's joint-manager.



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PLAYER INTERVIEW

It's been a historic season for Horsham in more ways than one, and captain Jack Brivio has had the privilege of leading his team out every week during it.

"To have captained the side during one its most successful ever seasons is really special, and now it's just putting in the hard work for these final games so we can get the rewards we know we deserve," said Brivio.

Horsham's cup heroics have been the envy of everyone in the county, so what does Brivio put it down to?

"Well, we've got a great squad for starters," said Brivio, "and then of course Dom [Di Paola] has given us a great structure and helped instil a real sense of belief in the team, which you can see throughout those cup games."

"We're a team that likes to be on the front foot and dictating games, and that comes from the coaching staff giving us the confidence to play that type of football."

Speaking of confidence, looking ahead to the Final, whilst from the outside looking in, it could be assumed that having done the double over Hastings United in the league, Brivio would be feeling more confident walking out at the Amex Stadium?

"In games such as this, those things go out of the window," he said, "Hastings are a really strong team, and whilst we got the better of them, those games could have gone either way.

"We scored some good goals, but they carried a real threat going forward, which is something we'll have to be aware of."

Of course, hanging over Brivio and the rest of his squad will be the fact that Horsham haven't lifted the trophy since the 1970s.

With that in mind, just what would it mean to Brivio if he was the captain of the side who changed that?

"It would be just an amazing feeling," he said, "me and Dom spoke about trying to make some history together and break some records, so this would just be a great way to end a long but brilliant season!"





STEYPNING TOWN COMM.

1

Shooman [5'] ■ Cooper [37']



HORSHAM

4

Rodrigues [33'], Fenelon [42', 56'], Mazzone [83']

It was another cup night to remember for Horsham as they came from behind to book their place in the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final at the expense of Steyning Town Community.

Dom Di Paola's men finally ended the giant-killing run of promotion chasing Steyning, but not before they had been given a significant early scare.

The Barrowmen sit two leagues below their opponents but that was not evident after a fast start from Kevin Green's side, in which they looked capable of another seismic shock.

Having survived the earliest of let-offs when Shamir Fenelon somehow failed to convert a chance it looked easier to score, Steyning didn't hang around, and not long after, found themselves 1-0 up.

Pressing quickly and with intent, they recycled the ball which found its way to Harry Shooman, via Lloyd Francis, and the former held off his marker to finish expertly.

Things went from bad to worse for the Hornets, when captain Jack Brivio, was forced off with a hatstring injury shortly after his side had fallen behind.

Steyning's 19-goal top scorer Tom Chalaye, then almost capped a neat sweeping move with an equally impressive finish.

Minutes later, Horsham were indebted to their keeper Lewis Carey, as he denied the excellent Charlie Meehan twice in quick succession.

Then came ten chaotic and captivating minutes in which the complexion and momentum of the tie was flipped on its head.

Playing in their 18th cup tie of a marathon season, Horsham restored parity on 33 minutes when substitute Lucas Rodrigues saw his initial effort saved by Lucas Svendela-Goetzke, only to ram in the rebound when the ball fell kindly to him.

The scorer would then turn provider to find Fenelon, who put his side ahead with a clinical back post finish; the culmination of a sweeping move three minutes before the break.

In the midst of the Hornets comeback, Steyning were reduced to ten men when captain Nathan Cooper went the way of his Horsham counterpart by leaving the field early.

This time though, it was a mess of his own making with Fenelon in the thick of things again as his run was halted by the challenge of the Steyning defender. He did so illegally in the eyes of referee Adrian Harris, who brandished a second yellow to reduce Town to ten men.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Steyning remained a threat on the counter and came within inches of a shock response early in the second-half.

A stunning point-blank save by Carey kept out Chalaye, and the rebound was cleared to safety off the line by Isaac Philpot.

That proved a major turning point as Horsham put the tie beyond any lingering doubt three minutes later.

With 56 minutes on the clock, James Hammond's deflected shot fell kindly to Fenelon, and he made no mistake to slam in his second of the game from close range.

A two-goal deficit would prove too much for Town to recover from as Horsham finally put distance between themselves and their tiring opponents.

The Hornets gave the scoreline a slightly flattering look seven minutes from time when Jack Mazzone, who had earlier gone close, was picked out by fellow substitute Reece Myles-Meekums for the game's fifth goal.

And so Horsham go through to the Final, and seek to finally scratch a 48-year itch and lift the Sussex Transport Senior Cup.



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FIRST ROUND

PAGHAM	0	3	SELSEY
SHOREHAM	1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽³⁾	MILE OAK
PEACEHAVEN & TELS.	0 ⁽¹⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	EASTBOURNE UNITED
BILLINGSHURST	2	0	AFC VARDEANIAN
EASTBOURNE TOWN	2	3	HORSHAM YMCA
ROFFEY	1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽⁵⁾	SALTDEAN UNITED
SEAFORD TOWN	3	0	EAST PRESTON

WICK	3	1	LOXWOOD
LITTLE COMMON	5	3	WORTHING UNITED
STEYNING TOWN COMM.	2	1	MONTPELIER VILLA
OAKWOOD	0	1	MIDHURST & EASE.
ARUNDEL	0	4	CROWBOROUGH ATH.
AFC UCKFIELD TOWN	1	2	HASSOCKS
BEXHILL UNITED	1	2	HASSOCKS

SECOND ROUND

WHITEHAWK*	5	2	CROWBOROUGH ATH.
HASTINGS UNITED*	4	3	THREE BRIDGES*
WICK	2	1	BEXHILL UNITED
CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.	3	0	SALTDEAN UNITED
STEYNING TOWN COMM.	6	2	SELSEY
MIDHURST & EASE.	0	3	HORSHAM*
EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN*	3	1	HASSOCKS
CRAWLEY TOWN*	2	6	WORTHING*

SHOREHAM	0	3	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION*
BOGNOR REGIS TOWN*	5	0	HORSHAM YMCA
HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN*	1	2	BROADBRIDGE HEATH*
LANCING*	1	2	EASTBOURNE UNITED
NEWHAVEN	0	5	CHICHESTER CITY*
BURGESS HILL TOWN*	4	0	LITTLE COMMON
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH*	6	0	BILLINGSHURST
SEAFORD TOWN	0	1	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN*

THIRD ROUND

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	1	3	EASTBOURNE UNITED
CRAWLEY DOWN GAT.	0 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁵⁾	HASTINGS UNITED
BURGESS HILL TOWN	2 ⁽⁵⁾	2 ⁽⁴⁾	BROADBRIDGE HEATH
WICK	1	2	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH

STEYNING TOWN COMM.	2	1	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
WHITEHAWK	0	3	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
WORTHING	2 ⁽⁴⁾	2 ⁽⁵⁾	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN
HORSHAM	6	0	CHICHESTER CITY

QUARTER-FINAL

EASTBOURNE UNITED	1	5	HORSHAM
LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	6	1	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN

BURGESS HILL TOWN	2 ⁽⁴⁾	2 ⁽⁵⁾	STEYNING TOWN COMM.
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	0 ⁽¹⁾	0 ⁽²⁾	HASTINGS UNITED

SEMI-FINAL

STEYNING TOWN COMM.	1	4	HORSHAM
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LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	0	3	HASTINGS UNITED
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1883	BRIGHTON RANGERS	1933	EASTBOURNE	1978	WORTHING
1884	BURGESS HILL	1934	HORSHAM	1979	HASTINGS UNITED
1885	BURGESS HILL	1935	WORTHING	1980	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1886	BURGESS HILL	1936	HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS	1981	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1887	LANCING COLLEGE	1937	SOUTHWICK	1982	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1888	LANCING COLLEGE	1938	HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS	1983	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1889	BRIGHTON COLLEGE	1939	HORSHAM	1984	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1890	EASTBOURNE	1940	WORTHING	1985	LEWES
1891	EASTBOURNE	1941	NO COMPETITION	1986	STEYNING TOWN
1892	BRIGHTON HORNETS	1942	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	1987	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1893	WORTHING	1943	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION JUNIORS	1988	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1894	EASTBOURNE	1944	R.A.F. (FORD)	1989	STEYNING TOWN
1895	EASTBOURNE	1945	WORTHING	1990	CRAWLEY TOWN
1896	ROYAL IRISH RIFLES	1946	WORTHING	1991	CRAWLEY TOWN
1897	SOUTHWICK	1947	WORTHING	1992	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1898	EASTBOURNE SWIFTS	1948	SOUTHWICK	1993	WICK
1899	EASTBOURNE	1949	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	1994	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1900	EASTBOURNE	1950	HORSHAM	1995	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1901	EASTBOURNE	1951	WHITEHAWK & M.F.O.B.	1996	HASTINGS TOWN
1902	SHOREHAM	1952	WORTHING	1997	ST LEONARDS STAMCROFT
1903	EASTBOURNE	1953	EASTBOURNE	1998	HASTINGS TOWN
1904	WORTHING	1954	HORSHAM	1999	WORTHING
1905	EASTBOURNE OLD TOWN	1955	BOGNOR REGIS	2000	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1906	SHOREHAM	1956	BOGNOR REGIS	2001	LEWES
1907	HOVE	1957	WORTHING	2002	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1908	WORTHING	1958	HAYWARDS HEATH	2003	CRAWLEY TOWN
1909	HOVE	1959	WORTHING	2004	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1910	HOVE	1960	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2005	CRAWLEY TOWN
1911	SOUTHWICK	1961	WORTHING	2006	LEWES
1912	ST. LEONARDS AMATEURS	1962	WHITEHAWK	2007	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1913	SOUTHWICK	1963	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2008	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1914	WORTHING	1964	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2009	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1920	WORTHING	1965	LEWES	2010	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1921	ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS	1966	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2011	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1922	EASTBOURNE	1967	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2012	WHITEHAWK
1923	WORTHING	1968	SOUTHWICK	2013	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1924	ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS	1969	EASTBOURNE UNITED	2014	PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE
1925	SOUTHWICK	1970	LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN	2015	WHITEHAWK
1926	CHICHESTER	1971	LEWES	2016	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH
1927	WORTHING	1972	HORSHAM	2017	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1928	SOUTHWICK	1973	RINGMER	2018	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1929	WORTHING	1974	HORSHAM	2019	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
1930	SOUTHWICK	1975	WORTHING	2022	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
1931	SOUTHWICK	1976	HORSHAM	2023	WORTHING
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DANIEL D'URSO

REFEREE

Daniel first qualified as a referee at the earliest opportunity, aged 14, which means he's been officiating for over half his life! On receipt of his appointment as referee for the Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final, Daniel expressed his gratitude at being trusted to officiate the Final of Sussex's most prestigious footballing competition. He says that refereeing this fixture is up there at the top of his achievements in his refereeing career, to date, alongside his recent promotion to the National Group of Assistant Referees, operating on the EFL, the news of which came in December 2023. Daniel would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported him in his refereeing career so far; his family, especially his parents Andy and Paula, and his sister, Alex, his partner, Amelia, and fellow Sussex-based match officials, some of whom have become close friends since he moved from Essex to Sussex in 2015.



SIMON FAIRES

ASSISTANT REFEREE

Simon started refereeing in 2019 after being an assistant referee for his local team, Henfield. After passing his refereeing qualification, Simon started to referee in the West Sussex Football League and has been trying to improve and move up the referee levels ever since. Something which he has been successful in doing, as he is now a Level 4 referee on the Southern Combination Football League and an assistant referee on the Isthmian Football League. The main aim for Simon is to continue to improve and progress to the highest level he can possibly achieve. Receiving this appointment is the highlight of Simon's career and he hopes there will be more to follow.



DANIEL HEAD

ASSISTANT REFEREE

Dan has been refereeing in Sussex for eight years, although this season is likely to be his last as he focuses on other things from next season onwards. He sees it as a massive honour to be appointed to such a prestigious match, and is very much looking forward to it, especially being a Brighton & Hove Albion fan with the match being played at the Amex Stadium.



JAKE WOODMAN

FOURTH OFFICIAL

Jake took the first opportunity he could, to start refereeing, and has been doing so since the age of 14. This is Jake's third season as a Level 3 referee, and his first Sussex Transport Senior Cup Final. Jake is very much looking forward to the game and his involvement in Sussex's most prestigious competition. Jake would like to take the time to thank those who have helped him throughout his refereeing career thus far, including his family and friends, as well as his coaches Ashley Slaughter and Dave Phillips, who have helped him through the process.

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7.30pm Kick-off

8.15pm Half-time

8.30pm Second-half

9.15pm Full-time

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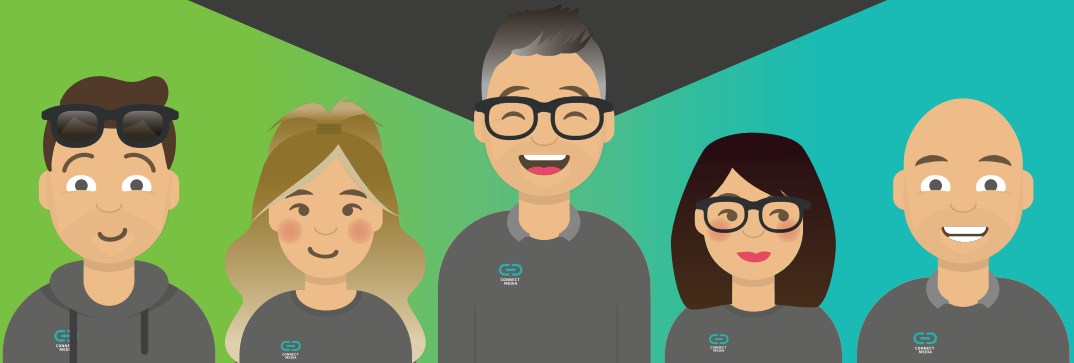
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