

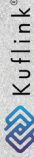
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FLEET VANGELS

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THE KENT SENIOR CUP

Images from our win over Bromley in Quarter-Final.



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v TONBRIDGE ANGELS



VISITORS' GUIDE

Founded 1947
Stadium Longmead
Capacity 3,200
Captain Scott Wagstaff
Kent Senior Cup history
Winners: 1964-65, 1974-75
Runners-up: 1956/57, 1958/59, 2006/07, 2012/13

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Fleet v Tonbridge in the KSC...

1951/52 Tonbridge 0-0 Fleet	2004/05 Tonbridge 0-1 Fleet
1955/56 Fleet 2-1 Tonbridge	2006/07 Tonbridge 3-7 Fleet
1958/59 Fleet 2-1 Tonbridge	2012/13 Fleet 1-2 Tonbridge
1978/79 Fleet 4-0 Tonbridge	2013/14 Fleet 3-0 Tonbridge
1987/88 Tonbridge 3-0 Fleet	2018/19 Tonbridge 0-2 Fleet

Two teams with little else to play for make this a potentially full-blooded semi-final to savour tonight.

Given Tonbridge's long history in the Kent Senior Cup, it's perhaps surprising they have won it only twice – and that it's 50 years since their last triumph, despite reaching the final twice more since then.

The last time our two clubs met at this semi-final stage was our last match of the troubled 2012/13 season – a night that fans thought might even have been the club's farewell game such were the dire straits at the time. Tonbridge won that one 2-1 but went on to lose 7-1 to Charlton Athletic in the final.

The winners tonight, of course, will meet Welling United at Priestfield Stadium on April 2nd – and whoever does win, it will be the first time either

of us have faced Welling in the final. It will also mean a newish name on the trophy given that we last won this competition in 2014, Welling in 2009 and Tonbridge as mentioned in 1975.

The Angels have very much established themselves in National South these days and were on the edges of the play-off zone for much of the season but have fallen off the pace a little through February.

Sean Shields is the only former Fleet face other than manager Jay Saunders who will no doubt want to sign off his Tonbridge career by guiding the visitors to their first triumph in the competition for half a century before he departs the club.

IN CHARGE *Jay Saunders*



The former Gillingham and Fleet youth midfielder, who returned to Stonebridge Road in 2004 after a successful spell with Margate to rack up a total of 86 appearances in a red shirt, finished his playing career with Maidstone United. He then became Stones boss in 2011, winning three promotions with the club, most famously in 2016 when his side beat the Fleet here in a penalty shootout to rise to the National League. After his sacking in 2018, he spent three years at the Margate helm and, from May 2022, as manager of Tonbridge Angels. The club has announced he will leave at the end of the season.

LAST LINEUP



PRE-MATCH FORM - LAST FIVE GAMES

EBBSFLEET UNITED

AFC FYLDE	MAR 15th	H	W 1-0
SOLIHULL MOORS	MAR 8th	A	L 1-2
EASTLEIGH	MAR 4th	A	L 0-2
TAMWORTH	MAR 1st	H	L 2-3
WEALDSTONE	FEB 22nd	A	L 2-4

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

BATH CITY	MAR 15th	A	L 0-2
CHESHAM UNITED	MAR 11th	A	W 1-0
TORQUAY UNITED	MAR 8th	H	L 0-1
HEMEL H TOWN	MAR 1st	A	L 0-2
WELLING UNITED	FEB 25th	H	W 2-0

KENT SENIOR CUP 2024/25

ROUND TWO

- Bromley 3-1 Dartford
- Cray Wanderers 2-2 Phoenix Sports*
- Deal Town 3-0 Hythe Town
- Dover Athletic 3-1 Cray Valley PM
- Ebbsfleet United 3-1 Gillingham
- Herne Bay 3-0 Margate
- Tonbridge Angels 6-1 Beckenham Town
- Welling United 2-1 Maidstone United

QUARTER-FINALS

- Tonbridge Angels 2-1 Herne Bay
- Dover Athletic 2-0 Deal Town
- Phoenix Sports 3-4 Welling United
- Ebbsfleet United* 1-1 Bromley

SEMI-FINALS

- Fleet v Tonbridge Angels
 - Welling United* 1-1 Dover Athletic
- * = won on penalties

KENT SENIOR CUP FINAL



FLEET/TONBRIDGE v WELLING UTD

The Kent Senior Cup Final will take place at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:45pm. The Gills ground will host the final for only the second time in the last eight years and was the venue the last time Fleet won the final in 2014. Ticketing prices and arrangements will be issued by the Kent FA once tonight's tie is decided and the two finalists known.



TONBRIDGE ANGELS

MATT ROWLEY

GOALKEEPER

Signed from

Reading (loan), October 2024

Played for Dover Athletic, Beaconsfield, Bognor Regis

Fact Goalkeeper signed on loan for an initial month, a deal extended to the end of this season. He was at Dover towards the end of last season.



1

BAILEY AKEHURST

DEFENDER

Signed from

Herne Bay, January 2025

Played for Chatham, Dover, Hastings United, Gillingham

Fact Second spell after an earlier loan with the Angels in 2023. The left-back played 11 games in League One for Gillingham in 2021/22.



3

TOM PARKINSON

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Leatherhead, June 2014

Played for Maidstone

Fact Has spent 11 years at Tonbridge as a player, caretaker manager, Academy Director and now assistant manager while still getting games under his belt. Has played 250+ games.



4

RONNY NELSON

DEFENDER

Signed from

Colchester United, June 2024

Played for Dartford, Torquay United, Leicester City U21

Fact A 6ft 5in central defender originally part of the Gillingham Academy before he played for Leicester's Premier League 2 side.



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MO DABRE

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Chelmsford City, Nov. 2023

Played for Worthing, Chippenham Town, Swindon

Fact Played against the Fleet previously for Chippenham Town. The Italian-born player came to England originally to join Crystal Palace.



7

TAYLOR MALONEY

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Dartford, May 2024

Played for Farnborough, Welling Utd, Lewes, Bromley, Newport, Concord, Charlton

Fact Gravesend-born goal-scoring midfielder, he notched 11 goals and 13 assists in 39 appearances for Welling.



8

GIANLUCA BOTTI

FORWARD

Signed from

Lewes, January 2025

Played for Whitehawk, Chertsey Town, Camberley Town

Fact Natural goalscorer who netted 31 times for Chertsey last season, helping them to promotion from the Isthmian South Central.



10

JACK WOOD

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Southend (loan), Jan, 2025

Played for Torquay United, Kings Langley

Fact Second loan spell at Angels for the attacking midfielder who scored eight in 22 in 2022/23. He has played 45 games for parent club Southend.



11

MIKEY BERRY

MIDFIELDER

Signed from
Ashford United, January 2025
Played for Charlton U18
Fact Talented and versatile 18-year-old former Charlton and Arsenal academy player. He played in Sweden in the summer before playing under Danny Kedwell at Ashford.



12

ALEX DUBOU

GOALKEEPER

Signed from
Kingstonian
Played for Brighton & Hove Albion Youth
Fact A 19-year-old goalkeeper recently drafted in as cover for Matt Rowley. He has had trials with Brighton, Famalicao in Portugal and FC Pafos in Cyprus.



13

JAMIE FIELDING

DEFENDER

Signed from
Wealdstone, September 2021
Played for St Albans City, Stevenage, Hastings United
Fact Used mainly as a right back, he can get forward when the opportunity arises and also play as a centre back. He brings valuable experience.



14

CHRISTIE WARD

MIDFIELDER

Signed from
Wycombe (loan), Feb. 2025
Played for Hungerford Town, Slough Town, Weymouth, Brockenhurst
Fact Joined Wycombe after two years impressing in the Wessex League as a 17-year-old, scoring 19 times in 50 appearances.



16

NAZIR BAKRIN

DEFENDER

Signed from
Charlton Athletic, August 2024
Played for Weymouth, Cray Wanderers
Fact Versatile defender who was on trial at the club through pre-season before earning a deal. He spent his school days in Fulham's youth setup.



18

HARRY OTTAWAY

FORWARD

Signed from
Enfield Town, November 2024
Played for Dorking Wands, Carshalton Athletic, Dover, Dulwich, Sutton United,
Fact Scored Dorking's winning goal here in our league fixture last season and played against us in the FA Cup in 2021.



19

BRODY PEART

FORWARD

Signed from
Wycombe (loan), Feb. 2025
Played for Basingstoke Town, Tadley Calvea, Brighton U21
Fact The Wycombe loanee can play wide or up front and spent time this and last season with Basingstoke, scoring eight goals in 20 games.



21

SCOTT WAGSTAFF

MIDFIELDER

Signed from
Bromley, October 2022
Played for Forest Green, AFC Wimbledon, Gillingham, Bristol City, Charlton Athletic
Fact A vastly experienced midfielder player with more than 300 EFL appearances and a key member of the Angels squad.



22



SEAN SHIELDS

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Rayners Lane, October 2023

Played for Scunthorpe Utd, Barnet, Weymouth, Notts County, Ebbsfleet Utd, Dagenham, St Albans City

Fact The former Fleet winger is in his second season at Longmead.



23

ETHAN SUTCLIFFE

DEFENDER

Signed from

AFC Wimbledon, Sept. 2024

Played for King's Lynn Town, Salisbury

Fact Loan signing earlier this season whose stay was extended, the centre-back having impressed in an earlier spell last season.



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MACKENZIE RICHARDSON

MIDFIELDER

Signed from

Tonbridge academy

Played for Tonbridge U19

Fact Scholar from the Angels successful youth side who made his second National South appearance of the season from the bench at Bath City at the weekend.



TBC

HAYDEN VELWICK

FORWARD

Signed from

Tonbridge academy

Played for Three Bridges, Rusthall

Fact Another teenage prospect who played in previous rounds of this competition. Has also been out in the SCEFL on dual registration this season.



TBC

THE ONE TO WATCH

Liam Vincent

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Midfielder who came through Bromley's youth ranks before signing for Portsmouth in July 2021. He impressed in loan spells with Maidstone, Hampton & Richmond, Worthing and Chelmsford City before arriving at Tonbridge, initially on loan in January 2024. He signed permanently in the summer.





WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW...

...about Tonbridge

GIVE US A U ...

Until 1870, the town's name was spelt *Tunbridge*. This was changed to Tonbridge by the Post Office due to confusion with Tunbridge Wells, despite Tonbridge being a much older settlement.

BESIEGED ...

Tonbridge Castle was constructed in the 13th century after the original 11th century structure dating from the Norman Conquest and the town was burnt to the ground by William II, son of William the Conqueror.

FAMOUS LINKS ...

Some famous people with Tonbridge links include Dame Kelly Holmes; Sir Walter Tirel who killed King William II with a misfired arrow; rock band Keane; novelist Frederick Forsyth; and Ruth Ellis, the last woman hanged in England who was married at Tonbridge Registry Office.

FAST AND FURIOUS ...

The country's first speeding fine was

handed out in Tonbridge in 1896. The guilty driver was fined one shilling for speeding at 8 miles per hour in his Karl Benz car. He was apprehended by a policeman who had given chase on his bicycle.

ANGELS DELIGHT ...

Tonbridge are one of the few clubs to have taken their official name from their nickname rather than the other way around. Formed as Tonbridge FC in 1947, they were commonly known as 'The Angels' due to the nearby Angel Hotel and their Angel Ground named after the hotel. It wasn't until 1994 that 'Angels' was finally added to the official club title.

SHIELD'S UP ...

The biggest crowd for a Fleet-Tonbridge match was the 4,500 who attended the 1952 Kent Senior Shield Final - it was Tonbridge's first silverware as they triumphed 3-1.

RED ANGELS

Jay Saunders isn't the only Tonbridge boss with Fleet links. Back in 1982, Fleet lured former goalkeeper Tony Burns away from his management job at Longmead to take the Stonebridge Road hotseat where he remained for a largely disappointing three years. A former Fleet player of the year - Colin Blewden - was signed from Tonbridge in 1988 and had two noteworthy spells in a red shirt. He later returned to Tonbridge as manager from 1997-2001. And two more promotion winners and Fleet skippers, namely Tommy Warrilow and Steve McKimm, both went on to manage Tonbridge and win promotion with them (in 2007-14 and 2014-22 respectively).





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EBBFLEET UNITED 1-0 AFC FYLDE



LANKSHEAR 48' |

Fleet: Cousins, O'Neill, Olagunju, Page (Passley 35), Lankshear, Chapman, Bolger, Aoraha (Bingham 61), Domi, Moncur (Manktelow 86), Cosgrave (Thomas 69). Subs not used: Poleon, Carr, Firth



SHOTS OFF TARGET



SHOTS ON TARGET



POSSESSION



CORNERS





THE GAME ...

Having never beaten the Coasters before last season, it's now two home wins in succession for the Fleet against AFC Fylde – and this hugely welcome second win of the campaign plunged the 2023 National North champions right back into the relegation dogfight. Fylde had their moments in the opening and closing stages of the match but Fleet created several opportunities themselves with George Moncur and Franklin Domi having half chances in the first-half. The better moments came in the second period through Domi and Moncur again, while substitute Rakish Bingham almost converted with his first touch on 61 minutes.

THE GOAL ...

48' – From a corner, Ben Chapman picks the ball up on the left of the box. He floats a hanging cross to the far post where Josh Passley takes advantage of goalkeeper Ben Winterbottom's flap at the ball and heads back across goal. The ball lands for Domi to hit the target and Alex Lankshear makes sure of it over the line.

ONLINE MAN OF THE MATCH ...

A second online man of the match win in a row for Lankshear as he bagged 43% of the vote ahead of Aaron Bolger's 20%. Fine work for a clean sheet, his first goal for the club, three points... and a dislocated shoulder!



MANAGER

JOSH WRIGHT

1	MARK COUSINS
2	LUKE O'NEILL
3	LEWIS PAGE
5	TYLER GORDNER
6	LOUIS JOHN
7	JOSH PASSLEY
9	RAKISH BINGHAM
11	GEORGE MONCUR
12	DOMINIC SAMUEL
13	HARRISON FIRTH
14	DOMINIC POLEON
15	GREG CUNDLE
16	FRANKLIN DOMI
17	TOBY EDGER
18	RYAN CARR
19	JEPHTE TANGA
20	ALEX LANKSHEAR
21	NATHAN ODOKONYERO
22	BEN CHAPMAN
24	MUSTAPHA OLAGUNJU
25	JACK WAKELY
26	TOM DALLISON
27	AARON BOLGER
28	AARON COSGRAVE
33	ANTHONY STEWART
35	ELIJAH ANTHONY
36	MAXX MANKTELOW
37	ALEX AORAHU
39	KWAME THOMAS
45	CALLUM HARRIOTT

OFFICIALS

REFEREE BENJAMIN McDONALD
 ASSISTANTS DAVID ROWLAND | HARRISON CLARK
 FOURTH OFFICIAL MARGIN INOYK



US



SQUADS

MANAGER

JAY SAUNDERS

1	MATT ROWLEY
3	BAILEY AKEHURST
4	TOM PARKINSON
6	RONNY NELSON
7	MO DABRE
8	TAYLOR MALONEY
10	GIANLUCA BOTTI
11	JACK WOOD
12	MIKEY BERRY
13	ALEX DUBOU
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30	ETHAN SUTCLIFFE
	RYAN CLARKE
	MACKENZIE RICHARDSON
	HAYDEN VELVICK

* Squad numbers subject to change