

OUFc Newsletter

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// WELCOME //

Welcome to the all new Otford United FC Newsletter! As a club, we would like to keep you all up to date with what we are doing so we will be circulating a newsletter every three months. We have some exciting plans ahead to build this club to its full potential. If you would like to help out in any capacity please get in touch at info@otfordunitedfc.com - we would love to have you on board!

- Tom Johnson, OUFC Vice Chairman

// TEAM IN FOCUS // - Under 7s

We are Otford United's newest recruits and have been training within the club coaching school since March 2018. Our aim is to enter three teams into the Crowborough League in September 2020.



We train Saturday mornings at Otford Rec. Our training is starting to become more team focused, working on attacking/defending drills, shooting scenarios and individual skills.

Since July last year, we have entered a football tournament at Dunton Green, reaching the final! We have played 17 friendly matches against other local clubs such as Rusthall F.C, Tonbridge Juniors, South Darenth F.C, Chipstead Juniors and our own U8s!

There are 24 of us all raring to go for the season ahead but we do intend on growing our squads for future seasons, so if you are in Year 2, and love football, please come and train with us (contact coachingsschool@otfordunitedfc.com)

// TEAM IN FOCUS // - Under 14s

Under 14 Eagles play Saturdays in the Ashford and District league. The season started off well with a home win followed by a draw against one of the top teams in the league. This was



followed up with a big win at Hythe, racking up 9 goals and a draw to the current league leaders. A further win away put us up to second. But then we suffered 4 long term injuries to key players plus our first sending off which led to a home defeat to Hythe.

We then won our next two home games but followed this with two defeats which took us just past Christmas.

And that was that, we have not played since just after Christmas which is nearly 10 weeks by my reckoning mainly due to weather but also due to opposition not being able to man a full side. Only this week the opposition pulled out the night before a double header. If I was to say this season has been disappointing it would be an understatement considering the size and strength of the squad we have available. We are now building for next season with the hope of more games!!

// PERSON IN FOCUS // - Jamie Knight

Jamie Knight is a current player who has been with the club since he started playing football. He has shown dedication and loyalty to the club and even made his men's debut when he was 14. He is currently the First Team Captain as well as the Club Captain.



Position - Player - LM/LWB/CB

Favourite Memory - Winning the Charity Cup

// NEWS //

In light of the situation concerning the Coronavirus, please keep up to date through our social media and website. We will also be contacting all members/guardians directly.

As the weather has been very unkind to many local pitches since the turn of the year, we have worked hard to get as many matches and training on as possible. We pride ourselves on having some of the best pitches around but would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in the future to respect the condition of all the pitches we have to allow us to continue to provide football for the local communities. When the weeks have been especially wet, could spectators be wary of where they are standing so they are not damaging the pitches that are below. Many Thanks.

OUFC Calendar

30th May - OUFC Awards Day - 2.30pm

20th June - OUFC Mini Soccer Tournament

24th June - OUFC AGM

July - Player Registrations

// MEN'S TEAMS //

First XI - Our First team currently play in the Kent County Premier League with the aim of pushing towards promotion into the SCEFL leagues in the next couple of years.

Reserves - We have not had things go our way this year but we are a close knit squad and we pride ourselves on trying to play attractive attacking football. Towards the back end of the season, things are starting to take a turn for the better. With the thoughts of next season already in my mind, having seen some promising u18's coming through the ranks and, with an already young side, the future looks bright. Hopefully this will bulk up both squads and help to push both teams further and further but we are always looking for new players to come down and join us. We have a lot of sponsorship opportunities if anyone is interested, with kits, tracksuits, advertising boards and places in our home programmes.

- Josh Holland, Reserve Team Manager

Upcoming Fixtures:

First XI - KCFL Premier Division

Reserves - Sevenoaks & District Div 1

21/03 Stansfeld (O&B) FC Home

21/03 Dartford Celtic FC Away

28/03 Bromleians FC Away

28/03 Ide Hill FC Reserves Home

04/04 Kings Hill FC Away

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
13	Crockenhill	20	6	0	14	22	56	-34	18
14	Oxford United	18	4	4	10	33	55	-22	16
15	New Romney	20	4	3	13	28	39	-11	15

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
7	Leigh	14	3	4	7	21	39	-18	13
8	Ightham FC	15	2	3	10	20	36	-16	9
9	Oxford United Reserves	13	1	1	11	21	60	-39	4

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