

FLEET TOWN v FARNBOROUGH F.C.

Tuesday September 4th 2018 – 7.45 P.M

Southern League Challenge Cup – Preliminary Round



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WELCOME TO CALTHORPE PARK

Good evening and a warm welcome to Calthorpe Park the home of Fleet Town. In particular of course to the supporters, players and officials of our visitors tonight Farnborough.

We hope you enjoy the game and your evening with us.

Farnborough of course is a real 'local derby' game for us and a meeting we always look forward to. Tonight we meet in the preliminary round of The Southern League Cup which is a competition we have no realistic chance of winning but nevertheless will be going all out to get a good result and hopefully ruffle the feathers of our more senior neighbours Farnborough have had a good solid start to the season and currently lie in 7th position in The Evo-Stik League South Premier Division South with 3 wins, 1 draw & 2 defeats from their 6 games.

They come to us off the back of a wonderfully thrilling 4-3 home win last Saturday over league leaders and previously unbeaten Weymouth. So they are in very good form.

As for us last Saturday we had an excellent 2-2 home draw against a very strong Bristol Manor Farm side. In doing so we got our first point and scored our first league goals of the season.

We went behind early in the game to a rather dubious goal when our goalkeeper Brendan Norris appeared to be held whilst going for a cross but the referee allowed it to stand.

We then withstood some heavy pressure but went in only one down at the break.

In the second half we came more in to the game but went down to 10 men when our Captain Stuart Derry was sent off for a harsh second yellow card decision. However we kept on coming forward with Connor Channon really bossing the midfield in a M.O.M performance. However no-one could have expected the wonderful goal scored by Dan Framp on 77 minutes, a 30 yard rocket that really flew in to the top corner. We then went in front with another superbly taken goal this time scored by Abdul Rajab on 87 minutes. We held out until the 94th minute but in the end they equalised and we had to settle for one point but a great performance.

If tonight's game is anywhere near as thrilling you are in for a real treat, Anyway please enjoy it and hopefully we will see you home supporters back here again for our big F.A. Cup game against East Grinstead this coming Saturday.

Come on you Blues

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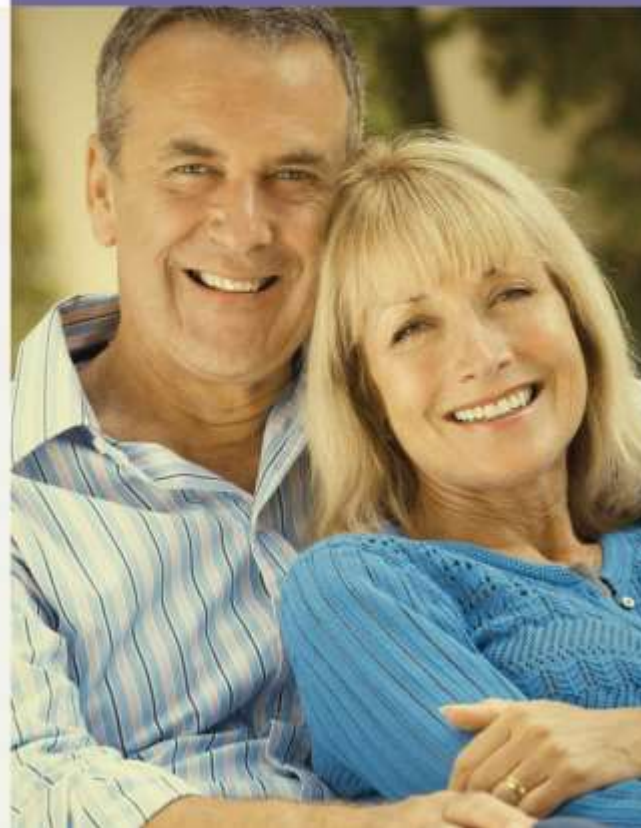
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FARNBOROUGH F.C. HISTORY

Farnborough Football Club is the re-birth of Farnborough Town FC that was liquidated on 25 July 2007.

Farnborough Football Club started life in season 2007/08 in the Southern League Division One South & West and it was a season that turned to glory as the club won the Championship and with it promotion to the Southern League Premier Division. The League title was secured under manager Andy Clement with 89 points and an impressive 120 goals being scored in the process that underlined a fantastic achievement for the club's new beginnings.

Despite the success, the club and Andy Clement mutually agreed that due to the extra demands in the next step up a change of manager would be made and former Crawley Town and Basingstoke Town manager Francis Vines took up the reins in the summer of 2008, assisted by former Reading and Basingstoke Town midfielder Steve Richardson.

Farnborough's Cherrywood Road ground had a large face-lift and investment was being put into a number of areas under the leadership of former Chairman Simon Hollis and the Board of Directors.

Boro almost made it back-to-back promotions, just missing out in the BGB Southern Premier play-off final, losing 1-0 to Gloucester City. That came after Vines' men had led the way for six months of the campaign, before losing the title to Corby Town on the final game of the season.

In the summer of 2009, it was announced that Vines would not remain as manager, with Steve King replacing him as first team boss. Justin Skinner also arrived as assistant manager, with both signing full-time deals. Season 2009-10 saw Farnborough go on to win the Southern League and with it promotion to the Blue Square South.

Season 2010-11 saw 'Boro for the second time in their short history follow up a Championship with a second place finish, and after accounting for Woking in a two-legged play-off semi-final, fell again at the last hurdle, Ebbsfleet United winning promotion to the Blue Square Premier in front of a record Rushmoor Community Stadium crowd exceeding 4,000.

Steve King left the club in May 2011, replaced by former Hayes & Yeading manager Garry Haylock, and the club declared that it was transferring to full-time status.

Following a poor run of results, Haylock's tenure as manager came to an end in November 2011, and his replacement came in the guise of Chertsey Town manager Spencer Day, and a return to part-time football.

With the change of manager came an upturn of fortunes, and a run of six successive league wins spanning January through March pulled Boro away from the danger zone, although a five-point deduction imposed by the Football Conference took the club back into trouble, but Blue Square South football was secured on the penultimate Saturday with a solitary goal victory over Havant & Waterlooville.

In 2012/13 the club enjoyed a relatively successful season on the pitch, playing a good brand of football but again were blighted by off-field issues, a four-point deduction was confirmed in January for the playing of an ineligible player due to International Clearance issues and was followed by the loss of a further ten points after the club entered administration on the eve of the final league match of the season, despite this the club still finished a creditable 14th place.

Season 2013/14 encountered early problems in that despite the club coming out of administration and entering a CVA there were a number of issues involving our membership of The Conference that needed to be resolved. We were finally granted permission to play after the first 5 matches had been postponed and took the field on Saturday 7 September against Dover Athletic winning 1 - 0. On the positive side, the club was also boosted by a major sponsorship deal with well-known bookmakers Paddy Power. Despite the initial difficulties Boro retained their status in the Football Conference South and finished the season in a respectable 16th position.

Historical financial debt problems continued to dog the club in season 2014/15 which remained under a CVA and this inevitably left the manager with no choice but to implement a reduced player budget. The consequences of this long-term handicap finally came home to roost when Boro finished 20th in the Vanarama Conference South suffering relegation to the Ryman Premier.

The 2015/16 season didn't start much better. An application during the close season for Farnborough to vary the terms of its CVA dragged on and wasn't settled until 5 weeks into the new season, too late to implement the 1 league drop punishment for such action. Instead we were placed in the impossible position that we would be relegated at the end of the season.

regardless, unless we finished in the bottom 4 in which case it would be a double relegation! Added to this we were again starting the season 5 weeks late having to play catch up. Despite an impressive 5-1 win at home to Lewes in our first game of the season, the very tight playing budget coupled with the knowledge we were being relegated meant the manager struggled to get in the right calibre of players and soon we found ourselves in a double relegation spot, where we remained for the majority of the season.

Off the field things were beginning to look a little brighter, thanks to the hard work of the owners, the CVA was paid off early and the club was debt free for the first time in many years! A final push in the last 10 matches of the season saw Farnborough turn their form around and 25 points out of a possible 30 saw us climb out of the relegation zone and finish 18th. So it was just the one league relegation punishment but a re-defining of the league's geographical borders also resulted in a sideways move to the Southern Central.

2016/17 season got off to a good start, with Farnborough briefly leading the charge before dropping back to the second position behind Royston Town. A season long chase ensued, waiting for Royston to slip up, a slip that never materialised, and the Boro had to settle for second place and home draw in the playoffs. The team stayed stable throughout the season, based on the successful late season squad from the previous year with a few local favourites in the guise of Nic Ciardini, Josh Huggins and Perry Coles added. The start of the season saw us graced by the presence of former Norwich/Reading/Bristol Rovers star, Jamie Cureton, before he departed for higher level football at Eastleigh. On the coaching side, long time assistant coach, Leigh Dynan, left to pursue a manager's role at Whyteleafe, but Spencer wasted no time in bringing in Jon Reed whose knowledge of the Southern league proved to be invaluable.

A late season run by Egham Town saw them arrive at The Rushmoor Community Stadium as playoff semi final opponents but Farnborough were also a team in form, and having secured the services of Cureton again, along with former favourite, Scott Donnelly, were just too strong, coming out on top with a 4-0 winning scoreline.

Onto the playoff final, and in front of 1000 plus Boro supporters, the Yellows secured a nervous, but comfortable 2-0 victory over Barton Rovers to signify their return to the Southern Premier League.

The 2017/18 season started off in disaster when new recruits Connor Calcutt and Kieron Forbes both picked up serious injuries in our final pre-season match against Molesey Town. This hampered our progress and lead to some disappointing results. With the reorganisation of the leagues, and only 1 team being relegated, the board took the decision to reduce the playing budget around Christmas time and the yellows fielded a very young, but still very exciting team for the remainder of the season. Never in danger of relegation, Boro finished towards the lower end of the table. However, there were some great highlights along the way, most notably silencing the home crowd at eventual league winners, Hereford, beating them 1-0 and beating long time league leaders King's Lynn Town 5-2 at home against all expectations.

Fleet Town's next away game is at Bideford on Saturday September 15th at 3 p.m.

They play at The Sports Ground, Kingsley Road, Bideford, North Devon. EX39 2NG

Driving Distance – 172.5 miles Sat/Nav. Driving Time – 3 hours 14 minutes



'Come on you Blues'

Alternatively The Team and Club Officials will be travelling by coach

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Details of this and leaving time from Calthorpe Park will be on our

Web-site probably next week.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4th 2018 – 7.45 P.M

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FLEET TOWN

MANAGER : Sam Waters

COACHES : Chris Neate & Dave Kelly

Colours ; Blue/Navy/Blue

FARNBOROUGH TOWN.

MANAGER : Spencer Day

ASST. MANAGER : Jon Reed

Colours : White/White/White

1	Brendan Norris
2	Daniel Framp
3	Danny Barham
4	Kailan North
5	Stuart Derry (C)
6	Imran Uche
7	Danilo Cadete
8	Abdul Rajab
9	Billy Oram
10	Conner Channon
11	Matt Deadfield

SUBS

12	Ronan Silva
14	Ryan Davis
15	Callum Cleary
16	Thomas Peel
17	Harrison Button

1	Lenny Pidgeleuy
2	Frank Puemo
3	CJ Fearn (C)
4	Nathaniel Oseni
5	Adam Pepara
6	Luke King
7	Michael Fernandes
8	Luke Robertson)
9	Connor Callcutt
10	Jeff Louis
11	Brendan Murphy McVey

SUBS

12	Liam Enver Marum
14	Curtis Cumberbatch
15	Kieran Rhule
16	Ibby Akanbi
17	George Seacock

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Jonathan Bolland of Egham, Surrey

Assistant Referees:

**Stephen Williams of Slough, Berkshire
Mudiwa Gifford Manyange of Slough, Berkshire**

Observer : Nicholas Taplin