

FLEET REVIEW

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VS GILLS

DFDS KENT SENIOR CUP



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THE KENT SENIOR CUP

Images from last season's run to the final.





THE OPPOSITION *Gillingham*

VISITORS' GUIDE

Founded 1893

Stadium Priestfield Stadium

Capacity 11,532

U18 captain Harry Waldock

U18 2023/24 finish 9th (of 10)

U18 current position 6th (of 19)

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Fleet v Gillingham in the Kent Senior Cup

4 March 1939 - Semi-final
Gillingham 2-0 Fleet

29 March 1948 - Final
Gillingham 1-0 Fleet (11,800)

18 April 1949 - Final
Gillingham 2-2 Fleet (8,250)

14 May 1949 - Final Replay
Gillingham 1-1 Fleet (16,733)

31 August 1949 - Final Second Replay
Gillingham 0-2 Fleet (12,633)

9 February 1993 - Round 2
Gillingham 1-2 Fleet (875)

It's something new as far as our Kent Senior Cup history is concerned tonight as Gillingham visit...

While we've hosted the Gills in the Southern League and various pre-season friendlies down the years, this will be the first time they've visited Stonebridge Road in this competition.

Their history in this competition is limited to a much fewer number of years than ourselves with their most successful and sustained period coming immediately after the Second World War. And since their return to the competition more regularly from 2011, it has been a mixture of academy players and fringe first-teamers.

Tonight's squad will likely include Sam Gale, who has loan experience with Sheppey United, Hastings United and

Chelmsford City, while players including Josh Bayliss, Taite Holtam, Alex Giles, Stanley Skipper and Harry Webster have first-team squad numbers and/or professional contracts at Priestfield.

For the Fleet – runners-up to Gillingham's conquerors Maidstone last season – after last week's useful run-out for many of our squad against West Brom's U21s, the likelihood is that a similar lineup will take to the field tonight. Greg Cundle could play against the club he represented in the 2015 Kent Senior Cup Final, while it's another chance for the likes of Dylan Berry, Charles Ondo and Elijah Anthony to shine after their appearances last Tuesday.

IN CHARGE *Mark Moss*



Appointed as youth team boss in December 2021 after spending two years as Southend United's U23 and lead youth development coach. Mark, an experienced player developer, has also held coaching roles at Nottingham Forest, Coventry City and Oxford United, as well as in Manchester United's soccer schools. He replaced former Fleet promotion winner Craig Stone in the job.

LAST LINEUP



PRE-MATCH FORM - LAST FIVE GAMES

EBBSFLEET UNITED

ROCHDALE	OCT 5th	H	D 2-2
WEST BROM U21	OCT 1st	H	D 2-2
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	SEP 28th	A	L 1-2
MAIDENHEAD UTD	SEP 24th	A	L 1-2
SUTTON UNITED	SEP 21st	A	L 2-3

GILLINGHAM U18

NEWPORT COUNTY	SEP 28th	A	L 2-3
LEYTON ORIENT	SEP 14th	H	D 2-2
SWINDON TOWN	SEP 7th	A	W 3-1
CHELTENHAM T.	AUG 31st	H	L 1-2
BROMLEY	AUG 24th	A	W 2-0

KENT SENIOR CUP 2024/25

ROUND ONE

Chatham Town 1-2 Cray Wanderers
 Cray Valley PM 3-0 Ashford United
 Deal Town 6-1 Sittingbourne
 Folkestone Invicta 1-1 Phoenix Sports*
 Herne Bay 5-1 Erith Town
 Ramsgate 0-1 Margate
 Sevenoaks Town 1-3 Beckenham Town
 Sheppey United 1-1 Hythe Town*

* = won on penalties

ROUND TWO

Bromley v Dartford
 Cray Wanderers v Phoenix Sports
 Deal Town v Hythe Town
 Dover Athletic v Cray Valley PM
 Ebbsfleet United v Gillingham
 Herne Bay v Margate
 Tonbridge Angels v Beckenham Town
 Welling United v Maidstone United

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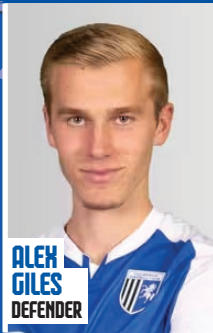


MAIDSTONE UNITED v FLEET

Ahead of our Emirates FA Cup tie at Maidstone United, we can now confirm that remaining tickets are available for general purchase at the club reception from 9am through this week. There is no limit on ticket-purchase amounts so supporters can buy on behalf of family, friends and fellow fans during this week.



GILLINGHAM





HARRY WALDOOCK
MIDFIELDER



JONAH WALKER
DEFENDER



HARRY WEBSTER
MIDFIELDER



BEN WHITE
MIDFIELDER



ZAG WHITELOCK
FORWARD



EVAN WILLIAMS
MIDFIELDER



THE ONE TO WATCH

Josh Bayliss

Josh is a product of the club's academy programme and was offered a professional contract at the end of the 2023/24 season having completed his two-year scholarship and been at the club since age nine. He can play on either wing or through the middle in an attacking position and scored in the FA Youth Cup last year.



THE GRADUATES SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE GILLS ACADEMY

Two of our own are products of the Gills academy, with our 2021/22 player of the year **Ben Chapman** having progressed from Priestfield, as did **Greg Cundle**. Currently in Gills' first-team squad, 19-year-old forward **Joe Gbode** is getting regular minutes after coming out of the club's academy while the likes of **Josh Bayliss**, **Taite Holtam**, **Alex Giles**, **Stanley Skipper** and **Harry Webster** - likely to be on display tonight - are all on the fringes of first-team involvement. Other recognisable names from Gills' academy who went on to EFL careers include **Andrew Crofts**, **Bradley Dack**, **Luke Freeman**, **Jake Hessenthaler**, **Matt Jarvis** (pictured) and **Jack Payne**.



GILLINGHAM'S KENT SENIOR CUP HISTORY

Gillingham's last Kent Senior Cup Final in 2015 against Charlton Athletic - ex-Fleet players Kieran Monlouis (pictured below) and Josh Umerah played for Charlton that day, while Greg Cundle and Tom Hadler were in the Gills side



As New Brompton FC, the Gills first entered the Kent Senior Cup in 1893 but that was it for another 40 years or so when reserve sides were played in the late 1930s.

Gillingham's first final was in 1939 when their reserves finished as runners-up to Tunbridge Wells Rangers, losing that final five months before the outbreak of the Second World War by 4-0. After the war, the Gills appeared in four of the five finals from 1946-50, winning two and losing two, before they moved into the Football League from the Southern League. Indeed the 1948 win over the Fleet was Gillingham's last success in the competition.

It was a long wait for another appearance in the final, that coming in 1990 when Maidstone United beat them 1-0 at

Priestfield and they were runners-up again in 1995 and 2015.

It has been an intermittent relationship with the county cup for the Gills who have entered largely reserve or youth teams as it has proven convenient or worthwhile. From 1996 to 2011 they didn't enter at all and there were periods before that also when no Gills side represented them in the Kent Senior Cup.

As the county's biggest ground, Priestfield Stadium has been a venue for the final down the years, with Fleet winning the competition against Dover Athletic there in 2014 and losing (also to Dover) at the stadium back in 1991. It has only been used for the final three times this century, however, while its longest periods of use were from 1982-95 and from 1949-59.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW...

...about *Gillingham*



1912: ALL CHANGE PLEASE ...

New Brompton, the name by which Gillingham went until 1912, is an area between Chatham and Gillingham that is now part of Medway district. Gillingham railway station was also known as New Brompton and changed in the same year as the Football club.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED ...

Gillingham have had to earn membership of the Football League twice - first in 1920 and then again in 1950, having been voted out in favour of Ipswich Town in 1938.

FREDDIE AT THE FLEET

Gillingham's first Fourth Division title came under manager Freddie Cox

in 1964. Almost 30 years earlier, Cox got his first taste of senior football as a teenager at Stonebridge Road with Northfleet United.

GILLS SAMURAI

Born in Gillingham in 1564, William Adams became the first English navigator to reach Japan. He was one of the first foreigners given the status of *samurai*.

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Gillingham was originally a small village that eventually gave its name to the whole expanded settlement east of Chatham and New Brompton in the 19th century, with a population rise from 9,000 in 1851 to 42,000 by 1901.

PLAYERS IN COMMON ...

We have had plenty of former Gills youngsters play for the Fleet down the years, and plenty more ex-first teamers too. Here's a long list of just some of the more recent players to have worn red and blue - John Akinde, Moses Ashikodi, Ben Chapman, Ouss Cissé, Greg Cundle, Clint Easton, Jacob Erskine, Matt Fish, Tom Hadler, Danny Kedwell, Stuart Lewis, Cody McDonald, Jermaine McGlashan, Joe Martin, Lee Martin, Luke O'Neill, Lewis Page, Jack Payne, Stefan Payne, Luke Rooney, Dom Samuel, Craig Stone, Myles Weston and Josh Wright!





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EBBFLEET UNITED 2-2 ROCSDALE



CHAPMAN 64, BINGHAM 67 (PEN) | ALLARAKHIA 36, McBRIDE 45

Fleet: Cousins, Kane, Cundle (Lawson 46), John, Dallison, Wright, Chapman (Randall 87), Domi, Tanner (Wakely 90), Tanga, Poleon (Bingham 46). Subs not used: Olagunju, Anthony, Berry



SHOTS OFF TARGET



SHOTS ON TARGET



POSSESSION



CORNERS





THE GAME ...

Never short on drama in three games now between the Fleet and Rochdale, the visitors were firmly in control... perhaps too much so as they just didn't see the red revival coming!

THE GOALS ...

36' – Connor McBride carries the ball along the edge of the Fleet box and Tarryn Allarakhia takes the pass in space, advances into the area and unleashes a delightful shot arrowing into opposite corner of the goal.

45' – McBride robs the ball in the box but can't get a shot away, Rochdale recycle it and Jake Burger finds McBride still lurking, who switches

feet and fires beyond Mark Cousins.

64' – Kyron Gordon's underhit pass to Kyle Ferguson is leapt on by Ben Chapman in his own half. He advances just inside the Rochdale half and fires a fantastic shot into the empty goal over the head of keeper Robson from 40 yards out.

67' – Rakish Bingham's confident penalty gets the Fleet an equaliser with two goals in three minutes, after Gordon bundles over Franklin Domi who was making his way towards the six-yard box to deliver.

ONLINE MAN OF THE MATCH ...

Surprise, surprise, but Ben Chapman is way out in front on this one with 53% of the vote!



MANAGER

HARRY WATLING

1	MARK COUSINS
2	LUKE O'NEILL
3	LEWIS PAGE
4	JOSH WRIGHT
5	TYLER CORDNER
6	LOUIS JOHN
7	SHA'MAR LAWSON
8	JIM KELLERMANN
9	RAKISH BINGHAM
10	WES FONGUCK
11	WILL RANDALL
12	DOMINIC SAMUEL
13	HARRISON FIRTH
14	DOMINIC POLEON
15	GREG CUNDLE
16	FRANKLIN DOMI
17	TOBY EDSER
18	CHARLES ONDO
19	JEPHTE TANGA
21	NATHAN ODOKONYERO
22	BEN CHAPMAN
24	MUSTAPHA OLAGUNJU
25	JACK WAKELY
26	TOM DALLISON
27	CRAIG TANNER
29	TODD KANE
30	DYLAN BERRY
35	ELIJAH ANTHONY
39	KWAME THOMAS
TBC	ANTHONY STEWART

OFFICIALS

REFEREE NICK DUNN

ASSISTANTS PAUL YATES | TYLER DIMINIEUH

FOURTH OFFICIAL STEVEN GOLDUP



VS



SQUADS

U18 MANAGER

MARK MOSS

JOSHUA BAYLISS

GRUZ BESZANT

HARRY BRIDLE

ZACK BROADBENT

BEN CLARK

LOUIE DAYAL

WILL DE WILDE

LOGAN DOBBS

SAM GALE

ALEX GILES

JIMMY HEASMAN

TAITE HOLTAM

KACPER KOT

MICHAEL LUXTON

JOE ORPWOOD

STAN SARGENT

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