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vs PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE F.C.



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# Managers' Notes

Good evening all

A warm welcome to the Theatre Of Trees to Mark and his management team, the players and supporters of Peacehaven for tonight's game.

In our second game back since what felt like a really quick pre season, tonight we look to kick on from Saturdays game against Wick which, although a goal-less draw, we both feel we dominated enough of the match and were the more competitive team. Although Wick had a goal disallowed, on another day and with a full strength side we would of put the game to bed in the more dominant first half.

A big debut from Jesse in defence and some class driving runs with the ball into the final third, but we just couldn't find an end product. There was also a good debut from young Ryan Ferrar who will no doubt terrorise many a right back this year, along with young Bailey Moyo who came on for the last 15 and with his continual movement dragged Wick all over the pitch. It's a really exciting time at the moment with lots of quality young players coming through at Roffey and a real good team spirit amongst the boys.

We look forward to tonight's game and seeing the team gel further in what will be a good season for the mighty Boars back at step 5 as we look to push on....

Please don't forget, Kelvs charity bike ride is coming up , with Jack, Phil, Matt Munday, Pete (physio) and Derek cycling 165 miles over 2 days to 20 SCFL Club grounds!! There is still time to donate on the gofundme site <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kelvin-lucas-in-his-fight-against-cancer>

Thanks for your continued support and let's get behind the boys as look for our first 3 points.

Let's go, Boars. Jack & Jimmy



## **PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE FC CLUB HISTORY**

ough officially the club was formed in 1923 as a result of a merger between Peacehaven Rangers and Telscombe Tye. It is recorded that a number of games were played in 1922 following a meeting of interested players in June of that year.

It was reported that the Peacehaven United players looked very “posh” in their Emerald Green and White shirts. The team captain was also their trainer, Frank Thornton. The first ever competitive game was in the Lewes League on 2nd September 1922 away against Ringmer. This would be followed by the first home game on 9 th September when Cliff Athletic would be the visitors. These games would be followed by Seaford (away) 16 th , Martins Athletic (home) 23 rd and Denton (away) 30 th . The team had also been entered in the Charity Cup, while plans were underway for a second eleven in dark green and white shirts to also have some fixtures shortly. Due to problems with travel and possibly commitment to regular playing, the club failed to complete the season. However in 1923 with a new committee and more players Peacehaven took their place in the Lewes League.

The team first played competitive football in the Lewes District League until after the second world war when the club joined Junior Division one of the Brighton, Hove & District Football League for the start of the 1949–50 campaign finishing runners up at the first attempt. Two seasons later the club achieved promotion to the intermediate division when they finished as champions of the Junior Division one, and gained further promotion the next season when they finished runners-up in the intermediate division. However they could only survive two seasons in the Senior Division before being relegated back to the intermediate division at the end of the 1954–55 competition. Four seasons later the club bounced back up to the senior division, when they finished runners-up but as before they could only survive two seasons in the top division before being relegated again.

The 1963–64 season saw the club promoted back to the Senior division as champions of the intermediate Division. The club would then go on to win the Senior division five seasons later, without losing a single game. The Senior division win in the Brighton league enabled the club to be promoted to Division Two of the Sussex County Football League, for the start of the 1969–70 season. Their fourth season in Division two, the 1972–73 campaign, saw the club make their debut in the FA Cup, where they beat Burgess Hill Town in the First Qualifying round before losing to Lewes in the next round. The 1975–76 season saw the club gain promotion to Division one for the first time, when they finished runners up behind Selsey. In their third season, 1978–79, in Division one the club ended up finishing as champions of the Sussex County League.

The club went on to remain in Division one for another nineteen seasons during which time they went on to win the league title a further six times. Two seasons after winning the last of these six titles, the 1997–98 campaign saw the club relegated to Division two. The club bounced back as runners-up of Divi-

Two seasons after being relegated from Division one, the club was relegated to Division three for the first time in their history. The next season saw them become champions of Division Three in the 2005–06 season, earning promotion back to Division two. The club was back in Division one three seasons later when under manager Darren Guirey, they earned promotion as champions of Division Two. The club achieved further success at the end of the 2012–13 campaign the club won the Sussex County league for the eighth time in their history and earning themselves promotion to the Isthmian League. In 2013-14, the club won the Isthmian League Division One South and earned a second successive promotion, reaching the Isthmian Premier Division.

By December 2014 at the clubs' highest position in the Ryman Premier League it all started to unravel. Managers and chairman struggled, there were wins but slowly the club slipped down the table and ended back in Ryman South. Then in January 2016 with the club at its lowest ebb, popular chairman Brian Suckling lost his fight with cancer and passed away. Deputy chairman Sue Norwood became acting chairman but had a mountain to climb. The followed another demotion, which saw the club back in the Southern Combination Premier league for the 2016/17 season. It was realised that the club was on the brink of collapse.

So with a massive effort in June 2016, the club became community club, owned by its fans. A new manager was appointed, local man Mark Shutt. He set about building a squad of players with a nil playing budget, but recruiting players who wanted to play for the shirt and not money. At the end of season 2016/17 Peacehaven & Telscombe finished in a respectable 14th place in the Southern Combination league with 48 points from 38 games played. The objective in its first season as a community owned club had been achieved and the slide had been halted. In May 2019 a new high point was reached by winning the RUR cup against the odds, about the same time the club was accredited FA Charter Standard.

Then in Covid year with just a few matches to go the first team were in the semi-finals of several cups when covid hit and all matches were cancelled and the season ended early. Today Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club has not only its 1st team, there are also sitting in the wings not only a reserve / development squad but also under 23's and under 18's who all at time have opportunities to play in the senior team. The club also caters for young players covering all school ages both boys and girls.

The 2022-23 season was possibly one of the best seasons for many a year. In March 2023 they lost the semi-Final of the Peter Bentley Cup. But then went on for the second time in the clubs' history the first team reached the quarter finals of the FA Vase, only to lose on penalties after a 1 - 1 draw at full time, to Corsham Town. Then in the very last game of a very long season and for the second time under Mark Shutt's management the team went on to take the RUR Cup 1 - 0 against that year's league champions Broadbridge Heath. On top of that the under 23's and the under 18's won their respective leagues.

After the successes of the previous season, 2023-24 was a little disappointing from a supporters point of view. The under 18's and under 23's were both runners up in their respective leagues. The first team made no progress in any of the cup games and could only manage 9th in league.

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