

# O UFC Newsletter

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## // WELCOME //

Welcome to the fourth OUFC club newsletter. I'm very pleased and proud to announce the new first team management team, Jamie Knight and Mike Cunningham, who interviewed amazingly well with our committee. Both have been at the club for numerous years as players and we wish them the very best with their targets for the remainder of this very tricky season. We are totally supportive of you both and wish you every success.

Even though football is currently at a standstill regarding matches, the club is still working hard behind the scenes. Junior training is still ongoing and the coaching school is returning on Saturday 2nd January, along with a new girls section, aimed at reception and year one girls.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of Otford United FC and want to thank you for all your support this year. Looking forward to a successful and prosperous 2021.

- Stuart Cunningham, Chairman

## // NEWS //

Although tier 4 requires adult football to stop, Junior football is allowed to continue. The majority of our teams are having a break over the next couple of weeks and will return in the new year.

Training at New Beacon School will resume on 6th January with Crowborough league stating that they intend to resume the league fixtures from 16th/17th Jan. This return date is subject to any further developments.

Oxford United First Team have also appointed Kenny Gillam as assistant manager to work with new managers Jamie Knight and Mike Cunningham.



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## // PERSON IN FOCUS // - Luke Blackaby

Luke Blackaby joined the club 13 years ago playing a couple of seasons for thirds / reserves before going to university and travelling. Luke returned to Otford in 2014 on a regular basis and since then he has scored an impressive 117 goals for the first team in 87 matches. He has been the club's top scorer on 7 occasions during his time at Otford.

**Position** - Player - ST

**Favourite Memory** - Getting promoted to premier division and finishing as the league's top goalscorer in 2016/2017 season, scoring 28 goals in 18 matches for the 1st team.



## // MEN'S TEAMS //

**First XI - Kent County Premier**

"I am absolutely buzzing to be honest, this club has been a huge part of my life for such a long time and now to be manager of my boyhood club is an absolute dream come true."

- Jamie Knight, First Team Manager

"I am very excited about the opportunity to take a club that is very close to both mine and Jamie's hearts and drive it forward. We have an exciting squad of players that we can't wait to get on the training ground with to start our new push together.

There is a great squad of players that have the potential to become a force to be reckoned with in the league but we have to first accept that we have underperformed and that without hard work we will not achieve our goals.

We are also blessed with a new feed of players from our youth section which is the recipe for success at any club and we can't wait to work with these boys in their personal development."

- Mike Cunningham, First Team Manager

**Reserves - Sevenoaks & District Division One**

"The reserves have been in great form over the last few months and I am delighted we have got ourselves into a position at the top of the table by the Christmas break. We will look to build on our hard work when the league is safe to continue and push for some silverware this year. I am also buzzing with the appointment of Jamie Knight and Mike Cunningham for the first team, you can already sense the buzz throughout the club, it's really brought everyone together again and I cannot wait to see what both teams can do when we get back underway."

- Josh Holland, Reserve Team Manager

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