**Merstham FC – Player Profiles**

**Frank Wilson**

Manager. Frank joined Merstham at the start on the 2019/20 season and had his work cut out after the entire first team squad left to join Kingstonian in the summer. Best known for his spell at Tooting & Mitcham where he won the old Division One South title in the 2016-17 campaign and also led the club to the London Senior Cup.

**Matte Pierson**

Goalkeeper. Matte was a trainee at Brentford and signed for Hampton & Richmond, before Frank Wilson took him on loan at Tooting & Mitcham and then made the move permanent in 2016. Matte was one of Frank Wilson’s first signings at the Moatside and justified the manager’s faith in him by winning the Player of The Year award last season.

**James Richmond**

Defender. A tall, strong, commanding defender with vast experience at Step 3. James was one of Frank Wilson's first signings at Merstham. He originally signed James towards the end of 18/19 Season, during his brief spell at Kingstonian, bringing the experienced defender over from Burgess Hill Town, where James had been a key figure for the previous 3 seasons.

**Sol Patterson-Bohner**

Defender. Sol worked with Frank Wilson during his time with the Terriers. A rugged, uncompromising and vastly experienced defender whose previous clubs include Whyteleafe, Walton Casuals, Walton & Hersham, Leatherhead and Dulwich Hamlet. Joined Merstham in the close season.

**EJ Mensah**

Defender. A versatile defender, who is nominally a central defender but is equally at home at full back where he has started the season. Started his senior career as a scholar at Barnet, before spells at Braintree and Hitchin. He joined Merstham at the start of last season.

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**Luke Igg**

Defender. Luke arrived at the Moatside on a month’s loan from Colchester United’s academy last January. He made an excellent impression in the right-back berth and the loan was extended before the season was halted prematurely. Quick, strong and good in the air, Frank Wilson was delighted when the defender signed permanently for the Moatsiders in the summer.

**Bertie Lloyd**

Defender. Bertie joined Merstham in pre-season after completing his degree in Biology at Bristol University. Originally spotted by Tonbridge Angels, the tall centre-back joined Merstham after a deal was reached with the Angels.

**Elliott Bolton**

Midfield. Signed on loan from AFC Wimbledon’s Academy, which he joined at the age of 7. Elliot has two good feet and has the ability to spot a pass when under pressure. Has impressed in pre-season.

**Ryan Healy**

Midfield. An experienced midfielder and another who joined Merstham in pre-season. Spent three years at Carshalton before spells at Westfields and South Park.

**Joedon Gougas**

Midfield. Young wide-man who joined the Moatsiders in pre-season from Tonbridge Angels with Bertie Lloyd.

**Calvin Ekpiteta**

Midfield. Calvin signed in January and scored on his debut after coming on as a sub against Bowers & Pitsea. The winger signed from Aveley after a spell at National League South side East Thurrock United. Calvin also had stints at Bishop's Stortford, Oxford United, Dartford and Grays Athletic. A strong, powerful player with an eye for goal.

**Omar Folkes**

Forward. Omar is a familiar face to Merstham supporters, having spent the 2016/17 campaign at the Moatside. Omar is another player that played under boss Frank Wilson at Tooting and spent three seasons with the Terriers. He re-joined the Moatsiders for the 2019/20 season.

**Yannick Monga**

Forward/Midfield. French-born Yannick is comfortable both in midfield and up-front. Began his career at Carquefou in France, before joining FSV Luckenwalde in Germany. Moved to England and had a spell at East Thurrock United before joining the Moatsiders last term.

**Bobby Mills**

Forward. Bobby began his career at Crystal Palace before joining AFC Wimbledon and was a prolific goal-scorer for the club’s under 18s side. Joined Bromley from the Dons and had a loan spell at Hampton. Joined the Moatsiders just before the lockdown ended the season prematurely.

**Dylan Cascoe**

Forward. Dylan joined the Moatsiders in pre-season. Had a short spell in the US with the Atlanta Silverbacks. Previous clubs include Leatherhead, Walton Casuals, Harrow Borough and most recently Westfield.

**Karim Kamhouri**

Midfield/Forward. Another close season signing. Karim has played for Banstead, Horley Town, Carshalton Athletic mainly as an Under 23. He then had spells at Staines Town and Stevenage.

**Shola Ayoola**

Forward. Shola started out at Dublin-based Cherry Orchard FC before being spotted and signed by Stoke City in 2015. After impressing in their Under-16’s, he appeared for under-23’s where he made his debut against Newcastle United. Although used mainly as a substitute, Shola racked up a total of ten appearances, scoring three goals. Despite being born in Ibadan, Nigeria he’s represented the Republic of Ireland at Under-18 level. He joined the Moatsiders from Worthing last December and finished the truncated campaign as leading goal scorer.

**Barry Hayles**

Forward/Assistant Manager. Barry began his career in the Spartan League with Willesden Hawkeye before playing for Stevenage Borough, Bristol Rovers, Fulham, Sheffield United, Millwall, Plymouth Argyle, Leicester City, Cheltenham Town, St Albans City, Arlesey Town, Truro City, before player/coach roles at Chesham United and Windsor. Barry made over 200 appearances during his spell at Fulham, scoring 44 league goals and helping them to two promotions. He was capped ten times by Jamaica at international level.