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Official Matchday Programme

CHESHUNT FOOTBALL CLUB

v Hayes & Yeading Utd

Bostik League South Central

11th August 3pm











Welcome to the third online programme from Cheshunt FC. There are links on most pages to other web sites, which we are expanding all the time. We can make so much more available to our fans and sponsors through online programmes. Please try the links on the fixtures page that take you straight to the league and cup fixtures. Likewise, clicking on the sponsors pages and where our competitors badge appears will take you directly to their sites too.

We welcome the Players Officials and Supporters of Hayes & Yeading Utd FC. We trust you will enjoy your short stay at Cheshunt. If you have never been here before you will find directions on the link here





Please note Cheshunt FC currently operate a no dog policy (except guide dogs & hearing dogs)

We have had a very busy pre season, and despite the heatwave impacting many pitches we managed to fulfil all our matches that gave Craig plenty of opportunity to have an extended look at a wide selection of talented players before settling on his squad. Cheshunt FC continues to lead the way in local grass roots football with another pitch nearing completion, next to the 3G surface. This too will have proper FA recommended drainage, that will feed the underground tank, ready for redistribution when needed. Please do take the opportunity to ask about the work taking place, the last area to be properly capped is also nearing completion and we should now no longer suffer the glass and brick emerging from the ground as we have in the past.

Enjoy the Match, Howard

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# DEAN WILLIAMSON



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Theobalds Lane. I would like to extend a special welcome to everyone from Hayes & Yeading and of course to the match officials. We look forward to a great game of football and of course for Cheshunt to finish with a valuable three points.

I am pleased to see Craig has kept much of the squad together and made some quality additions. The squad is built with a blend of experience and youth with the potential to carve out a career in the professional game. What they have in common is the drive, determination and team spirit to carry us forward this season.

I am first and foremost a fan and you will hear me cheering and encouraging the team forward. Lets see if we can join together as fans and be a 12th man this season driving our team to victory from the stands. The unity and success becomes infectious and if we as supporters are positive, it gives a huge boost to the team too.

This is the first 'e - programme' of the competitive season, we had a few opportunities to practice pre season, the same as the players. I hope you are enjoying both the content and the ability to use the links our editor has been adding. You can go straight to our sponsors web sites, to the FA pages, the league news , and our competitors sites with one click.

We are always looking to improve, if you have any suggestions, please do let us know, additionally if you would like to contribute to the programme you are welcome to submit entries.

As a non league team, much of our operational capability is due to the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers, if you would like to volunteer please do take time to speak to a member of the committee who will be pleased to share with you just what needs to be done to make the matches happen.

Enjoy today's game.

Dean

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IN THE DUGOUT WITH



# CRAIG EDWARDS

Good Afternoon & welcome to our opponents Hayes & Yeading, and of course our officials for today. Its been a while coming, but at last we start the season for real and points are up for grabs. We cannot underestimate todays opposition, they are many people's favourites for the South Central title, and when you look at their squad , you can see why.

The Cheshunt squad has been whittled down to 22 players currently, I think we have given many players the opportunity to shine in multiple pre season games, and the mix of experience and youth excites me tremendously. I think there will be times this season when we have the potential to truly force our opposition into damage limitation tactics.

The Pre season matches ramped up as the weeks passed and the commitment has not been without cost, Bert our physio is being kept very busy advising on players with a variety of hamstring, ligament and back problems, but this is why we operate as a squad, and I am confident players coming in for the 1st game of the season won't pass up the opportunity to impress and retain their place

Enjoy the Match!







#### Fans Behaviour - A Reminder

A reminder to all fans that foul, abusive, homophobic or racist language will not be tolerated at Theobalds Lane and that stewards will take action against anyone heard using such language. The Bostik Football League strongly support a recent FA statement that there should be a zero tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination.

Accordingly any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be based on race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, faith, age ability or any other form of abuse will be reported to The Football Association for action by that Association.



# **AMBER 2018/19 STATS**

As the programme has moved online we have much more information to present for you via a single page. As the season progresses, you will find links to the Isthmian League web site, the FA & also Football Webpages. Please click the text below to direct straight to the information required.

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## HAYES & YEADING UTD



Arena/Stadium: SKYEx Community Stadium League: Isthmian South Central Division

Chairman: Tony O'Driscoll

Capacity: 3,000 Founded: 2007

Manager: Paul Hughes Nickname: "United"



Hayes & Yeading United Football Club was created in May 2007 when the two clubs respective Chairmen, Derek Goodall and Phillip Spurden agreed that the only way either club could continue, long term, at the level they were playing would be to join forces as a single entity. After a season of consolidation, the newly merged side took many people by surprise in 2008/09 when a late season Conference South record equalling run of 10 consecutive victories saw a play-off place earned. A 4-0 extra time victory in the second leg at Eastleigh saw the final reached. A tight final ensued but Hampton & Richmond Borough were seen off by the odd goal in five and promotion was achieved to the pinnacle of non-league football, the Blue Square Premier. United more than held their own in the top flight for the first two seasons but with a much reduced budget and a ground share due to the late completion of the Club's new stadium, United hit the relegation trap-door in April 2012 and now find themselves back at step 4 in the newly formed Bostik League South Central.





#### Honours

2016 - 17 Southern League Challenge Cup Winners

2010 - 11 Middlesex Senior Cup Runners-Up

2008 - 09 Conference South Play Off Winners

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2012 - 13 Capital League President's Cup Winners

2012 - 13 Capital League Western Division Runners-up

2010 - 11 Capital League Western Division Winners

2009 - 10 Middlesex Premier Cup Runners-up

2009 - 10 Capital League Western Division Runners-up

2008 - 09 Capital League Western Division Winners

#### **Next 6 Fixtures**

Sat 18th Aug H Egham Town B1SC 3pm
Mon 27th Aug A Bedfont Sports B1SC 3pm
Sat 1st Sep H Tooting & Mitcham B1SC 3pm
Sat 15th Sep A Waltham Abbey B1SC 3pm
Sat 22nd Sep H Uxbridge B1SC 3pm
Tue 25th Sep H Northwood B1SC 7.45pm

#### **Recent Results**

Jul 09 Hemel Hempstead T. H	Friendly1	1 - 1
Jul 09 Hemel Hempstead T. H	Friendly2	0 - 4
Jul 14 Brockenhurst A	Friendly	3 - 0
Jul 21 AFC Dunstable A	Friendly	3 - 0
Jul 24 Harrow Borough H	Friendly	4 - 2
Jul 28 Wingate & Finchley H	Friendly	1 - 0

Famous players to have worn the red and white stripes of Hayes FC include Freddie Knight, Leslie Smith, Hayes' first full international, Len Townsend, George Wilkins, Johnny Gregory, Jimmy Bloomfield, amateur internationals Frank Bridges, Ron Gadsden, Jack Rawlings and Les Champelovier, Derek Neate, Robin Friday, Cyrille Regis, Les Ferdinand and Jason Roberts. Yeading FC have also provided the football world with Andy Impey, Lee Charles, Charlie Oatway and most recently DJ Campbell.

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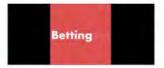
























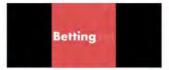


























# Written by Mike Bayly The original version of this article appeared on http://twohundredpercent.net/

The predominant narrative of the modern football supporter paints us all as one club obsessives, but for many of us that all-encompassing obsession can be complemented with a number of "soft spots" for other clubs as well. When the subject of allegiance came up in my formative football education, I chose to read from a very outdated syllabus. Unlike my 1980s school peers, I shunned the 'big five' to follow sides from England's lower divisions. On a given day, I could arrive in the playground wearing a Kidderminster Harriers cap or a Brighton & Hove Albion scarf. To some friends, this overt polygamy was anathema. As a fan of football, rather than a football fan, I wasn't constrained by such tribal sensibilities. I soon found myself looking out for the results of a wide range of clubs and for a wide range of reasons. Family connections were responsible for some affinities. Holidays in Colwyn Bay fuelled a fondness for the North Walian side. And frequent trips to my seafaring Grandparents in Suffolk were synonymous with reading Felixstowe Town articles in the East Anglian Daily Times while everyone else watched Howards' Way. Around this period, I wrote to hundreds of teams in England, Wales and Scotland requesting memorabilia.

Dartford, then of the Southern League, replied with a six-page hand written letter from the 'secretary and tea lady' thanking me for getting in touch, along with autographs and a bundle of programmes. It ensured them a permanent place in my affections. So much so, that when the Darts lost their ground and withdrew from the pyramid in 1992, I felt a genuine sense of sorrow. What really piqued my emotions though, were team names. The more obscure, the better.

On certain magical Saturdays, the Grandstand vidiprinter would churn out results from the early rounds of the English and Scottish Cups. Alongside Manchester United and Liverpool, appeared Gala Fairydean, Civil Service Strollers and Billingham Synthonia. a rare portal into a fascinating word, long before the internet shined a light on football's darkest recesses. I developed attachments to a raft of new clubs that in some cases have stayed for life. What I couldn't ascertain was how widespread this phenomenon might be. Was I just a bit odd? Or were kindred spirits lurking out there? So a few years ago, after the topic unexpectedly arose during an animated pub debate, I posted a message on a forum to see if anyone else had soft spots for random teams. The response was lifeaffirming.

The Ball is Round

Among the predictable explanations - "my Dad was born in the area", "a family member had trials" were some fabulous rationales. A Hibernian fan liked Bangor City because he managed them to multiple title wins on Sensible World of Soccer, while a groundhopper from Kent was fond of Ebbsfleet United as he drove past their ground to go fruit picking. Using a more mathematical approach, a Bristol City follower compiled a list of clubs in the top eight tiers of English Football and ordered them in distance of where he lived. Blvth Spartans were the furthest away. He has looked out for their results ever since. Outside of Great Britain, a few people expressed sentiments for Melbourne based Dandenong, a regular feature of the Sunday papers' Australian Pools Coupon that signalled that start of a long and barren summer.

"To pass the time during the close season, you also needed an Australian team and I plumped for Dandenong." says a Brentford supporter. "I liked the name. Well, who wouldn't?" Although most of these affiliations involve little more than a cursory glance at the relevant fixture lists, some fans take their interest to another level. A good friend of mine who loves Tranmere Rovers and steak in equal measure, has an ongoing affair with Cowdenbeath based on their name resembling cow-thenbeef.After receiving a Blue Brazil scarf one Christmas, he made a pilgrimage from Sheffield to their Central Park home in Fife, a round trip of nearly 600 miles As admirable as this dedication is, it does have drawbacks. Names are a major reason football fans develop soft spots for other clubs. They can be amusing, unusual or have personal significance. In my overactive mind, names conjure powerful connotations that seldom bear the scrutiny of reality. Recently, I discovered Shepshed Charterhouse FC weren't, as I had once envisaged, imbedded in the rich top-hatted history of a public school, but named after Charterhouse Holdings, a garment manufacturer in the East Midlands. It was an illusion-shattering blow. Football forms part of an increasingly homogenised Huxleyan landscape. Sports shops stock the same narrow range of replica shirts. New grounds are engineered to look identical. Imagination offers refuge from this monotony. I've always pictured Highland Leaguers Inverurie Loco Works playing next to a siding full of vintage trains at the foot of a snow-capped mountain It makes the idea of the club very appealing. Part of me would like it to stay that way forever. Then again, in worryingly unreal times, there is a strong case for casting off the shackles of fantasy and seizing the moment. So next year, I've promised myself a trip to the emotive sounding Forres Mechanics, a boyhood favourite, I doubt I'll find philanthropic industrialists or scholarly men discussing vehicle maintenance in the damp embrace of a glen.

But this doesn't really matter. We increasingly conduct ourselves through a masked medium of online monikers that force us to construct an imagined world. Life shouldn't be that impersonal. Sometimes it's nice to put a face to a name.

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• Mike is working on a new book about Britain's favourite football grounds.

https://www.facebook.com/100GroundsProject

What if there was a bucket list, a holy grail if you like, of the top 100 British grounds to visit before you die? Which ones would be on it? And for what reason? Then it occurred to me: why not find out and write a book about it?

Following the conclusion of a public vote featured on talkSPORT, the BBC Radio 5 Non-League Football Show, the Football Association website and in hundreds of club programmes, I will travel around the country, visiting every ground that made the final list. You can keep up-to-date with the book's progress via my Twitter account.

You can follow Mike on Twitter: @mike bayly





#### **Bostick South Central Division**

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2	Bedfont Sports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Bracknell Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chalfont St Peter	0.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Cheshunt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0
6	Chipstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Egham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	FC Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Hanwell Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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11	Hertford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Marlow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Molesey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Northwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	South Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Tooting & Mitcham United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Uxbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Waltham Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Ware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Westfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### **Today's Fixtures**

3pm	Ashford Town (Middx)	v	Hertford Town
3pm	Bracknell Town	v	Waltham Abbey
3pm	Chalfont St Peter	v	Chipstead
3pm	Cheshunt	v	Hayes & Yeading United
3pm	Egham Town	v	Hanwell Town
3pm	Marlow	v	Molesey
3pm	Northwood	v	Tooting & Mitcham United
3pm	Uxbridge	v	Westfield
3pm	Ware	v	South Park



### **2018/19 Fixtures**



# THE BOSTIK LEAGUE

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Date	Competition	Kick Off	Home Team		Away Team
11/08/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Hayes & Yeading United
18/08/18	BLSC	3pm	Waltham Abbey	V	Cheshunt
25/08/18	FA Cup P	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Canvey Island
27/08/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Ware
01/09/18	BLSC	3pm	Ashford Town (Middx)	V	Cheshunt
15/09/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	South Park
22/09/18	BLSC	3pm	Westfield	V	Cheshunt
26/09/18	BLSC	7.45pm	FC Romania	٧	Cheshunt
29/09/18	FA Trophy EP	3pm	Bedford Town	V	Cheshunt
06/10/18	BLSC	3pm	Molesey	٧	Cheshunt
20/10/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Marlow
27/10/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Bracknell Town
03/11/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Chalfont St Peter
10/11/18	BLSC	3pm	Hanwell Town	V	Cheshunt
17/11/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Chipstead
24/11/18	BLSC	3pm	Egham Town	٧	Cheshunt
01/12/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Tooting & Mitcham United
08/12/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Bedfont Sports
15/12/18	BLSC	3pm	Uxbridge	V	Cheshunt
22/12/18	BLSC	3pm	Ware	٧	Cheshunt
29/12/18	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Hertford Town
05/01/19	BLSC	3pm	Northwood	٧	Cheshunt
12/01/19	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Ashford Town (Middx)
19/01/19	BLSC	3pm	Bracknell Town	V	Cheshunt
26/01/19	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Molesey
02/02/19	BLSC	3pm	Marlow	V	Cheshunt
05/02/19	BLSC	7.45pm	Cheshunt	V	FC Romania
09/02/19	BLSC	3pm	Hayes & Yeading United	V	Cheshunt
16/02/19	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Waltham Abbey
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16/03/19	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	٧	Egham Town
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22/04/19	BLSC	3pm	Hertford Town	V	Cheshunt
27/04/19	BLSC	3pm	Cheshunt	V	Westfield



# Travellers Tales

Brian Buck is a regular visitor to Cheshunt & attends all Spurs home matches, in addition he is also a Groundhopper, and has chalked up over 12500 matches. He records all his attendances and is kind enough to allow us to reproduce his thoughts in our programme. The following is an extract from his first matches of the new season.

1st game of the season. (Match 12,681) Monday 2nd July 2018. New Bradwell St Peter 0 Brackley Town Saints 3 (Friendly Match) att 35 approx. Although this was my first match of the season, because my season starts on July 1st, I'd already seen three pre-season friendlies, the latest of these being on the previous Saturday. I don't think that New Bradwell St Peter played any competitive football last season, but now nearby Loughton Manor have moved in and are playing under their name after surrendering their own. This kind of makes sense as the club will once again be used all the year round once more, as they also have cricket here. On my arrival I needed the toilet and so asked the man who was busy painting the posts and rails, which surround most of the pitch. He had a sign which read 'wet paint', but I don't think that this was the answer! There was no hurry to get this game started. Looking at both sides Twitter account the hosts had it down for a 7pm start, while the visitors said it was 7.30pm. In the end the ref split the difference. The game was played over three periods of thirty minutes and it went roughly in accordance with the formbook, in that this was a Step 7 side playing a Step 5 side, even though the latter, from the Hellenic League are

effectively Brackley Town Reserves. In terms of competitiveness, not a lot happened. There was no friction whatsoever and the teams just got on with it. Brackley took the lead on 22 minutes with a headed effort the home keeper might have done better with had he been wearing a hat. The sun would have blocked his view of the ball. At the first break there only seemed to be one person suffering and that was the ref. With his fitness test for the coming season coming just twelve days later he must have been a worried man! The game continued with Brackley still looking the better side. But it took them until the closing stages to demonstrate this with more goals, by which time their lacking in numbers squad had taken its toll on the hosts.

2. (12,682) Tuesday 3rd July 2018. Northampton Sileby Rangers 0 Northampton Town 2 (Friendly Match) att 135 approx. This match took place while the England v Columbia game was going on and so I was a bit surprised when on my arrival here, I couldn't park in the main car park. Instead I was directed onto the training ground on the other side of the pitch. As you can see from the attendance above, a lot less people turned up than expected. On the other hand what can you expect when in his pre-match blurb the announcer points out that this was a game between two sides relegated at the end of last season. Anyway the ground was in excellent condition, as it always is here and the pitch looked superb. However I'm told that along with some other clubs I know, they prefer not to play on it at the slightest hint of rain. So after over two weeks, maybe longer. there was no chance of this match getting called off. As for the game, it wasn't great, I'd never heard of any of the Cobblers players, despite them fielding a different eleven in each half.

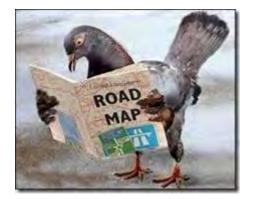
The Cobblers second half side were much better and got into the final third more often. But maybe that had something to do with Sileby only gradually making changes, rather than wholesale ones. Eventually the goals came though and the Cobblers found the back of the net on 72 and 86 minutes. Sileby acquitted themselves very well throughout the game and matched their opponents in ability for most of it, despite having no scoring chances after the break. Early doors I know but overall Town didn't look great!

3. (12,683) Wednesday 4th July 2018. Ikea 1 MS United 2 (Abandoned on 80 minutes - player indiscipline) (ChromaSport Peterborough & District League Corporate Division) (Played at Netherton United) att 15 approx. This is a bona fide summer league consisting of six sides who were due to play each other, home and away and in the 'close season' and this was the last of my six weekly visits here. At the time of writing only MS United could stop Whirlpool winning the league. Most games had been played in a good spirit, but this one got out of hand. MS took the lead on 21 minutes and the equaliser came three minutes later. On 35 minutes there was a minor coming together and the ref booked a player from each side and also sin binned them, for ten minutes. In fact every booking was accompanied by the player being sin binned. We and perhaps the players, weren't quite sure if this was right as in previous matches players had just been booked, although in one game a player was also sin binned for serious foul play. Whether it was this that hacked off the players I don't know, but after MS took the lead on 45 minutes, things gradually got worse after the break. On 68 minutes an MS player was sin binned, followed by two Ikea players on 73 minutes. One of them might have actually been sent off. Then a minute after a third Ikea player was sin binned a big punch up followed and the ref rightly abandoned the match. I would say that provided the ref got the 'rules' right, he was blameless for what happened. After this game MS United left the league, reasons unknown!

5. (12.685) Friday 6th July 2018. Bedford 2 Stotfold 2 (Friendly Match) att 30 approx. With a few others. I took my place in the stand to await kick and boy was it hot. In fact one chap, who had arrived earlier, said, "I've lost over a stone waiting for the game to start!" This match wasn't pretty to watch with the first half being taken up by Bedford making continual substitutions and having to wait for balls to be retrieved after having been kicked out of play. We had a few 'new' managers on the touchline as well and this was only a friendly! Anyway four minutes after a water break on the half hour mark Bedford scored. It was probably deserved. The hosts were playing more as a team and it looked like they had retained most of their players from last season. I was told that Stotfold had kept five or six of theirs, so they didn't gell quite as well. But after the break Stotfold got better and just about deservedly equalised on 68 minutes after the home defence fell away as the scorer ran at them. Then on 78 minutes a header from a corner saw Bedford regain the lead. But right at the end a Stotfold player was played in and he got to the ball before the keeper. His looping shot looked like going over the bar but at the last moment the ball changed its mind and descended like a stone and bounced into the net. Both sides looked a bit rusty, but with competitive football still a month away at this point, there was still plenty of time to get things right. Meanwhile I'm also told that construction of Stotfold's new ground is due to start in September. Everything is signed and it's just a matter of the builders coming and getting on with it!

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### 'The Pigeons'

Have you ever wondered what the gathering in the corner of the car park on a Friday night is all about? Characters turning up exchanging wicker baskets, a lorry being loaded, strange orange boxes being transported to the boardroom?

These gatherings are the North London Federation of Racing Pigeon Owners. They meet at Cheshunt FC regularly to discuss training methods, latest results & exchange tips & ideas.

On a race day, the lorry transports the birds from owners lofts all over North London & Herts overnight to a point in the North East, The release point can be a short race from the Peterborough area, up through Newark, Ripon, Newcastle, Blyth and as far north as Thurso, which is 500 miles!

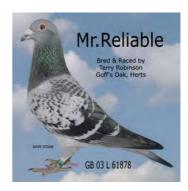
The pigeons all have unique identity tags & will average 45-50 miles an hour if the weather is kind.

The group meeting at the football club & using the facilities we have to offer are very successful, and have won

many races in the UK, and enter some of their pigeons in international races from France & even South Africa!



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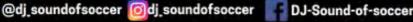
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Harry Girling Michael Spencer Jack Lampe Taylor McKenzie David Kendall

Mark Hughes Samuel Kifwasima

Ryan Kukoyi Nick Symons John Mbamarah Jason Hallett Emiel Aiken

Al Hafeez Sanusi Kyle Roberts Klodian Ullolari

Bobby Sears Nathan Koranteng



#### **HAYES & YEADING UTD FC**

Manager: Paul Hughes

Ed Asafu Adjaye Lee Barney Scott Bridges Josh Chamberlain Duncan Culley Scott Donnelley

Colours: All Red

Tom Jelley

Priestley Farquharson

Kaan Fehmi Manny Folarin Ryan Kinnane Toby Little Liam McDevitt Ola Olajubu Keano Robinson James Shaw Jack Smith Lewis Toomey

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