

CLUB HISTORY

Hayes & Yeading United Football Club was created in May 2007 when the two clubs respective Chairmen, Derek Goodall and Philip 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.

Hayes FC was founded in 1909, as Botwell Mission, when Eileen Shackle, the teenage daughter of a wealthy land agent, encouraged the local youngsters to form a football team. The team was originally known as Botwell Mission, after the mission church that was built in memory of her grandfather, and that still stands today as part of the Hayes Library in Golden Crescent. Yeading FC was also founded with youth in mind beginning their existence in 1960 as Yeading Youth Club, started by brothers Ray and Carl Gritt.

By the time the two clubs were both in existence, Botwell Mission had changed its name to Hayes FC in June 1929 where having progressed through the Great Western Suburban League and the Spartan League they were then accepted into the Athenian League. In their first season at this level they reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup. This was notable for the fact that the club had started at the 1st qualifying round stage, and had played all its nine matches away from home, travelling an estimated 1,500 miles to places as diverse as Wisbech, Trowbridge, Stalybridge (where Northern Nomads played), and York for a semi-final against Bishop Auckland. The final was lost to Wycombe Wanderers by one goal to nil. The Athenian League was won for the only time in season 1956-57 on goal average over Finchley and the semi-final of the Amateur Cup was reached, losing to Bishop Auckland before a crowd of 32,000 at St James Park, Newcastle.

While the sixties were pretty lean for Hayes FC, the newly formed Yeading FC were starting to get noticed at a junior level, having moved to Warren Park in 1965. As Uxbridge League Premier Division Runners up in 1967 Yeading moved into the newly formed West Middlesex Combination Premier Division and having notched a league and couple double that same season joined the South West Middlesex League. That first season (1968/69) Yeading won the West Drayton Charity Cup, and more prestigiously the Middlesex Junior Cup for the first time while also securing the Division One Title. Further promotion led to back-to-back South West Middlesex Premier Division titles and in 1970/71 Yeading also won both the Middlesex Junior and Intermediate Cups. During the 1970s they won the latter five times and the former twice.

In 1971/72 Hayes FC were elected to the Isthmian League while Yeading FC earned promotion to the Middlesex League seeing Championship success in their first season (1971/72), scoring a record 122 goals in the process. Season 1972/73 saw Yeading sweep all four trophies - League and Cup - in the Middlesex League while over at Church Road Hayes FC hit the headlines with an FA Cup first round defeat of Football League side Bristol Rovers before taking Reading to a second round replay.

The eighties saw Hayes FC maintain their Isthmian League status year on year without much danger of movement up or down while Yeading FC had started their climb upwards at no mean rate of knots. The Ding moved from the Middlesex League to the Spartan League going unbeaten through 1986/87 and earning promotion to the Isthmian League Division Two South in the process. The turn of the decade saw Yeading hit the national headlines when they became the first Middlesex side to lift the FA Vase, having drawn at Wembley, they travelled to Leeds' Elland Road where they secured a 1-0 victory over Bridlington Town.

Season 1992/93 saw Yeading's meteoric rise through the leagues reach the Isthmian Premier, the first time neighbours Hayes FC and Yeading FC were to become rivals. This rivalry was to last until 1996 when Hayes FC reached the pinnacle of non-league football by winning the Isthmian League championship by one goal in a nail-biting finale which also involved Enfield, Yeovil Town and Boreham Wood. The club maintained a presence at this level for six seasons, including finishing in 3rd place in 1998-9, before suffering relegation for the first time in 2002 at which time Yeading FC had dropped out of the Isthmian Premier so the renewal of rivalry would have to wait.

Hayes FC were to become one of the founder members of the Conference South League and were soon joined by neighbours Yeading FC, renewing the rivalry for a couple of seasons before the biggest sporting news the area had seen for many years.....

Hayes and Yeading United FC – Merged rivals.

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. Looking dead and buried at 4-0 down after 50 minutes of the semi-final first leg, only a dreamer would have predicted a place in the final. Dreams do come true though and two late first leg goals and 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 Conference Premier. United more than held their own in the top flight for the first two seasons but with a much reduced budget and 5 years of ground sharing due to the late completion of the Club's new stadium, United hit the relegation trap-door in April 2012 and again in April 2016 and April 2017 before beginning its life in a new Stadium in 2017/18, losing the promotion play-off semi-final to Cambridge City at season end before a switch to the Isthmian League for 2018/19 saw United romp to the title and promotion with a 16 point advantage at season end. This was followed by two seasons being cancelled part way through due to the Covid-19 pandemic before a completed 2021/22 season saw United finish as runners-up only to fall at the final hurdle with a play-off final defeat.

Hayes & Yeading United Football Club – 2022/23

PAUL HUGHES – Manager

Paul began his career with his local side, Chelsea, and started well, scoring on his debut against Derby County with an impressive solo effort. Thereafter, however, his career was stalled by injuries, successive managers' squad rotation policies and the signing of other midfielders like Roberto Di Matteo, Gustavo Poyet and Didier Deschamps. Chelsea won the 1996–97 FA Cup; Paul was left out of the squad for the final but played in the quarter-final against Portsmouth. The following year Chelsea won the European Cup Winners Cup (1997–98) and although he played in the earlier rounds of the competition he did not make the squad for the final in Stockholm. Over the next three years he only featured in 24 more games for the club, and had loan spells with Stockport, Crewe and Norwich, scoring against Swindon Town. Paul joined Southampton, then managed by his old Chelsea manager Glenn Hoddle, on a free transfer in the summer of 2000, but due to a lengthy groin injury and subsequent change of manager, left a year later having never played a game for the Saints.

His next club was Luton Town, where he remained until May 2006, making 88 appearances and scoring seven goals for the club helping them gain promotion from League 2 and become champions of League 1. In 2012, he was appointed joint manager at Kings Langley alongside Ritchie Hanlon. The pair led Kings Langley to back to back promotions, finishing 2nd in Spartan South Midlands Division One in 2014, and then winning the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division title in 2015. Following a third consecutive promotion that saw Kings Langley FC become champions of the Southern Central Division and took the club to the Southern Premier Division and then Paul, alongside Hanlon, moved to Hayes & Yeading United in November 2016. Having been unable to stave off relegation in his first season and with Ritchie departing soon after due to personal reasons, Paul took sole control of the side and led United to the play-offs in 2017/18 where defeat to Cambridge City denied United promotion. Having switched to the newly created Isthmian South Central division for 2018/19, Paul assembled a squad that took the division by storm hitting 129 goals and going up as Champions with a sixteen point cushion as the curtain came down on proceedings. This was followed by two seasons of Southern Premier South football being cancelled part way through due to the Covid-19 pandemic before a completed 2021/22 season saw United once again hit the 100 goal mark only to finish as runners-up, falling at the final hurdle with a play-off final defeat to Farnborough at the SKYex.

JACOB ADAMS – Goalkeeper

22 year-old former Fulham under-21 goalkeeper who joined Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2022. Had successful loan spells last season with Walton Casuals where he was twice victorious against United and then with Isthmian Premier side Leatherhead. He started out with Hullbridge Sports and then played for Staines Town and East Grinstead Town before being scouted by Fulham while playing for the University of Surrey, signing his first pro deal in the summer of 2021.

DREW CHURCHWELL – Goalkeeper

20 year-old former Dorking Wanderers reserve 'keeper who initially joined United as cover in March 2022 and was subsequently signed by Westfield on dual registration which is where he ended the last campaign. Returns to United looking to challenge for the number 1 jersey for the upcoming 2022/23 campaign.

CHARLIE WASSMER - Defender

31 year-old central defender and former product of the Hayes & Yeading youth programme who impressed so much in his early Conference Premier games for United at age 19 that then leaders Crawley Town put down an offer that player nor club could refuse and Charlie became a red devil in 2011 after an initial loan spell. He made 13 appearances for Crawley before moving out on loan to both Fleetwood Town and Dagenham & Redbridge, leaving Crawley in December 2012 to join Conference Premier side Cambridge United. Returned to Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2013 before departing to join Margate in February 2014. Since

leaving Margate in 2016 he has had a couple of spells at Hampton plus some time with Woking and Billericay. Having left Hampton just after Christmas 2021, Charlie opted to return to where it all started. Returns for a full season in 2022/23.

JERRY WILTSHIRE - Defender

26 year-old central defender who joined Hayes & Yeading United in the summer of 2022 having been an integral part of the Walton Casuals side that beat United three times the previous season. Jerry's came through the youth system at Queens Park Rangers before moving across the pond to study in the United States, firstly at Bethel University where he played for the Bethel Wildcats whilst also playing club football for Memphis City and Chattanooga. He then moved to the University of West Florida where he played regularly for the West Florida Argonauts followed by club spells with Peachtree City MOBA and the Des Moines Menace. Returning to the UK in 2020, he signed for Maidenhead United before joining Walton Casuals in November 2021. He is also a current British Virgin Islands International.

KEANO ROBINSON - Defender

24 year-old versatile defender who re-joined Hayes & Yeading United in the summer of 2019 having first signed in September 2017. Pacey defender who came through the youth ranks at Peterborough United and spent some time with Sutton Common Rovers in the Combined Counties League. Showed impressive form during the 2017/18 campaign and was re-signed by Paul Hughes for the following season's campaign however limited starting opportunities led to him cutting short his tenure by signing for Cambridge City in November 2018. After missing the final part of the abruptly ended 2019/20 campaign he returned and maintained a regular place in Paul Hughes' side before the pandemic curtailed that season as well before being a regular starter during the 2021/22 campaign.

STEVE NGUNGA - Defender

Talented young defender who joined Hayes & Yeading in July 2022 from Combined Counties side Kensington & Ealing Borough after showing well during pre-season here at United. Steve is a left sided defender who has reportedly drawn attention from a number of professional clubs over the past year or so, he comes to United looking to push his career forwards by moving up a couple of levels.

CAMERON BLACK - Defender

19 year-old central defender who joined United just prior to the current campaign on a short term loan from National League side Dorking Wanderers. Came through the Academy at Meadowbank and after playing at under 18 and under 23 level he was promoted to the senior squad last season, spending some time on loan at Isthmian Premier side Leatherhead. Has already faced United during pre-season while with Hampton & Richmond Borough although it appears his scheduled loan to the Beavers did not materialise.

LUKE BROPHY - Defender

Young left sided defender who came through the PASE youth Academy at Boreham Wood during which time he became a full England Colleges international. Joined United in the summer of 2022 looking to push on in senior football, has also played for Chalfont St Peter and was last season with Egham Town

COLE BROWN – Defender / Midfielder

24 year-old right sided defender or attacking midfielder who re-joined Hayes & Yeading in January 2022 from National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough. While progressing through the youth ranks here at United, he made his debut as a 16 year-old in the Middlesex Charity Cup against Harrow Borough before being promoted into the first team squad the next season, making his National League South debut at Bishop's Stortford. Was a regular during season 2016/17 before opting to switch to Uxbridge in the summer of 2017. From Uxbridge he moved to Hendon and then Walton Casuals before settling at Hampton & Richmond in 2019. Looks to be a key player for United this season due to his pace and versatility.

DAN WISHART – Defender / Midfielder

30 year-old left sided defender or wing-back who returned to United in the summer of 2022 for a fourth spell having ended last season on loan to National League South side Hemel Hempstead from National League side Wealdstone. Dan was a product of the Club's former F.E.D.O. youth scheme who went on to make 109 appearances for United before securing a transfer to Conference Premier side Alfreton Town in August 2013, from whom he was then loaned back to United for a couple of games. Made his original first team debut in October 2009 as a 17 year-old coming on as a substitute against Staines Town in the Middlesex Senior Cup before making his Conference Premier bow in February 2010 at Histon. From Alfreton he moved back to United for a short while before moving to Sutton United in November 2014 where he was instrumental in their promotion to the National League the following season. After an impressive start to the 2016/17 campaign he was snapped up by Forest Green Rovers. He returned to Sutton in the summer of 2018 and then joined Maidstone United in November 2018 staying with them until the end of the first Covid curtailed season 2019/20. In the summer of 2020 he joined Wealdstone and was subsequently loaned to Hemel Hempstead in November 2021 before his release by the Stones in the summer whereby he returned to United.

JAKE SHEPPARD – Defender / Midfielder

25 year-old defender or midfield player who joined United on a permanent deal in September 2020 for his third spell at the club having last joined in November 2019 on dual registration from Wealdstone, four years after originally arriving on a youth loan from Reading where he was a second year scholar. Jake was originally a full-back but seems to have found his niche as a midfielder since leaving Reading for Wealdstone in the summer of 2018. He has a lot of pace and is a powerful, no nonsense player who whips crosses in and has added goalscoring to his game as well. He has also had loan spells with Guiseley and Dagenham & Redbridge while at Reading. Has represented Scotland at under-17 level, scoring on his debut against Belgium with his first touch and at under-21 level. Having missed all of the last campaign after getting injured early on in United's opening game, Jake will be looking to complete his rehabilitation and get back to doing what he does best as soon as possible this term.

SANMI ODELUSI - Midfielder

29 year-old defensive midfielder who joined Hayes & Yeading in February 2020 from Romford. Sanmi started his career in the youth ranks at Queens Park Rangers, Reading and finally Bolton Wanderers for whom he signed professional terms, going on to make 6 league appearances for the Trotters while also having loan spells with MK Dons and Coventry City. In 2015 he signed for Wigan and then had further loan spells with Rochdale and Blackpool before moving on to play for Colchester United and Cheltenham Town. In the summer of 2019 he joined National League side FC Halifax Town and on leaving them he moved to South Shields in October 2019. After initially "retiring" at the end of December 2019 to concentrate on coaching, he returned to playing with Romford before moving to United a short time later to continue his playing career where he impressed in his few appearances before both campaigns were curtailed. Last season he was able to show his obvious quality in the United side although injuries did limit his appearances.

AMOS NASHA - Midfielder

26 year-old midfielder who signed for Hayes & Yeading in October 2020 having spent time the previous season with Dartford, Dulwich Hamlet and Salisbury before ending that campaign at East Thurrock United. Started out in the youth system at West Ham United, making one first team appearance for the Hammers in the Europa League against FC Lusitanos before moving on briefly to Dover Athletic from whom he joined Concord Rangers. After two seasons with Concord he signed for Chelmsford City before moving on again after one season whereby he joined Dartford. Scored his first United goal in November 2020 against Carlisle United in the FA Cup which was to be United's last game of the pandemic curtailed 2020/21 season. Proved to be an integral part of United's push to the play-offs last season with his non-stop energy and commitment endearing him to the United faithful.

PAUL HODGES – Midfielder

Experienced 29 year-old midfield playmaker who joined Hayes & Yeading in August 2022 having been part of the Farnborough side that pipped United to promotion last season. He started out with Abbey Rangers in the Combined Counties League, before helping Hartley Wintney rise up the non-league pyramid. His form with them earned a move to Woking where he helped them gain promotion back to Non-League's top flight in the 2019/20 season and spent the majority of the next season playing in the National League. A move to Slough Town followed in February 2020 before re-joining Woking during the Covid-hit 2020/21 season, before returning to Slough Town. Joined Farnborough at the start of last season and was an integral part of their side throughout the campaign.

WILSON CARVALHO – Midfielder

Experienced 29 year-old winger who joined United on the dawn of the current campaign having been with Walton Casuals last season. Born in Lisbon, Portugal, Wilson spent his youth years with Fulham, Stevenage and Port Vale having loan spells from the latter with Hemel Hempstead, Corby and Ilkeston. Joined Corby Town for the 2014/15 season, helping them to the Southern Premier title with a double spell at Kettering Town interspersed with a short time at Oxford City to follow. In 2018 he joined Stratford Town and was once again a winner, helping them to lift the Southern League Cup. Joined Accrington Stanley in July 2019, making his Football League debut the following month. Moved to Macclesfield Town in September 2020 however they were wound up soon after and he joined Hampton & Richmond Borough. Started the last campaign with Hendon prior to joining Walton Casuals in November 2021.

ROMEY MEODED – Midfielder

18 year-old midfielder who joined Hayes & Yeading United's under 18s during the summer of 2020 and having showed well during first team pre-season he earned himself a place in Paul Hughes' first team squad. With the 2020/21 season being severely curtailed, Romey did not make his debut until August 2021, coming on as a substitute against Taunton Town. Spent time away on loan last season to gain experience and will be looking to push for a more regular spot in the United squad this season.

MANNY ADEBIYI – Midfielder

21 year-old central midfielder who joined Hayes & Yeading in March 2022 from Southern League Central Division side Colney Heath and moved immediately to Westfield on dual registration to get some game time. Started out as a youngster with Watford playing at under 18 and under 23 levels. After leaving the Hornets he signed for St Albans City before moving on to Enfield Town. Last season Manny played for both Aylesbury United and Colney Heath. Will be looking to push his way into the first team this season here at United.

JAMIE HANLON – Midfielder

18 year-old midfielder or attacking player who joined Hayes & Yeading United midway through the 2019/20 season. A much sought after talent who has spent time with Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur. Made his Hayes & Yeading debut in January 2020 as a 16 year-old and at that point became the youngest ever player to make a first team appearance for United, adding two further appearances from the bench by season end. Jamie last season became the clubs youngest ever League goalscorer when he netted against Swindon Supermarine on the opening day only to suffer a season ending injury two games later at Yate Town. Has worked extremely hard on his rehabilitation since and is hoping for a return to action in the near future.

MOSES EMMANUEL – Striker

Vastly experienced striker who joined Hayes & Yeading during the summer of 2021 from National League side Wealdstone. Started out with Croydon Athletic before being snapped up by Brentford in 2008, making nine appearances for the Bees before moving to Woking in 2010 following a successful loan spell. After Woking he had spells with Eastleigh, Dover, Bromley, Sutton, Billericay and Welling before joining Wealdstone in January 2020, helping them to the National League South title and then scoring their first National League goal last season,

before being furloughed due to the on-going pandemic. In just his second appearance for the club, Moses became the first ever United player to score four goals in a single League game in a 6-2 win at Hendon. A feat he was to repeat in January 2022 against Wimborne Town at the SKYex on his way to netting a club record 41 goals in the season while also lifting the Southern Premier South Golden Boot at the end of season League awards night.

MO BETTAMER – Striker

Experienced striker who re-joined Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2022 having had a short spell with the club in 2011/12. Mo came through the Academy ranks at Watford before settling with Spartan League side London Tigers from whom he originally joined United. On departure from United he played for North Greenford and had another spell at London Tigers before joining Hampton. From there he moved to Libya and spent 3 seasons with Al-Ahly Benghazi however due to the civil war football was suspended for the final two seasons of his contract. Upon his release he returned to the UK for a lengthy spell at Staines Town before signing for Braintree in 2018. This was followed by a spell with Barnet before he settled in with Aldershot Town where he spent 3 years, ending with a loan spell at Maidstone United and his subsequent release in the summer. Mo had been capped by Libya at under 17, 18 and 23 levels, before making a goalscoring senior debut against Equatorial Guinea in 2020.

ADE ADEYEMO – Striker

Versatile striker who joined Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2022 from Isthmian South East division side Cray Valley (PM). Nicknamed "Toks", he spent 2 years at the Millwall Development College before playing for Fisher at the age of 18. After playing for Beckenham Town for a short time, Ade went to University for 4 years before joining Cray Valley in the summer of 2020, making an immediate impact with 4 goals in his 12 appearances.

FLORIAN ENVOUDOU ADA – Striker

18 year-old striker who joined Hayes & Yeading in July 2022 after showing well during pre-season here at United. Last season he played first team football in the Combined Counties League for Langley FC and he was also part of the under-18 set-up at North Greenford United, finding the net seventeen times in his fifteen appearances at Berkeley Fields.

AYO FANIYAN – Striker

21 year-old Nigeria born striker or winger who joined Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2022 after showing well during pre-season. Ayo was a product of the youth system at Reading where he was consistently top scorer for his age group and he even played for their under 23 side aged just 15. After his departure from Reading he had a lengthy but sadly unsuccessful trial with Premier League side West Ham United. Following his trial with the Hammers he moved into the non-league game by joining Hertford Town however his time there was disrupted by the pandemic and he then left to join Tooting & Mitcham United in January 2022.

BRUNO TAVARES – Striker

Striker or winger who joined United just prior to the current campaign having spent last season with Hungerford Town and then Royston Town. Started out with Rayners Lane following by a spell with Chalfont St Peter before spending time with Enfield Borough. Played in a pre-season match for Swindon Town last season and after scoring against Hungerford, he was then signed by the National League South outfit, moving to Royston part way through the campaign.