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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Sale and his team at Horley Town FC for their hospitality and I hope that you enjoy your visit with us today.

This is our second and what should have been our final season here at The New Defence ahead of our exciting move back to our iconic new home at Meadowbank. Unfortunately our return has been put back for a further season due to Council delays in the tendering and construction process and we now have to wait until the 2017/2018 season.

In the meantime, we have to put any disappointment behind us and ensure our Club continues to make good progress on and off the pitch. Our vision remains focused on continuing to rebuild Dorking FC as a respected football club but also as a social enterprise by re-establishing it as an iconic club at the heart of its rural community.

We have already seen strong growth on the pitch this season across all our teams - including the Ladies, Under 18s and the First Team, who are progressing well and in with a chance of a top six finish.

A big thank you goes to our football management team, my fellow Board members, all of our volunteer helpers and of course you, our loyal supporters.

We hope you will follow us on our journey - grassroots football is important to us all, and Dorking FC hopes to make its own contribution to the benefit of everyone.

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Assistant Manager: Steve Hurd  
Club Physio: Andrew Bushe  
Performance Analyst: Brett Rhoades  
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U18 Coach: Henry Herouvin  
Ladies Coach: Matt Dilger  
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ASST MANAGER: STEVE HURD
COACH: STEVE LUNN
PHYSIO: ANDREW BUSHE
PERFORMANCE ANALYST: BRETT RHOADES

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Despite falling to their third straight league defeat at the hands of second placed Abbey Rangers, Dorking can still take plenty of positives from a strong performance against a team that ran riot when the two sides met just a month ago.

The Chicks gave a debut to their latest promising youth team player, 17 year old Jake Purcell, playing at centre back alongside the reliable and ever-present Luke Harmsworth, who yet again captained the side with calm authority.

It looked like it was going to be a long afternoon for Dorking as Rangers opened the scoring within a minute, following a free kick to the back post.

The game failed to have any flow as play was constantly broken up with minor fouls by both teams. Dorking’s lone front man Dan Bransbury had two good strikes on goal – an effort from 25 yards went just over the cross bar, while another shot from eight yards produced a good save from Foulser in the Rangers goal.

But it was Bransbury who eventually netted the equaliser, running on to poor back pass and causing the ball to deflect off the defender and over the keeper.

With half time approaching it looked as though there would be nothing between the sides at the break – until Hartlebury popped up to head home at the far post a minute into added time to restore the Abbey Rangers lead.

The Chicks had their backs to the wall for much of the second half, but they stayed in the game thanks in no small part to the tireless work rate of midfielder Glen Wright who ran and competed for every ball. In defence, Jimmy Brazil, so often overlooked, was yet again solid at right back, while Julian Van Gelder was proving his worth at left back with a crucial tackle in the box on 74 minutes.

Meanwhile, teenager Purcell was looking increasingly assured at centre back, showing superb confidence by tracking his opponent into the six yard box before timing his last-ditch challenge to perfection and coming away with ball.

Keeper Andrew Osei also had a key part to play in the game. First, he made two stunning right handed saves, in keeping with the form he has been in this
season. Then, in a moment of madness, he was shown the red card for reacting to physical provocation from the Rangers’ physio by throwing the ball at his head. While it is arguable that action should also have been taken against the physio, there can be no disputing Osei’s needless dismissal.

With the Chicks down to ten men for the remaining 12 minutes, there was still time for another local teenager, Andy Kehl, to gain first team experience by replacing fellow youth team graduate Ryan Lunn who had demonstrated a superb attitude throughout the game, working hard to close down the opposition on the right side of midfield.

Rangers justifiably claimed the points but the youthful Dorking team great character, competing to the end, and will surely return to winning ways very soon.

Dorking FC: Osei, Brazil, Van Gelder, Harmsworth, Purcell, Wasson, Wright, Campbell, Burke, Bransbury, R Lunn
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DORKING FOOTBALL CLUBS IN NEW ALLIANCE

Wanderers and Dorking FC announce historic agreement along with plans to share Westhumble and Meadowbank following talks.

Dorking’s two senior football clubs have reached a groundbreaking agreement to work together and enhance the growth of the game, local players and facilities in the town.

The Dorking Football Development Alliance has been launched following several weeks of private talks between Dorking FC and Dorking Wanderers. The new partnership will see both clubs collaborate to maximise their potential, sharing facilities to ensure they are put to the best possible use for the community and local business, and creating an organisational powerhouse that boosts grassroots football in the town.

Explaining how the two clubs have put local rivalries aside to create the Alliance, Dorking Wanderers Chairman, Marc White, says, “The two clubs began talking following Dorking FC’s recent problems caused by delays to the redevelopment of Meadowbank. It quickly became clear that, while both clubs have very distinct objectives, we are both passionate about grassroots football in Dorking and both share a view that creating a footballing development structure between the two clubs will avoid unnecessary duplication and create the best possible opportunities for growth of local football and talent.”

In the immediate future, it has been agreed that Dorking FC will play its first team matches at Wanderers’ Westhumble home ground next season. The move will see the club’s return to action in the town after more than two years’ away at Horley, following the temporary closure of the stadium at Meadowbank in late-2013 and the takeover by a new Board of local volunteers.

Agreement has also been reached for Dorking Wanderers’ first team to play at Dorking FC’s new Meadowbank home when it reopens for the 2017-8 season, after rebuilding by Mole Valley District Council. Use of Westhumble will then be scaled down, with the idyllic venue playing host predominantly to youth football, training and some reserve matches.

Further announcements about the two ground sharing arrangements and other plans for the new Dorking Football Development Alliance will be made in the next few weeks.

Dorking Chief Executive Jason Rabbetts says, “Today we’re talking about sharing our
facilities, but the Alliance will be about much more than that. This is truly a historic agreement between our clubs and we are working on plans to improve all aspects of football and player development in Mole Valley, creating what will be a unique co-operative arrangement between two senior clubs in the same town.”

He adds, “With the Council’s plans for our fantastic new Meadowbank home and artificial pitch, along with the picturesque setting of Wanderers’ ground at Westhumble, Dorking will boast an enviable range of football facilities - and by working together we can ensure they are used in a way that creates the maximum benefit for the town.

“Once the new Meadowbank reopens, this Alliance means that, whether it’s Dorking FC or Dorking Wanderers, people will know they can come into town centre and see a first team match every single Saturday during the football season. That’s good for Meadowbank and good for shops and businesses.”

The Dorking Football Development Alliance will be identified by a new logo designed by leading creative agency Brand Fusion and, while both clubs plan to display the logo on their shirts, they are adamant that this is just a partnership and will not be the precursor to a merger.

Marc White says, “Both clubs have distinct identities, objectives and proud histories. Dorking Wanderers are a well-documented community success story. Having been formed just 17 years ago, the club’s success has been based solely on the efforts of many local volunteers, who have developed it both on and off the field, enabling exceptionally rapid progress through the divisions to the respected Ryman League. Dorking FC are an integral part of the town’s rich heritage, established in 1880, the oldest senior club in Surrey, and now focused on making steady progress through the development of young local talent with amateur values.

“Our clubs have very different development plans for the medium and long term and make separate, but complementary contributions to local sport and the community. This Alliance is a means of us supporting each other in achieving our respective aims in a way that will really put Dorking on the football map.”

Looking to the future, both clubs have agreed that they would like to see the Dorking Football Development Alliance expand to include other adult and youth clubs in the town and surrounding area, all working together to maximise the potential for local football at all levels.

The Dorking Football Development Alliance at a Glance

• The Alliance has three main aims:
  • to maximise the potential of football facilities in the area
  • to support member clubs in achieving their aims
• to develop local playing talent and grassroots football in Mole Valley.

• The Dorking Football Development Alliance will be overseen by a committee comprising delegated members of both Dorking Wanderers and Dorking FC.

• As a result of the agreement between the two clubs, the Dorking FC will play its first team home matches at Dorking Wanderers' Westhumble home ground for the 2016-17 season.

• In 2017-18, subject to the Council's completion of rebuilding, Dorking FC will return to its home ground at Meadowbank, where Dorking Wanderers’ first team will also play its home matches.

• Use of Westhumble will be scaled down, used predominantly for youth football, training by both clubs and some reserve matches.

• Both clubs have now agreed Heads of Terms with Mole Valley District Council for their use of the proposed new stadium at Meadowbank.

• The Dorking Football Development Alliance will be identified by a new logo designed by leading creative agency Brand Fusion, who include Arsenal and Manchester City among their clients.

Jason Rabetts and Marc White launch the Dorking Football Development Alliance at Westhumble, where the Chicks will play next season.
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Following the recent Save Dorking FC fundraising campaign, the club’s Board is pleased to announce that the long term financial future of the football club has now been secured, as a result of both the donations and sponsorship received, and other arrangements that have now been put in place for next season.

The club’s financial viability had been brought into doubt by delays to the redevelopment of the Chicks’ ancestral home ground at Meadowbank, and an announcement by the Council that work would not now be completed until the 2017/18 season. This forced Dorking FC to face a third season without a home ground, with no realistic means of generating significant revenues from match day or local sponsors while ground sharing more than ten miles away at Horley Town, creating the prospect of a £30,000 shortfall.

The club launched the Save Dorking FC fundraising campaign back in early January to prevent the shortfall leading to an inevitable closure of Surrey’s oldest senior football club.

“The response to the campaign has been nothing short of remarkable,” says Chief Executive Jason Rabbetts. “We asked the local community if they would help save this grand old lady of Surrey football in its time of need, and the community answered us with a resounding ‘Yes!’”

Dozens of individuals contributed donations from £10 to £100 via a crowdfunding website, adding to money from local businesses - such as Station View Garage and Patrick Gardner & Co Estate Agents - joining a new community interest development fund. In addition, individual investors have contributed Community Investment Loans, taking advantage of the Dorking FC’s Community Interest Club status. The club was even contacted by a former player from the 1970s, now retired
in Spain, who has made a substantial investment under the scheme.

“From individuals taking part in a successful crowdfunding appeal, to former players and associates of the club over the past 50 years who came forward, and of course the many local businesses who have pledged to support the club over a number of seasons, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has played a part in helping to save Dorking FC,” says Jason Rabbetts.

“Not just the financial donations and loans, but the many messages of support show just how much this club has become a part of the very fabric of the town and the community over the past 130 years. They also demonstrate the enthusiasm for our vision of the club, back at Meadowbank with an amateur ethos at its heart, a commitment to youth development and local players, and working with the community to make the new Meadowbank a vibrant sporting hub breathing new life into the town centre.”

The final piece in the puzzle came with last month’s announcement that Dorking FC will play at Dorking Wanderers’ Westhumble ground next season, as part of a new Dorking Football Development Alliance formed by the two clubs to maximise their potential, share facilities to ensure they are put to the best possible use for the community and local business, and create an organisational powerhouse that boosts grassroots football and talent in the area.

The Alliance sees Dorking FC return to playing home matches in the town for the first time since 2013, when Meadowbank was closed for health and safety reasons, which led to a takeover of the club by volunteer local businessmen, committed to Dorking FC’s revitalisation as a community project and eventual return to a regenerated ground.

Jason Rabbetts says, “The generous offer from Dorking Wanderers to accommodate us at Westhumble gets us over the problem of a third season away from Meadowbank in the best possible way. For the first time in three years, local people will be able to come and enjoy
watching Dorking FC play in the town on a Saturday afternoon, which gives us the real opportunity to raise revenue through footfall, further improving our financial position and renewing our connection with the community before both clubs begin playing at Meadowbank the following year.”

In addition, Dorking FC is being financially supported by the third year of long-term sponsorship deals with local employers Johnston Sweepers, Dorking Accident Repair Centre and Coco5.

With enough funds generated to suggest the club will be able to survive the delayed to Meadowbank, the Save Dorking FC campaign has now been closed, but further funds are still being raised for the forthcoming season and the club still has a number of sponsorship opportunities for local businesses - either as headline sponsors or as community development sponsors, which offers a low entry cost, soft cash flow impact plan with a range of business-to-business and business-to-community benefits.

“There’s never been a better time for local businesses to get involved with supporting the club,” says Jason Rabbetts. “With Dorking FC about to return to playing in the town for the first time in three years, ahead of the exciting move to Meadowbank, there’ll be a high level of interest and visibility for all our sponsors.”

Anyone interested in sponsorship in time for next season and Dorking FC’s return to the town, is asked to email dorkingfc@btinternet.com for further information.
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FACTS & FIGURES

1830 Shrove Tuesday annual unregulated matches in Dorking streets
1880 Dorking FC formed
1882 Founding member of Surrey FA
1905 Shrove Tuesday matches end
1922 Founding member of Surrey County Senior League
1922 Moved to Meadowbank
1955 First senior Surrey club to defeat a professional team (Folkestone 3-1, FA Cup Q1)
1956 Re-joined Corinthian League
1956 Founding member of Athenian League
1974 Merged with Guildford City to become Guildford & Dorking United
1977 Renamed Dorking Town FC. Joined Surrey Senior League
1978 Re-joined Athenian League
1981 Joined Isthmian League
1981 Reverted to Dorking FC
2006 Joined Combined Counties League

CLUB HONOURS

Diadora League Full Members Cup Finalists 1992/93
FA Cup First Round (v Plymouth Argyle) 1992/93
FA Cup Q1 Winners (v Folkestone 3-1) 1955/56
FA Cup Q4 1990/91
FA Trophy 1st Round 1990/91
FA Trophy 2nd Round 1991/92
FA Vase 4th Round 2001/02, 2005/06
Gilbert Rice Cup Finalists 1989/90
Gilbert Rice Cup Winners 1987/88, 1991/92
Isthmian League Division 2 (South) Champions 1988/89
Promotion to Isthmian Premier 1992/93
Southern Counties Combination Cup Winners 1992/93
Surrey County Senior Charity Cup Finalists 1928/29, 1929/30, 1946/47, 1950/51, 1977/78
Surrey County Senior Charity Cup Winners 1948/49, 1953/54, 1954/55, 1955/56
Surrey County Senior Cup Finalists 1885/86, 1989/90
Surrey County Senior League Champions 1928/29, 1929/30, 1954/55, 1955/56
Surrey County Senior League Runners Up 1951/52, 1953/54
Surrey County Senior Shield Finalists 1907/08, 1910/11, 1960/61
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Surrey Intermediate Charity Cup Finalists 1954/55
Surrey Intermediate Charity Cup Winners 1956/57
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THE HISTORY OF DORKING FC

Football has been played in Dorking since the 1830’s. It was first played in the street, and an annual ‘match’ took place every Shrove Tuesday in Dorking’s High Street. Those on the east of St Martin’s were one team known as the Eastenders and those to the West, on the opposing team, were the Westenders. The “pitch” extended all the way from London Bridge Road to the Washway Bridge in Station Road.

The match was preceded by a procession led by a band and men dressed as women collecting donations and carrying a cross inscribed with words “kick away both Whig and Tory, wind and water, Dorking’s glory”. On the left of the cross was a red, white, and blue ball representing the Union, on the top a gold ball representing the winners, and on the right a red and green ball representing the ‘cockrel colours’ of Dorking. Celebrations went on well into the evening when pre-match collections were first distributed to shopkeepers for window damage and the balance consumed in beer at The Sun.

This tradition continued until 1905 when it was outlawed after ten years of suppression, and by which time Association Football had defined formal rules for the game in 1863 (dictating kicking only) when rugby went one way with hands, and “soccer” (abbreviation for Association Football) went the other with feet. By now Dorking Football Club had formed in 1880, establishing itself as the second oldest football club in Surrey and one of the oldest in the country. The club originally played in green and red striped shirts with white shorts – the three colours representing the famous Dorking cockerel.

The cockerel was also very apparent as the main feature of the club’s badge, and hence the club soon became affectionately known as “the Chicks”.

The team first played at a site on West Bank before moving to a pitch off Fairfield Drive and then later to Pixham Lane in the 1920s. The Chicks didn’t move to its current location at Meadowbank until 1953 when their success demanded better facilities and a new ground was built on an old dumpsite.

The new Meadowbank had a capacity of 5000 and a stand that accommodated 700. The ground was opened by the then FA Secretary Sir Stanley Rous and was inaugurated by an exhibition match against Corinthian Casuals. Dorking’s most successful FA Cup run followed in 1955 when they beat Folkestone 3 – 1 in front of a home crowd of more than 4000 before going out in the next round to local rivals Epsom. In the 1950s annual spectator club membership stood at more than 1000.
Farleigh Rovers were formed in 1922 and formerly called Farleigh & Chelsham Football Club. Their first home ground was Farleigh Common. Farleigh played in the Edenbridge/Caterham League from 1923-57 and the Croydon League 1958-1976. Farleigh purchased their present ground at Parsonage Field in 1959 when the players had a whip round and bought the ground.

Farleigh won the Surrey Intermediate S.E Division 3 1978/79, Premier Division Surrey Intermediate 1981-82. They were one of the founder members of the Surrey Premier League 1982/83 and promoted to the Combined Counties League in 1983-84. Farleigh finished mid table in their first season with a highest finish in the Combined Counties Premier of 6th in 1990/91 but were relegated to the Surrey Premier in 93/94, although they finished half way up the League. They remained in the Surrey Premier winning the Premier League Cup in 2002/03. They re-joined the Combined Counties League when the Surrey Senior League amalgamated with the Combined Counties League in 2003-04. Farleigh reached the final of the Surrey County Premier Cup 2008/09 before losing to the Metropolitan Police 2-1.

After some recent poor seasons on the pitch last season saw a huge improvement for the foxes. Farleigh’s first team finished the season 8th in the Combined Counties Division One, and lost narrowly to Spelthorne Sports in the semi-final of the league cup. Our reserves had a strong campaign in the Surrey Elite league ending the season as runners up while our third team struggled with their first year in Saturday football but hope to push on next season.

Farleigh are now running 3 adult teams on Saturdays for the first time in many years, as well as a vets team on Sundays and lastly now introducing a youth team to playing at Farleigh. Our aim is to make Farleigh a club for local club which people can be proud of, whether it is playing or spectating.

Season 2014/2015 proved to be the most successful in the clubs history. Our first team roared to success against the odds, winning the combined counties division one. The team set the pace early in the season and stayed top for almost the entire season, eventually winning the league by 3 points. Not to be out shone the reserves completed a league and cup double, winning the Surrey Elite Reserve Division, and then followed this up winning the league cup several days later against Worcester Park.

Finally the threes managed a far improved performance in the league, finishing 3rd and securing promotion to the Redhill & District Premier Division.
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