

## **Merstham FC – Player Profiles 2022/23**

### **Peter Adeniyi**

**Player/Manager.** Peter returned to the club in July and is well-known to Merstham fans, having played at the Moatside under Hayden Bird and was a key figure in the 2014/15 season, when the Moatsiders gained promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division for the first time. Peter has been Player/Manager at Carshalton Athletic for the previous six seasons. He led them into the Isthmian Premier Division by winning the South Division in 2017/18 season. They finished second the following season, losing out in the play-offs (to Merstham!) and in recent seasons under his leadership, the Robins have always been in the play-off mix.

### **Joe Ringer**

**Goalkeeper.** A talented young keeper who has impressed in pre-season. Joe came through the youth ranks at Wealdstone. Previous clubs include Edgware Town, Northwood and Broadfields United.

### **Michael Kamara**

**Defender/Player/Coach.** A commanding central defender with vast experience. Michael will be one of Peter's player/coaches and currently coaches at Crystal Palace. Previous clubs include: Woking, Farnborough, Dulwich Hamlet, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Dover Athletic, Carshalton Athletic, Boreham Wood, Staines Town, Fisher Athletic, AFC Wimbledon and Crystal Palace.

### **Aziz Sankoh**

**Defender.** Energetic left back. Aziz made twenty six appearances for the Robins last season, and rejoins his former boss Peter Adeniyi at the Moatside. That was his only season at Colston Avenue, as he was signed by Adeniyi from Cray Valley PM, where he played both Under 23 and a little senior football.

### **Jamal Abubakari**

**Defender.** The central defender joins the Moatsiders from Dulwich Hamlet on dual registration.

### **Rory Dacosta**

**Defender.** Central defender Rory played alongside former Hanworth Villa teammate Michael Kamara last term. Rory played Isthmian youth football with Bedfont Sports many moons ago, and also spent time not too far away with Hayes and Yeading United. He also turned out for Egham Town, and joined Villa in early September, playing an important part in their promotion push.

### **Charlie Alexiou**

**Defender.** Charlie started at Carshalton's Academy, where he went on to gain experience in a loan spell at South Park. He later had a successful spell at Sutton Common Rovers, when he then joined Loughborough University's highly rated football team.

### **Michael Aziaya**

**Midfield.** He previously played at Eastbourne Borough and Dartford, but will be better known to Isthmian League watchers from his time at Hastings United and Carshalton Athletic- he was a big part of the Robins squad that earned promotion from the South Division in 2017-18. Was at Sevenoaks Town last season.

### **Siao Blackwood**

**Midfield.** Siao ended last season at Faversham Town, but has played for a number of our clubs. Prior to his time as a Lilywhite he was with Ashford Town last season, and indeed played thirty seven times. He has also been at Grays Athletic, VCD Athletic, Crystal Palace, Aldershot Town, AFC Wimbledon, Ashford United, Three Bridges, Aveley and Chatham Town.

### **Malakai Hyman**

**Midfield.** Young midfielder and another signing from the Robins during the summer.

### **Alpha Diallo**

**Midfield.** The central midfielder joins the Moatsiders from Dulwich Hamlet on dual registration.

### **Lewes Barker Bateman**

**Midfield.** Lewes re-joins Merstham having been the skipper of our very successful U18s. One of Kevin D'Arcy's first signings for our Development Squad and is pushing for a first team berth.

### **Anton Vorukov**

**Midfield.** Anton Vorukov makes a familiar trip, being the latest player to sign from boss Peter Adeniyi's former club, Carshalton Athletic. The midfielder made his first team debut for the Robins in March, playing in a two-two Surrey Senior Cup draw against Corinthian-Casuals, and also appeared in the narrow league defeat against Bognor Regis Town. He also played Under 19 football for the Robins, and Under 18 football for Balham.

### **Malachi Morris**

**Midfield.** The midfielder joins the Moatsiders from Dulwich Hamlet on dual registration.

### **Lorenzo Lewis**

**Forward.** Lorenzo played twenty six times last season for Lancing and was instrumental in the Lancers retaining their Pitching In South East status. He also scored three important goals, including an eighty-eighth minute winner in a pulsating four-three win over Three Bridges. Prior to his time as a Lancer, Lorenzo played for Oxford City, Carshalton Athletic and Lingfield.

### **Raheem Sterling-Parker**

**Forward.** Raheem also previously played for his new boss at Carshalton, but he has played elsewhere since then. The forward made ten appearances for Cray Valley PM last season, the last of them coming in April. He also spent time with Chipstead during the last campaign, his second spell as a Chip. Earlier in his career he played for Harrow Borough and Enfield Town, then joined Carshalton Athletic in the summer of 2017 after impressing manager Adeniyi by

scoring two goals against his side for Chipstead. He hit thirteen for Carshalton as they won promotion to the Premier Division during his first season at the club. He has spent time with VCD Athletic and in Sussex, playing for East Grinstead Town, Haywards Heath Town and Hastings United.

**Ore Bello**

**Forward.** Came through the Academy at Colston Avenue and emerged into the first team limelight last season, making eight appearances and scoring two goals- both of them against Corinthian-Casuals, in separate matches and different competitions. The striker played against Merstham in the final match of last season, starting as the Robins won two-one.

**Bryan Zepo**

**Forward.** The forward joins the Moatsiders from Lewisham Borough FC. He also had a spell at Northern Ireland side, Dundela FC.