



Ramsgate Squad

(as at 13th August 2024)

Tom Hadler -GK Archie Simmons -GK Aaron Barnes -Defender Tom Carlse - Defender Joe Ellul - Defender Jay Leader – Defender Andrew Tirivanhu - Defender Archie McGonigle - Defender Leo Todd - Defender **Thomas Brisley -Defender** Leo Moore -Defender Benny Bioletti – Midfielder Tom Clifford - Midfielder Roarie Deacon - Midfielder Lewis Gard - Midfielder Tijan Jadama - Midfielder Connor Wilkins - Midfielder Harry Sharman - Midfielder Zack Jobe - Winger Alfie Paxman - Winger **Tushaun Walters - Winger** Josh Ajayi- Forward Vance Bola - Forward Joe Taylor - Striker

Manager: Ben Smith Director of Football: Seb Tidey Coach: Joe Ellul Coach: Sean Hill Coach: Darren Beale Goalkeeper Coach: Henry Newcombe Physio: Georgina Dean Kit Manager: Phil Butler

RAMSGATE PLAYER PEN PICTURES 2024/25

Tom Hadler – 28-year-old Canterbury-born shot-stopper who came through the Gillingham Academy and made his Football League debut in April 2018. After his release from Priestfield in the summer of 2019, he signed for Eastbourne Borough and spent the following season with Ebbsfleet United, before joining Maidstone United for 2021/22. In his first season at Ramsgate Tom kept 17 clean sheets in 50 appearances.

Archie Simmons – 18-year-old goalkeeper. Spent the 2023/24 season playing for Ramsgate u23's. Archie was named on the substitutes bench for the first team regularly. He made two first team appearances in cup competitions.

Aaron Barnes – 28-year-old powerful full back who signed from Hythe Town in the Summer of 2024, Aaron started his professional career at Charlton Athletic having been a product of the famous Arsenal youth system. Spells at Torquay United and Colchester United preceded a move to Dulwich Hamlet, followed by a two-year spell at Welling United. Comfortable at either full back position and also can play as a winger.

Tom Carlse – 30-year-old left sided full back who rejoined the Rams in the Summer of 2024 from Ashford United. He made 21 appearances last season scoring twice. Tom also finished the 2022/23 campaign with Ramsgate scoring once in his eight appearances, having joined from Lewes. Tom has also had spells with Cray Wanderers, Greenwich, Sittingbourne, East Grinstead Town, Erith Town and Corinthian Casuals.

Joe Ellul – 35-year-old defender. Fan favourite Joe returns for his second spell at Ramsgate as player/coach for the 2024/25 season. Joe has played for Billericay, East Thurrock, Braintree, Tasman United (New Zealand) and Maidenhead. Joe signed for Maidstone United in July 2020. He was a part of their promotion winning side in 2021/22. In February 2023 he signed for Sittingbourne, scoring on his debut. In the summer of 2023, he signed for Ramsgate. Joe made 22 appearances scoring on three occasions, however it was colossal displays in the FA Cup run where Joe won the hearts of the Ramsgate faithful. In January 2024 he signed for National league south side Welling, helping them survive relegation.

Jay Leader –. 34-year-old defender. A physical, ball playing centre half that started his career at Southend. He has had spells at Grays Athletic, Cray Wanderers, and Barking. Jay signed in the summer of 2024 and has impressed during pre-season with his passing ability, tackling and composure on the ball.

Andrew Tirivanhu - Strong Zimbabwean-born central defender who signed for the Rams in the Summer of 2024. He has previously played for Waltham Forest, Enfield 1893, Ware, Northwood, Witham Town, Aylesbury United and Waltham Abbey. Rangy and adept with the ball at his feet, Andrew is a towering presence who will be looking to make his mark this season.

Archie McGonigle– 18-year-old defender. A ball playing central defender that has spent two years in the Southend academy ranks playing against the likes of Arsenal, Liverpool and Crystal Palace. He has made a number of first team appearances during our pre-season campaign.

Leo Todd – 18-year-old defender. Was a part on the Ramsgate u23's squad during the 2023/24 season. He made three first team appearances for the first team in cup competitions. Leo spent the second half of the season learning his trade at Ashford FC (Ramsgate Athletic). This has helped Leo develop into a strong, ball playing defender.

Thomas Brisley – 18-year-old defender. Tom spent the 2023/24 season in the Ramsgate u23's squad. He made three first team appearances all in cup competitions. He started in the first round of the FA trophy against Hythe.

Leo Moore – 17-year-old defender. A member of the Ramsgate u23 squad for the 2023/24 season. He made his senior debut against Cray Valley PM in the Kent senior cup. Leo had a spell at Woodnesborough FC to further develop his footballing ability.

Benny Bioletti – 20-year-old midfielder who rose through the ranks at Faversham Town, including 38 competitive first team appearances, before moving to League 2 Colchester in the summer of 2022. Spent most of last season on loan at Isthmian North Maldon & Tiptree where he made 20 appearances for the Jammers, before joining Bowers & Pitsea in January '23 for the remainder. Benny's first season at the club saw him make 39 appearances scoring four goals.

Tom Clifford – 25-year-old midfielder. Combative player who is just as comfortable at left back as he is in midfield, Tom joined the club in the Summer of 2024. Started his career at Southend United, where he made 63 appearances for their youth team before having loan spells at Bishop's Stortford and Concord Rangers. He then went on to make 67 appearances for the Southend United first team across League One, League Two and the National League Premier League, scoring five goals in the process. He then made the most to King's Lynn Town in 2023, making 14 appearances whilst also making seven appearances in a loan spell at Dartford.

Roarie Deacon – 32-year-old midfielder. Roarie started his career at Arsenal, before moving to Sunderland. He signed for league one side Stevenage in 2012, where he spent three seasons, before joining league two outfit Crawley Town. In 2016 he signed for National league Sutton United. In June 2017 Roarie signed a two-year deal with Scottish premier league club Dundee, where he made 43 appearances. 2018 saw him return for a second spell at Sutton United, before moving to Havant & Waterlooville in 2019. Roarie spent two seasons playing for Maidstone United from 2021, helping them secure promotion to the national league alongside Tom Hadler and Joe Ellul. He returned to Havant & Waterlooville for the 2023-24 season, during which he had a loan spell with Dulwich Hamlet. During his career Roarie has made 370 appearances scoring 43 goals.

Lewis Gard – 24-year-old midfielder. Started his career at Southend in league one, making 12 appearances in total. During his time at Southend United he had a loan spells at Aveley and Heybridge Swifts. In 2022 he signed for Tonbridge Angels, in his two years at Tonbridge he played 82 games and scored 12 goals. Lewis made the switch to the Rams in the Summer of 2024 and will be looking to stamp his authority on the engine room in midfield this season.

Tijan Jadama – 25-year-old midfielder. TJ progressed from the youth section and through the academy to the first team at Ramsgate before moving to Whitstable Town for a season. He returned to Southwood in summer 2021 where he has become a firm fans' favourite and role model for local youngsters, as well as a goal-scoring midfield player. Continued to star for his local team in 2023/24, winning the goal of the round award for his stunning solo effort against Woking in the 2-1 first round win for the Rams. With a growing automobile collection. TJ scored 18 goals during the 2023/24 season. He has appeared for the club on 188 occasions, scoring 40 goals.

Connor Wilkins – 25-year-old midfielder. Connor joined the Rams in the summer signing from Sheppey United where he won both supporters and players player of the season awards for the 23/24 campaign. Connor started his career at Sheppey, before having a brief spell at Faversham Town in 2022. He returned to Sheppey in December 2022.

Harry Sharman – 18-year-old midfielder spent the 2023/24 season in the Ramsgate u23's squad. He made 3 first team appearances all in cup competitions. He made his debut in the Velocity Cup against Ashford.

Zack Jobe – 22-year-old winger spent the 2023/24 season playing for Ramsgate u23s. Zack played four times for the first team in cup competitions. Zack is a skilful, tricky winger with an eye for goal.

Alfie Paxman – 26-year-old-winger who appeared in Ramsgate's youth set up, along with twin brother Jack, before studying at the Dover Academy and appearing for the senior team at Crabble. Returned to Southwood in 2015 with Jack and quickly became key to the Rams' forward line, becoming the team's top-scorer that culminated with 30 goals in 2017/18, resulting in a move to Premier Division Folkestone Invicta in 2018. Alfie spent 22/23 season with Dover., He returned to Ramsgate for the 23/24 season. Alfie played a starring role in the Rams season - even filling in at left back when necessary. He scored 14 goals and provided countless assists in his 48 appearances.

Tushaun Walters – 24-year-old winger. Known as TT, he started his career at Chelsea. In 2018 TT signed for Greenwich Borough, where he scored 19 goals. In 2019 he signed for Herne Bay; he spent two seasons there before signing for National league south club Maidstone United in 2021. During his time at Maidstone, he had loan spells at Tonbridge Angels and Herne Bay. He signed for Hastings United in 2023. TT signed for the Rams in the Summer of 2024, and has impressed during the pre-season games that he has featured in.

Josh Ajayi – 22-year-old forward. Started his career with Crystal Palace before a move to Ramsgate in 2020. He rapidly became a firm fan favourite at the WW Martin Community Stadium and trial with Tottenham Hotspur soon followed. Spells with Dover Athletic, Erith & Belvedere and Sevenoaks Town preceded his return to the Rams in the Summer of 2024. Josh returns for his second spell with the Rams, he scored 28 goals in 64 appearances during his first spell at the club. He was the clubs leading scorer in the 2021-22 season with 23 goals in all competitions.

Vance Bola – 30-year-old forward. Versatile forward signed from Herne Bay in the Summer of 2024, he scored twice in seven appearances. Comfortable playing as a striker, 10 or as a winger, Bola has played for a number of sides in his career including Ashford United for whom he scored 11 goals last season in 29 appearances, ending the season as Ashford's leading scorer. He has also had spells with Margate, Enfield Town, Royston Town, St. Albans City and Sittingbourne amongst others – as well as a spell in Luxembourg playing for Union 05 Kayl-Tetange.

Joe Taylor – 33-year-old striker who started his senior career at Ramsgate in 2009 before moving to Margate. Joe went between the two clubs over the next three years including three spells for the Rams. He returned to Southwood after a gap of 11 years, during which he had spells at Sittingbourne, Farnborough, Folkestone, Margate, Ebbsfleet, Cray Wanderers, and Lewes, for whom he scored 70 goals in 90 games. During the 22/23 season he scored 30 League goals winning him the Isthmian Premier Division Golden Boot. Joe continued his impressive scoring record on his return to Ramsgate last season. He scored a total of 53 goals, 42 of them coming in the league, winning him the Golden Boot. Joe has now scored 122 goals in all competitions for the club.