

Merstham FC – Player Profiles 2024/25

Jamie Decruz

Manager Jamie started his managerial career at Sutton United where he was first the U18s manager and from there he progressed to the U23s, before gaining experience working with the first team. In 2021, Jamie took the reins at Colliers Wood United. He gave the club their highest finish in 20 years. In the summer of 2023, he joined Kingstonian as their assistant manager, before accepting the Merstham job at the end of September. His first game in charge will live long in the memory. 3-0 down at half time at home to Beckenham, the Moatsiders roared back to win 4-3. A hugely popular figure at the Moatside.

Rob Tolfey

Goalkeeper. Keeper Rob is a genuine Isthmian League legend. Last Easter, Rob made his six hundred and fiftieth appearance for the K's and he was already the clubs record appearance holder. He made thirty-three of those appearances last season, and still had time to play a match on loan at Raynes Park Vale. He previously played for Horsham, way back in the mists of time, but signed for the K's in November 2009 and the rest is history.

Endurance Johnson

Goalkeeper. Endurance was at Kingstonian with Jamie Decruz and the Merstham boss was quick to add him to the first team squad. Endurance started his career in Brentford's development squad at the age of 15 before signing for Colchester United. He was with the Essex side for three years, signing for Hampton and Richmond Borough at the start of last season. For most of the season Endurance was on loan with Sutton Common Rovers.

Ollie Khinda

Defender. Ollie joined us last season on loan from Sutton United and quickly displayed his versatility by playing both as a holding midfielder and right back at various times during the campaign. Ollie was also voted Players Player of the Year and boss Jamie Decruz was delighted when Ollie signed for us permanently in the summer.

Dean Gunner

Defender. A commanding central defender with vast experience, Dean was part of the Merstham side that won promotion to the Isthmian Premier in 2014-15 and then did the same with Dorking Wanderers in 2016-17. He re-signed for us last season after being at Haywards Heath. He has a great deal of experience at this level, turning out for Three Bridges, Horsham YMCA, Whyteleafe, Greenwich Borough, Chipstead, Sevenoaks and East Grinstead Town.

Matt Drage

Defender. Matt joined us at the tail end of last season from K's and made his debut in an away win at Hythe Town. Matt spent most of last season at Kingstonian, making thirty-eight appearances. He joined the club from Hartley Wintney, where he had spent four seasons. Earlier in his career he was a big part of the Dulwich Hamlet squad, making an incredible fifty-

four appearances as they reached the Premier Division Play Off Final in 2015/16. The following season, he played fifty times as Hamlet again fell in the Play Off Final.

Harry Pointing

Defender. A commanding central defender, with great potential. One of the modern breed of centre backs, very comfortable with the ball at his feet. Harry was dual registered with Walton & Hersham last season, but made the move to the Moatside permanent after Christmas.

Harry Murphy

Defender. A left back with a lot of grit and determination, Harry was one of Jamie's first signings when he took the job last season. Harry joined us from Kingstonian where Jamie had been the assistant manager. He previously played for Decruz at Colliers Wood United.

Jude Malloy

Defender. Jude signed for Merstham last January and quickly made the left back position his own. Defensively sound, he also gets up and down the left flank to offer an attacking option with his buccaneering runs. The ex-Walton & Hersham and Leatherhead defender joined us from South Park.

Charlie Greenwood

Midfield. A fans' favourite, Charlie returned to the Moatside last season on loan from K's as he recuperated from injury, before making the move permanent. Charlie's first joined Merstham at the start of the 21/22 season from Sevenoaks and impressed, despite the club being relegated from the Isthmian Premier. Charlie decided to move to East Grinstead, before signing for K's. Everyone at the Moatside was delighted to see the return of the midfield maestro last term. A high-energy, all-action midfielder who regularly contributes goals and assists.

Lee Lewis

Midfield. Lee joined us in January 2023 from Erith & Belvedere and quickly became a vital cog in midfield, with his powerful running and blistering shooting from distance. Scored one of the goals of the season last year at Phoenix Sports from all of 30 yards. Started his career at Cray Wanderers and also had spells at Chertsey and Kingstonian.

Billy Oram

Midfield. One of Jamie Decruz's first signings, Billy moved to the Moatside from Isthmian South-Central side Badshot Lea. He quickly established himself as an integral part of the midfield and a fans' favourite. An attacking midfielder who has the vision and ability to pick a pass. His first season at the Moatside was disrupted by a knee injury, which ruled him out for a couple of months. Also renowned for his pre game meal!

Sam King

Midfield. Sam is another close season signing from South Park Reigate, where he had a fine 23-24, playing forty-seven times, scoring fifteen goals, and assisting many more. He scored the winner as the Sparks lifted the Surrey Senior Cup at the end of the campaign. He played thirty-

three times for the Sparks- with six goals- during 22-23, and eleven times with four goals after making his debut in February 2022. His work rate and quality on the ball impressed everyone in pre-season.

Olu Lawal

Forward. Olu joined Merstham this summer from St Albans City City where he came through their Academy programme. Olu Lawal made 9 appearances for the Saints last season before being loaned out to Berkhamsted FC on a dual registration agreement until the end of the season. The wide man has blistering pace and an eye for goal.

Ben Senior

Forward. Ben joined the Moatsiders last October from Cobham where he won the Players Player, Managers and Supporters Player of the Season in 2022/23. Has also had spells at South Park and Sutton Common Rovers. A whole-hearted player who never gives less than 100%.

Korrey Henry

Forward. Korrey became a fans' favourite when Frank Wilson signed him for the Moatsiders. He formed a prolific partnership with John Ufuah and the two were banging in goals for fun before Carshalton came calling and signed the striker. He started his career in West Ham United's U18's and also has had spells at Yeovil, Poole, Braintree, Bromley & Dulwich Hamlet. Last season was disrupted by injury. Merstham's fans will be hoping the big striker can stay fit this season.

Aidan Brown

Forward. Aidan joined Merstham in pre-season from South Park Reigate. Last season he played forty-five times and scored seventeen goals- including a Velocity Cup hat trick against...Merstham. In between his two spells as a Spark, he turned out for Bedfont Sports, where he managed five goals in twenty matches. Previously a youth player with Sutton United, he has also spent time at Raynes Park Vale and with East Grinstead.

Abel Vendrells

Forward. Abel had a debut to remember last February, when the Moatsiders defeated the then league leaders Ramsgate 2-0 in front of 1200 people. Earlier in the season, he also played down the road at Chipstead, featuring ten times with one goal, and prior to his time as a Chip, he was at Carshalton Athletic making six appearances and scoring once. The previous season he made twenty-three appearances for South Park Reigate. He has also spent time at Bedfont Sports, Welling United and Egham Town.