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**Combined Counties League Premier Division:** 

Runners-up: 2018-19

**Combined Counties League Division One:** Champions 2009–10: Runners-up: 2012–13

#### **CUP HONOURS**

**Combined Counties League Cherry Red Records** 

**Premier Challenge Cup:** 

Winners: 2018-19

Combined Counties League Division One Cup:

Runners-up: 2008-09

**Middlesex County League Premier Division** 

**Cup:** Runners-up: 2007–08

Southern Combination Challenge Cup: Winners: 2016–17; Runners up: 2018–19

**Surrey Premier Cup:** Runners-up: 2009–10

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# **WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN**

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports Arena for todays Isthmian South Central league fixture.

We would like to welcome today's opponents Corinthian Casuals FC. We hope their players officials and supporters have a pleasant short stay with us this afternoon.

We would also like to welcome e todays match officials, referee Mr Daniel Malyon and his assistants Mr Thomas Berry and Mr Tom Simmons, we hope they also enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

Casuals come to us currently sitting in 20th spot in the table, with 12 points from 22 games, and are on a 10 game winless run, their last league victory coming back in November when they defeated Hanworth Villa 1-0.

They are though are a different animal now though, with a new manager in the highly rated Paul Barnes, and a host of new players, including a couple of lads who have turned out for us. Goalkeeper Daniel O'Donovan making two appearances, and forward Nebay Haile wearing the yellow and green on five occasions.

They will undoubtedly provide a stiff test for the lads, and we must hope it is the SCR of trips to Raynes Park Vale and Chertsey that we see today, and not the SCR of Guernsey and Marlow.

I have to be honest of all the sides we play, Casuals hold a special place in my heart, having spent five seasons there in the late 80's/early 90's, so for us to be hosting them in a league fixture is wonderful. They have always been the side who's result I look for first and I have always wanted them to do well, until this season of course, when they look to be one of seven sides fighting out the relegation spaces.

We have already met at Kings George's Field, back in September, when goals from Antonio Simeone, Gabriel Odunaike, Nabeel Ghannam, Charlie Martin and Courtney Swaby gave us a 5-0 win.

Our last performance was symptomatic of our season. A solid first half against a more than decent Marlow side saw us go in level at the break, and spurning a golden chance to take a lead into the break when we blazed a penalty over the bar. The second half saw a shocking ten minute spell in which we conceded three avoidable goals on our way to a 3-0 defeat. Hugely frustrating as we were well in the contest at the break.

We were due to be playing Leatherhead last weekend, but that game, as many will have seen on Twitter was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The U18's were back in league action on Wednesday night, when they hosted league leaders Welling Utd. Having won the reverse fixture 8-2, hopes were high that the lads could get their title push back on track. Alas it was not to be and the lads slipped to a 3-2 defeat that leaves their title hopes on a knife edge.

Enough from me, enjoy the game and have safe trips home.



# TODAYS OPPONENTS

# **CORINTHIAN-CASUALS**

**FORMED: 1939** 

**NICKNAME: Corinth / Casuals** 



Hidden away in the suburbs of south-west London is King George's Field, home to one of the most significant clubs in the history of world football: Corinthian-Casuals.

Today Corinthian-Casuals are the leading amateur club in English football, plying their trade in the otherwise semi-professional Isthmian League Premier Division — the seventh tier of English football. Yet they can lay claim to a heritage as impressive as almost any team in the land. The club in its modern guise was formed in 1939 as the result of a merger between two grand old amateur clubs, Corinthian FC and Casuals FC, and it was the first of those famous teams that are often credited with popularising football around the world.

The Corinthians were founded in 1882, specifically with the England national team in mind. The FA suits were tired of seeing Scotland get the better of their team and, after noting that many of the Scottish internationals were taken from one particular side, Queens Park, they set about starting a team that could act as a launching pad for the England national side. In September 1882, an administrator called Nicholas Lane Jackson, known as 'Pa' to his players, gathered the best footballers in his contacts book in a small room on the third floor of Number 28 Paternoster Row, under gaslight in the shadow of St Pauls cathedral.

The plan worked: it wasn't long before England were handing out trouncings to Scotland on a regular basis. In fact, in those early days the Corinthians provided the entire England XI for two international matches, in 1894 and 1895. Yet they stood for much more than that. In 1884, the first-ever black international footballer – Scotland full-back Andrew Watson – chose to represent the Corinthians when he moved to England. There were characters everywhere you looked at the club in those days. The team's captain during the late Victorian period was Charles Wreford-Brown, a charismatic centre-half who is often credited with having coined the term "soccer" when he used it as an abbreviation of "association football". The Corinthian team didn't believe in professionalism or in entering league and cup competitions, but they often played the FA Cup winners in a forerunner of the Community Shield and they were the most popular opponents when the top professional teams were looking to bring the crowds through the gate. In a sense, the were the first global superstars of football. In 1904, for example, the Corinthians defeated Manchester United 11-3 in an exhibition match in Leyton, east London which remains the Red Devils' record defeat.

Corinthians played with a stylish swagger, so much so that Real Madrid decided to adopt white jerseys in their honour. They also took football round the world, touring in South Africa, Canada, the United States, South America and across Europe, including Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Denmark and Germany.

The Corinthians' most obvious stamp on modern football is a legacy of their 1910 tour of Brazil, during which their performances so impressed the locals in Sao Paulo that they formed their own club of the same name. Corinthians Paulista went on to become one of the best-supported and most successful clubs in Brazilian football, winning the World Club Championship as recently as 2012, when they defeated Chelsea in the final.



A further to trip to Brazil was aborted upon the team's arrival in 1914, owing to the outbreak of the First World War.

# **TODAYS OPPONENTS**



After hearing the news, the players made the decision to return home immediately. Devastatingly, more than 100 former players of the Corinthians and the Casuals lost their lives in the war.

In 1939, the Corinthians merged with Casuals FC to form Corinthian-Casuals, wearing the pink-and- chocolate shirts of the Casuals, who had their own proud history. They were a strong force in the early amateur game, runners up in the first FA Amateur Cup Final in 1894, founder members of the Isthmian League in 1905, first holders of the A.F.A Senior Cup in 1907 and winners of the Amateur Cup in 1936. The newly merged Corinthian-Casuals reached the FAAmateur Cup final in 1956, with England cricket star Micky Stewart among their number, but after drawing at Wembley were defeated by Bishop Auckland in a replay at Middlesbrough. They reached the semi-final the following year, but after this high point, the club

slipped into a long decline, a rare moment of success seeing them reach the FA Cup first round in 1965/66, where Watford won 5-1. 1988 was a truly historic year, as the club returned to Brazil, where they faced a Corinthians legends side featuring Brazilian greats Rivellino and Socrates. Indeed, Socrates played for both sides, pulling on the pink and brown of the Casuals midway through the second half, in a moment that has gone down

in Corinthian folklore.

The new Millennium brought plenty more historic adventures for the Corinthian-Casuals. They visited Brazil again in 2001 and, in 2007, were invited to play at the newly reopened Wembley Stadium to celebrate 125 years of Corinthian football. Then, in 2015, they finally played the Corinthians Paulista first team for the only time in the two clubs' history (pic below). 30,000 people turned up for the momentous occasion in the Corinthians Arena after the English amateur side had been greeted at Sao Paulo airport by crowds of singing supporters. The game ended 3-0 to the Brazilian side, but there was great excitement when Jamie Byatt swapped jerseys with Corinthians captain Danilo and played the last few minutes of the game in the white and black jersey of our Paulista brothers.

It was a symbol of the rejuvenation of the Corinthian-Casuals, who have gone from strength to strength in recent years. In 2018, after two years of pushing, they achieved promotion to the Isthmian Premier – the highest level the club has reached – and retained their status despite being the only amateur team at that level of English football.

#### **Honours**

Spartan League
Senior Division champions 1985–86
League Cup winners 1994–95
Surrey Senior Cup
Winners 1953–54, 2010–11
Victory Cup
Winners 1966–67
Egri Erbstein Tournament
Winners 2019



#### Records

Highest league position: 5th in the Isthmian League, 1953–54, 1959–60

Best FA Cup performance: First round, 1965–66, 1983–84 Best FA Amateur Cup performance: Finalists, 1955–56 Best FA Trophy performance: Second round, 2002–03 Best FA Vase performance: Fifth round, 1983–84

Most appearances: Simon Shergold, 526 (I played in his debut; Ed) Most goals: Cliff West, 215 (Loved this guy, what a legend: Ed)

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# MATCH REPORT

# **V MARLOW**

In the opening minutes, Danny Divine pushes a great ball down the right side for Matt Feeney-Hill. A delightful dummy, from the Rovers no8, wrong-foots the Marlow defender, giving Feeney-Hill time to cross back to the edge of the penalty area. Aaron Jenkins cues his shot but is blocked, spinning out for a Rovers throw. Daryl Coleman takes, delivering deep into the box, but didn't quite fall in our favour and is partially cleared. Noah Africa drives the loose ball back into the box, but again the danger is swept away.

On a Marlow break, Antonio Simeone defends deep on our left, with no choice but to concede a throw-in. Elijah Oladunjoye takes, and Coleman heads clear giving Marlow a throw on the opposite side, again taken by Oladunjoye. Tariq Straker, this time, glances a header away across the face of the goal for a corner. Meeting the high ball into the box Dawid Rogalski just heads wide of the post. From the goal-kick, Khalid Simmo and Rogalski press forward into the Rovers penalty area, but Brown smothers their chances. Brown's distribution to Straker, is pushed forward to Nabeel Ghannam, creating havoc on the left. He does well to wriggle past the Marlow defence, but his pass to Jenkins is intercepted. Brandon Curtis and Kai Hamilton-Olise then press on their right, Straker blocking the cross. From the Oladunjoye throw, Benjamin Mulley just heads wide. Nip and tuck.

From a Straker throw-in on our left, Max Oldham beats his man, bursts into the box, and fires a great shot on goal, but it's deflected out for a corner. Coleman's delivery finds Bertie Lloyd on the far post, but his header across goal is

Oshane Brown Tariq Straker **Daryl Coleman Antonio Simeone Bertie Lloyd** Maxwell Oldham Matthew Feeney-Hill Nabeel Ghannam **Aaron Jenkins** Noah Africa **Danny Divine Matthew Tanton Lindell Stewart** Ben Holden Samuel Williams Christopher Alhassan

nodded clear. Africa heads back into the danger zone, Marlow somehow clear it away for a throw. Again, Coleman's throw is asking questions of the Marlow defence, but still they get it away. Africa again picks up the loose ball, and threads a neat pass in to Ghannam, who turns onto his right foot and shoots, the keeper Aaron Watkins getting down to it before it whistles inside the right post. Closest anyone has got up to this point in the game.

From Watkins' distribution, Khalid Simmo finds himself just outside the Rovers penalty area, his shot blocked by Lloyd, spinning out for a corner. Again Lloyd clears, but Rovers are pinned back in their own half. Brown tips away a great Marlow cross, and Divine sweeps the ball on to Jenkins, who is pulled down on the halfway line. From the free kick and after a good spell of pressure from Rovers, Straker passes down the Rovers' left finding Oldham, who jinxes his way into the box. Passing back out to Africa, who in turn sets up Ghannam, but the ball didn't sit up favourably and he wasn't able to get his shot away cleanly. On the recycle, Simeone is brought down, but Coleman's free kick is just too long.

A Marlow free kick outside the Rovers penalty area is slammed into the wall by Curtis. Masters crosses the loose ball, which Brown gathers unchallenged.

The half hour brought with it a pivotal moment for Rovers. Lloyd threads a through ball to Jenkins, who turns past his man into the Marlow box and is brought down, the Referee immediately pointing to the spot.

The tension around the ground was palpable, as Simeone shoulders Rovers' hopes. But our golden opportunity hadn't read the script and the ball was blasted over the bar.



As the remaining 10minutes play out, a Ghannam cross is deflected out for a corner, which Coleman takes. Lloyd heads back across the goal, which Watkins fumbles, the Ref deciding he was impeded. From the free-kick Curtis whips the ball across the Rovers 18yd box to Rhys Harper, Straker blocking his progress. From a quick Oladunjoye throw, Harper crosses and a spectacular overhead kick looked goalbound, but the flag was up for offside, mid-flight. The last chance of the half fell to Rovers, with Feeney-Hill again doing well to get a good cross in, the ball falling to Coleman, but his pass was just the wrong side for Jenkins. Rovers go into the break with mixed emotions, having matched Marlow in all departments, and (dare I say) slightly edged it on chances to go ahead, but ruing their missed opportunity.

If there was a worse start to a second half, I've yet to see it. After such positivity in the first, within 2 minutes Marlow are ahead. Hamilton-Olise makes room on Marlow's and crosses into the box, finding Rogalski who slips the ball past Brown, with what seemed unchallenged ease. With Rovers rocked back on their heels, they are unable to make any impression with two consecutive free-kicks around the Marlow penalty area. The for a handball, the second a foul on Jenkins. Both chances squandered.

In the 56th minute, Simeone is robbed just outside the Rovers 18yd box, leaving Hamilton-Olise with just the keeper to beat. Brown was unable to keep it out, but did get a hand on it. Before they could catch their breath,

Rovers slide further behind following a great piece of individual skill from Marlow's Simmo, side -stepping through the Rovers' defence, including the keeper, to stroke home their third.

With 3 goals out of nowhere, Rovers try to make amends, perhaps recovering a little from "rabbit in the headlights" syndrome, but with an enormous mountain to climb. Need to find three unanswered goals in 35minutes, having not found the net in the first 55.

Just over the hour, Rovers' make their first substitution, Lindell Stewart replacing Africa. A great turn of pace by Feeney-Hill, gives him room to pick out a pass inside to Coleman, but his through-ball to Stewart was too long. Poor Rovers' defending allows Simmo to set Hamilton-Olise free on the right, but his cross was easy for Brown to claim. Brown again saves any further Rovers' blushes, by stopping a Benjamin Mulley strike, from yet another Hamilton-Olise cross.

A spirited run from Oldham, sets up Stewart from about 20yds, winning a free-kick. Ghannam takes short to Coleman and he shoots into a crowded penalty area. Oldham recycles the loose ball, but again there's no way through. On 70 minutes, a very poor challenge on Feeney-Hill stops the game, while the youngster receives treatment. Although the challenge went unpunished, it was clear that the Rovers' bench felt it deserved to. Rovers then make a double substitution, Matt Tanton replacing Straker and Samuel Williams replacing Oldham.

With the foul on Feeney-Hill, there was very little left to capture the imagination of any onlooker, as though the life had been sucked out of the game. As the clocked ran down, Tanton and Feeney-Hill link up well on left, Feeney-Hill finding Stewart, but his shot is easily saved by Watkins. With that, the Referee brought the second half to a

close.

In a game where it was important for Rovers to demonstrate a consistent level of form, the first half promised so much; the second made no promises at all.

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# INSIDE MORGAN'S MIND

Hi,

Welcome to Church Road set to be another cold afternoon.

After a mixed bag December, we welcomed Marlow where we had a strong first half and unfortunately didn't take our chances which ended up costing us the game. It's the first time we've been beaten by a top side that convincingly in the last few weeks.

We now go into a tough period where we need to pick up results to take us away from the drop zone. With teams making several changes in personnel on and off the pitch we have to make sure we stay just as competitive and reach the potential we have in the squad.

We too have also been looking at how to improve the squad and how we can get the right results on the pitch. The boys have been working very hard to put the results right and I've seen in the last few training sessions the determination to repay everyone's support.

Today's opponents have been improving and they have brought in Paul Barnes who has plenty of experience as a manager and no doubt will improve them further, so this is likely not to be the same sort of fixture as earlier on in the season, that being said we believe in ourselves today to get the right result and give everyone something to cheer about. Enjoy the game.

# ROVERS MERCHANDISE



# **ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL**

		Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
1	Southall	22	16	3	3	52	23	+29	51
2	Chertsey Town (-1)	20	15	4	1	54	16	+38	48
3	Leatherhead	21	14	3	4	34	15	+19	45
4	Raynes Park Vale	20	13	4	3	38	20	+18	43
5	Marlow	20	13	2	5	54	27	+27	41
6	Westfield	21	12	4	5	43	29	+14	40
7	South Park (Reigate)	21	10	5	6	39	26	+13	35
8	Thatcham Town	22	10	4	8	40	33	+7	34
9	Hanworth Villa	20	9	6	5	42	32	+10	33
10	Hartley Wintney	20	10	2	8	41	35	+6	32
11	Badshot Lea	20	9	5	6	35	32	+3	32
12	Uxbridge	22	9	2	11	40	38	+2	29
13	Ascot United	22	7	2	13	30	36	-6	23
14	Metropolitan Police	22	5	6	11	25	39	-14	21
15	Sutton Common Rovers	22	5	5	12	31	45	-14	20
16	Chipstead	21	6	2	13	30	46	-16	20
17	Northwood	19	6	1	12	27	33	-6	19
18	Ashford Town (Middx)	21	5	4	12	23	35	-12	19
19	Guernsey	21	4	5	12	26	41	-15	17
20	Corinthian-Casuals	22	3	3	16	16	56	-40	12
21	Binfield	19	0	4	15	14	77	-63	4

# LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS



# **Tuesday 9th January**

Badshot Lea 2-2 Marlow Chipstead 0-1 Southall Leatherhead 4-1 Raynes Park Vale Northwood 1-0 Metropolitan Police South Park (Reigate) 3-0 Ashford Town (Middx)

# **Saturday 6th January**

Ascot United 1-5 Thatcham Town Metropolitan Police 1-1 Badshot Lea Uxbridge 1-3 Marlow Westfield 5-1 Hartley Wintney

# Wednesday 3rd January

Southall 2-1 Ashford Town (Middx) Sutton Common Rovers 0-3 Marlow

All other matches postponed



# **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Badshot Lea v Guernsey
Chertsey Town v Raynes Park Vale
Chipstead v Ashford Town (Middx)
Hartley Wintney v Hanworth Villa
Marlow v Metropolitan Police
Northwood v Leatherhead
South Park (Reigate) v Uxbridge
Thatcham Town v Southall

# **CAREER RECORDS**

		CAREER RECORDS						
	Apps	Subs	Goals	YC	RC	Apps	Goals	
Bertie LLOYD	28	0	1	1	0	65	3	
Nabeel GHANNAM	26	2	9	2	0	42	12	
Antonio SIMEONE	24	0	4	6	0	29 48	4	
James DILLON	22	0	0	4	0		0	
Aaron JENKINS	21	7	10	1	0	28	10	
Ben HOLDEN	20	20 4		9	1	24	0	
Max OLDHAM	16	7 5	5	2	0	31	5	
Isy NZELO	13		1	3	0	18	1	
Matt TANTON	13	1	0	4	0	187	6	
Danny DIVINE	12	1	1	2	0	32	2	
Daryl COLEMAN	12	1	1	4	0	13	0	
Charlie MARTIN	10	9	5	2	0	19	5	
Ashley SHEPPARD	9	5	1	1	0	14	1	
Jordan WILSON	9	2	0	3	0	11	0	
Conan TORPEY	8	2	2	4	1	25	10	
Tariq STRAKER	9	0	0	1	1	9	0	
Matt FEENEY-HILL	7	7 3 0	1	0	0	14 9	1	
Lindell STEWART	6		0	1	0		0	
Rylan JOHN Oshane BROWN	4		0	1	0	4		
	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Anthony OGBANUFE	2	1	0	0	0	3		
Noah AFRICA	2	6	0	0	0	8	0	
James SHAW	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Christopher ALHASSAN	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Samuel WILLIAMS	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	
Tom JONES	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Harrison ABU	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Courtney SWABY *	19	0	3	4	1	52	3	
Gabriel ODUNAIKE *	8	3	2	1	0	19	2	
Siao BLACKWOOD *	1	6	0	1	0	27	0	
Mack REILLY *	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	

# **FIRST TEAM RESULTS**



DATE	COMP	H/A	OPPONENTS	Н	<b>/T</b>	F	<b>/</b> T	SCORER(S)	ATT
2023									
5th Aug	FAC EP	н	BURGESS HILL TOWN	0	1	1	1	Martin	84
8th Aug	FAC EP Rep	Н	Burgess Hill Town	0	1	1		Jenkins	264
12th Aug	ILSC	A	Met Police	0	0	4	0		115
26th AUG	ILSC	Ĥ	UXBRIDGE	1	1	1		Jenkins	83
28th Aug	ILSC	A	Marlow	0	2	1	6		179
2nd Sep	ILSC	н	GUERNSEY	Ö	1	2		Ghannam, Sheppard	72
9th Sep	FAT1stQ	A	Merstham	0	0	3	0		116
16th Sep	ILSC	Α	Corinthian Casuals	2	0	5	0	Simeone, Odunaike, Ghannam, Martin (p),	183
23rd Sep	FAT2ndQ	Α	Badshot Lea	1	2	3	5	Swaby Nzelo, Torpey Oldham	91
30th Sep	ILSC	Α	Ascot Utd	0	1	1		Torpey	136
4th Oct	ILSC	н	LEATHERHEAD	0	1	0	1	. ,	136
7th Oct	ILSC	н	SOUTHALL	1	0	1	2	Ghannam	81
10th Oct	ILSC	Α	South Park (Reigate)	0	0	1	2	OG	90
14th Oct	ILSC	н	WESTFIELD	0	2	0	3		91
24th Oct	SCCC	Α	Horley Town	2	1	2	3	Ghannam 2	78
28th Oct	ILSC	н	HARTLEY WINTNEY	1	2	1	5	Jenkins	71
11th Nov	ILSC	Α	Ashford Town (Middx)	1	0	1	1	Simeone	68
18th Nov	ILSC	н	BINFIELD	0	0	4	1	Lloyd, Ghannam, Feeney-Hill, Jenkins	77
21st Nov	SSC	Α	Ashford Town (Middx)	1	0	3	0	Swaby, Ghannam, Jenkins	56
25th Nov	ILSC	Α	Chipstead	1	1	3	2	Martin 3	125
28th Nov	ILSC	Α	Northwood	1	3	1	5	Ghannam	105
2nd Dec	ILSC	н	HANWORTH VILLA	1	1	1	2	Jenkins	82
9th Dec	ILSC	н	THATCHAM TOWN	0	2	1		Oldham	81
16th Dec	ILSC	Α	Chertsey Town	0	0	0	0		648
23rd Dec	ILSC	н	BADSHOT LEA	0	1	1		Jenkins	74
26th Dec	ILSC	Α	Raynes Park Vale	0	0	0	0		302
30th Dec	ILSC	Α	Guernsey	1	1	2	4	Oldham, Jenkins	758
2024				_	_	_	_		
3rd Jan	ILSC	Н	MARLOW	0	0	0	3		94
13th Jan	ILSC	H	CORINTHIAN CASUALS						
20th Jan	ILSC	Α	Southall						
27th Jan	ILSC	Н	ASCOT UTD						
31st Jan	ILSC	Н	SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)						
3rd Feb	ILSC	A	Westfield						
17th Feb	ILSC	A <b>H</b>	Hartley Wintney						
24th Feb 28th Feb	ILSC SSC	Н	NORTHWOOD CHERTSEY TOWN						
2nd Mar	ILSC	A	Binfield						
9th Mar	ILSC	H	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)						
16th Mar	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa						
23rd Mar	ILSC	Ĥ	CHIPSTEAD						
30th Mar	ILSC	A	Uxbridge						
1st Apr	ILSC	H	RAYNES PARK VALE						
6th Apr	ILSC	н	MET POLICE						
13th Apr	ILSC	A	Badshot Lea						
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# **SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW**

# KINGFISHERS AND WESTFIELD BOTH HIT FIVE

# It was a fine day for Thatcham and Westfield, Marlow get three on the road, whilst Met and the Baggies draw

The South Central postponement bingo card was in operation prior to kick off, and it left us with only four fixtures.

Marlow put their three consecutive defeats behind them when defeating Sutton Common Rovers on Wednesday night, and looked to build on that as they travelled to Uxbridge. Their away form was actually better than their form at Oak Tree Road, so the trip to Honeycroft won't have been thought too much of a burden, particularly as their hosts have gone four without a win- and they were ahead after just three minutes, Dawid Rogalski scoring for the twenty fourth time this season. It was two-nil only three minutes later, Khalid Simmo scoring for the second time this week, and although the hosts were back in the match midway through the half after Mahlondo Martin converted from the spot, Rogalski had another just before the break to make it three-one at half time. The second half had no further goals, but Marlow won't care. They remain fifth, eight points behind the leaders, albeit with a game in hand.

Westfield were hoping to retake their place in the top five as they welcomed Hartley Wintney. The Woking side had won their last four and been rather impressive, and had an unbeaten run that was seven games long- and it showed, as they were out of sight by half time. Jacob Breckon opened the scoring on ten minutes, and then ten minutes before the break he broke through the visiting defence once more, scoring his tenth of the season. It was three-nil just before half time, Andrew Crossley with that one, and there must have been a feeling of deja-vu for Hartley Wintney, as they lost four-nil to these opponents in October, all of those goals also arriving before the break. The visitors decided that they would try to make a game of it, IK Hill getting a goal back on fifty six minutes, but within two minutes we were at the other end and Breckon was claiming the match ball. Right at the end Jordan Alves made it five-one, and that was finally thatbut they remain sixth, outside the top five only on goal difference.

Thatcham Town were one of our form sides, with only one defeat in ten- and the King-fishers were on the road to the Racecourse, where they took on Ascot United looking to do the double over the Yellas. The early stages were packed with goals. Muhamadou Ceesay put Town ahead after just three minutes, only for Taylor Morgan to quickly level, but the visitors were ahead again as David Nyarko got his tenth of the season on twelve minutes and three-one up before the break, Harry Hoating his side a cushion. After the break the traffic was one way, the Kingfishers adding a fourth and a fifth, Kyle Daniel-Spray and Ceesay doing more damage, and they climb to seventh.

Met Police welcomed Badshot Lea to Imber Court. The Boys in Blue were in their best form of the season, having won three of their previous four, whilst the Baggies had slowed down a little, without a win in four matches. The first half was goalless, but the hosts broke the deadlock just before the hour mark, Jamal Andrew Sharpe with the opener. The visitors levelled thirteen minutes from time, Kareem Akinibbi- who recently signed for the Baggies from Met- scoring his first goal for his new side. That was that-Met in fourteenth, the Baggies eleventh.

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Southall went back to the top of the Pitching In Isthmian South Central table last night, a late goal enough to defeat Chipstead at High Road. The Chips had ended a long run of defeats with victory at Corinthian-Casuals last time out, and kept the title chasers at Bay for eighty one minutes, but Brendan Matthew has been in scintillating form this season and he scored his third Southall goal to give his new side victory. Those three goals have arrived in five matches, and go with the twenty one he scored for Ascot United.

Leatherhead defeated promotion rivals Raynes Park Vale by four goals to one. It took only one minute for the hosts to take the lead, Tyler Cox with the opener, and although Vale levelled seven minutes before the break- Charlie Penny with the equaliser- the Tanners took only four minutes to restore their lead, Fabio Saraiva making it two-one. Both sides had their chances in the second half, but the clinching goal arrived thirteen minutes from time, Tommy Stagg scoring it, and Leatherhead rounded things off with a fourth three minutes from later to entirely rule out a comeback from the visitors, who slip to fourth.

Fifth place Marlow travelled to Badshot Lea, and the two sides delivered plenty of entertainment in the first half, not quite so much after the break. That first half brought four goals, two for each side, the Baggies coming from behind and eventually taking a point. Khalid Simmo scored for the third match in a row to give the visitors the lead, and it looked as if an away win was on the cards when Dawid Rogalski's twenty sixth of the season made it two- but the Baggies were soon back in the game, Tane Caubo halving the arrears just after the half hour. Just before the break the hosts allowed their fans to queue for a baggie burger with a smile on their faces, Anuar Ceesay popping up to equalise with his ninth goal of the season- another player scoring for his third game in a row. South Park Reigate are up to seventh after a convincing win over Ashford Town. The Sparks took the lead ten minutes before the break, Jamarie Brissett taking his tally for the season to eight- and chances of a Tangerine comeback were further hampered when Brendan Murphy-McVey made it two with twenty minutes left. Right at the end Ryan Healy added a third, the Sparks with only one defeat from ten, their visitors with only one win from the same number.

Northwood climbed to seventeenth, defeating Met Police by scoring the only goal of the game. It arrived eleven minutes before the break, and it went to Romario Jones, up from the back to score the winner. That's three home wins from four for the Woods- if only they never had to play away! The hosts are two points behind their fourteenth place visitors, having played three games fewer.



# THE UNTOLD GAME Jim McLean and The New Firm

The dominance of Celtic and Rangers in Scotland has been a mainstay of the league since the very first days of its inception. The Glasgow giants have had a stranglehold on Scottish football for well over a century, sharing 108 titles between them, with Rangers just edging ahead of their rivals with 55 of them. The next nearest contender has just four championships. But there have been challengers from time to time, those determined to upset the established order in Scotland. At the beginning of the 1980s, two clubs came forward to challenge. One was Alex Ferguson's Aber-



deen, and the other, Jim McLean's Dundee United.

McLean's playing career was limited only turning professional at the age of 27, and retiring early to join the coaching staff at Dundee, under manager John Prentice. When Prentice announced his resignation in 1971, McLean was the obvious choice to take over. But he had other ideas, taking a 200 yard stroll down to Dundee United to become their manager instead. It was a decision that would define both him and his side for a quarter of a century.

'Wee Jim' earned a reputation as a hard taskmaster, and respect for his high standards. Players wages were topped up by generous performance bonuses to encourage those standards. Given the time that would be denied modern managers, he finally secured Dundee United's first ever silverware - the League Cup - in 1980. Ironically, he defeated Alex Ferguson and Aberdeen to win it.

A year later, McLean built on that success, winning a second League Cup, this time against near rivals Dundee, but his sights were on a greater prize. Players were given jobs cleaning and maintaining the stadium, at his request. But they were also given a team of psychologists and dieticians for peak performance. Both parts of the puzzle to prepare, he believed, for a title tilt.

As the 1982-83 season approached its climax, Dundee United were surprise challengers, along with Celtic and Aberdeen. When the Glasgow side beat Dundee United it looks as though McLean's side had blown it. But it spurred them on. They beat Celtic in a reverse fixture a few weeks later, and then put in three consecutive 4-0 victories. Going into the final day, they topped the league, with the other two snapping at their heels.

United struggled to get going in the first half, and expected a McLean roasting at half time. But it never came. Celtic were winning, Aberdeen were winning, and they were at risk of throwing away the title, but he gently reminded them of how good they were. And so it proved. Ralph Milne, the mercurial winger, wriggled clear just inside the Dundee half and hit a glorious chip with his weaker foot from 30 yards, before Eamonn Bannon put away the rebound after his penalty was saved. A Dundee goal made it a nervy end, but as the whistle blew, Dundee United won their first and - to date - only league title. Even McLean, who never celebrated, had a little fist pump.





The following season, Aberdeen romped to the title, but The Terrors made waves in Europe. A 6-0 win against Hamrun Spartans of Malta was followed by the 4-0 defeat of Standard Liege, and then a win over Rapid Vienna. That set up a semi-final against Roma, under immense pressure to make a final they were hosting.

Dundee United won the first leg at Tannadice 2-0, to the consternation of the Italian press, who asked whether the Scottish side used performance-enhancing drugs. The second leg was a farce, with fans spending the night outside the Dundee United hotel with car horns blaring, and ultras in the ground attacking McLean's assistant Walter Smith. A controversial game saw two early Roma goals followed by a questionable penalty. The Scottish FA launched an enquiry, but it wasn't until years later that the corruption was uncovered, a £50,000 bung having been offered to the referee. It says something about how good Liverpool were at the time that even those tactics couldn't prevent defeat in the final.

Alex Ferguson left for Manchester United at the end of the following season, beginning the end of the New Firm, but McLean held on doggedly. He was offered the

Newcastle job, and then the Rangers job, amongst a whole host of other, more lucrative opportunities, but turned them all down. Walter Smith left to be Graeme Souness' assistant at Ibrox, and McLean brought through a new generation of players.

That generation had one more glorious season, running all the way to the UEFA Cup final, defeating Barcelona and Borussia Monchen-



gladbach en route. They lost the final, against IFK Goteborg, and the team was broken up again. In the early 90s, McLean moved upstairs, and in 2000 retired, bringing a three decade relationship with the club to an end.

Alex Ferguson may have gone on to become more celebrated, but Jim McLean left his mark on Scottish football, in one glorious decade in Dundee.

# Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, The Untold Game (Find more at TheUntoldGame.co.uk and on social media, @TheUntoldGame)



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# CONSTANTINE & Co JEWELLERS

AJ's shown he could be a real force in pre-season but has also notched up some vital guys early on the season. He had a very impressive season at Lingfield putting up 17+ goals before joining an impressive Colliers Wood side.



# A&J Building Services

It would be hard for you not to have come across Simmo in the non-league world with an impressive record on promotions and titles he knows how to get the job done. Not sure if he tries to be Cannavaro or Steve Bruce but he is Mr reliable at the back.



# SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Ashley Joins from Corinthian & before that he was at Sheppy. Ash who plays anywhere in the middle of the park can do it all and we are all looking forward to the performances he has put in over the last few seasons..



# Jean Stenson

Ben who may end up taking the mantle of having a Holden in an SCR squad is a familiar face to some who joins us also from Haywards Heath is a young talented player who has shown his versatility during preseason playing across the back and in midfield is one to watch for sure.



#### TBA

Bertie had a lot of interest during last season and in the summer but stayed with us and we are delighted. The human giraffe and gentle giant that's Bertie, is one of only a small few that played all last season. Bertie puts it all on the line and was instrumental in our survival.

One of the first names on the sheet!

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Charlie, the oldest 18 year old on the planet. Charlie is someone who has been around what feels like forever but has only been in senior football for last 2-3 years and has always known where the back of the net is. Certainly one to watch out for.



# Steve Casserley

Co'nan our CF and certainly a barbatrian, the expression run through brick walls couldn't be wasted on Conan, but with all his bravery he still knows how to put the ball in the onion bag and was last years top scorer having only joined us in January. From Dorking Wandersey

A truly great lad with a big future



# HCS BAKERY

'General' Swaby , small in stature but a giant on the field. Courtney has really matured in his time at the club and certainly a character that's loved at the club. His ability on the ball has no ceiling. If you blink he is gone.



## VACANT

Anthony Ogbunufe Info coming spon



## SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Rooney's everyone's favourite uncle. He joins us with real pedigree and has fitted straight into the squad straight away. His experience is shinight through with the players really leaning on him when needed.



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#### VACANT

Rylan John Info coming soon



# UKPRECLEARANCE.COM

James is an experienced keeper with higher level app's under his belt. He's been fantastic for the club since coming in and was vital in our survival last year. Off the field he has shown leadership skills that have helped shape a great changing room



# VACANT

Harrison Abu Info coming soon



### SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Jordan ex K's and Merstham player who joins us with plenty of experience. We had a chance to add him to the squad joining us from Merstham who showed he has the fight and desire to play a big role in our season.



#### VACANT

Lindell Stewart Info coming soon

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# UKPRECLEARANCE.COM

Louie, last years clubman due in the main to his amazing attitude joined us from Crawley youth and has come in and shown his quality along with patience, He is a young keeper with a bright future



# FullypaidLDN

Max, who is one of the senior squad members, is a player with real quality and maturity. Max is also part of the Half Turn platform helping those involved with Mental Health which is something to look out for.



### SPONSOR AVAILABLE

We are sure 'Nabs' has a chance to be seen up the leagues. He frustrates opposition with his quick feet and at times you will see a moment of magic. Still a very young player with loads to learn but a big future ahead of



#### TBA

Noah our not so secret weapon. Since joining in the summer from Cobham Noah showed throughout pre season some serious potential. A very young talent who we feel is one who'll blossom this year so watch this sarce...



### VACANT

Tariq Straker Info coming soon



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VACANT

Christopher Alhassan Info coming soon



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The skipper and one of the longest serving players in the squad.
"Tants" when he isn't on holiday is a trieless fullback who has stepped up into his role and responsibilities. Sam was very pleased to retain him after Tants was considering retiring

last summer



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lsy's certainly the light in the changing room, a face that has been around the circuit a while and knows a few in the changing room already.

He is another consistent performing full back on both flanks with bundles of energy



## SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Matty a former Royal Russell / SCR U18 player who stood out last season breaking into the 23s regularly. He has rightfully earned a spot in the squad with an impressive pre season and campaign last season. Currently on loan and finds himself already top scorer in the southern combination league.



# SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Aaron centre mid of centre back was last year's u23 captain. He has stepped up during the

He has stepped up during the summer and hasn't looked out of place. He has also joined Forest Row to help his development into senior footbal

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## SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Tom is another former Royal Russell / SCR u18 player of couple of seasons ago. Tom also assisted coaching of last years U18s before showing real maturity during pre season and pushing himself into this years squad. "It's not unusual" to see him across the backline winning his duals.



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# HARD HITZ www.hardhitz.co.uk

Sam, the first person in the seat for 29 years after Darren stepped into a new position (no Pressure). Sam was part of the staff that helped guide the team to safety last year and is hoping to build on from that this season.



### SPONSOR AVAILABLE

Reece joins Sam's staff as assistant manager.

He has proven to be a calming influence in the dugout during Sam's sabbatical.

Reece was previously at Raynes
Park Vale and Tooting Bec



# LMJ Coaching Ltd Imj-coaching.class4kids.co.uk

Liam who is part of the foundations at SCR stays for another season. Liam's passion for the club and relationship with the squad doesn't go unnoticed whilst also playing a part at Chelseas foundation academies.





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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF:

# SUTTON COMMON ROVERS

**FORMED: 1978** 

# NICKNAME:

THE COMMONERS

# **JUST A S..T SUNDAY SIDE**

Ah, the cry from the Eastbourne Town fans back in the day as they romped to a 2-0 lead in the Vase, before we struck back to win 3-2.

Well, truth be told that's where it all started back in 1978, when INRAD FC took to the field, the club being founded by current Chairman Alan Salmon. Not long after Centre 21 came about following a sponsorship deal with a local youth centre.

Once players left having reached 21, a new name came about: Sutton Common Rovers FC, which quickly abbreviated to SCR followed by whichever public house sponsored the team.

Seasons followed in the Leatherhead & District, Mitcham & District, and Croydon & District Sunday league, with varying degrees of success

before Darren Salmon took the plunge and moved the team into Saturday football.

#### SATURDAY SUCCESS

The 2004/5 season saw that Saturday move. After a couple of seasons in the Surrey South East Combination and the Middlesex County League we took our place in the Combined Counties League for the 2008/09 season.

Darren made the bold statement that he wanted to be an Isthmian side within five seasons. Well, it took a bit longer but we eventually got there.

Our time in the CCL was full of ups and downs. Missing out on promotion in our opening season on goal difference, by 1 goal (as it turned out a missed penalty against Dorking in our penultimate game was key as it meant they had a 1 goal better goal difference than us).

Promotion followed the next season, and two seasons in the Premier culminated with relegation back to Division 1 in 2011/12. We bounced back up immediately, but then spent three seasons struggling in the Premier division before a change in fortunes in 2016/17 saw a mid-table finish.

It was all upwards after that, missing out on promotion with 3rd and 2nd finishes by one place in consecutive seasons. However, we finished top on PPG after two abandoned seasons to finally move to the Isthmian League.

#### IT'S A FAMILY THING

As said, chairman Alan Salmon founded the side back in 1978, and his boys, Darren and Justin, both played for the club once the were old enough.

Darren progressed to First Team manager, in around 2000 while we were still a Sunday side, something he has continued to the present day.

Justin has since been co-manager of the First team with Darren and reserve team manager, all along-side managing the Sunday sides. He is now the club secretary.

We were also ahead of the game in terms of getting ladies involved in the club. Alan's daughter Tracy joined the fun when the SCR Colts were formed and quickly established herself behind the tea bar counter.

For good measure her other half Mark became youth secretary, a role that he held until the start of this season.

Throw into that that all Alan's grandchildren (Sam: #forever7, forever missed; Tyler, Reece and Blake, and Ethan) all played for the club, with Blake and Reece now involved on matchdays. As you see, we are truly a family club.



## **CUP GLORY (ish)**

We have a proud cup-fighting tradition, often getting the better of higher ranked sides.

It's not all been glory though as we suffered heartbreak twice in finals, losing 1-0 to Staines Lammas in the CCL Division 1 final in the 2008/09 season, and the following year we lost to Sutton Utd Reserves in the Surrey Premier Cup Final, 8-7 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

The 2016/17 season saw the club secure it's first Saturday trophy with a 4-1 win over Camberley Town in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

Semi final defeats followed the next season in the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup, which saw a heartbreaking 97th minute goal against Worcester Park to lose 3-2.

In 2018/19 we reached two cup finals, with defeat after extra time against Walton Casuals 4-2 in the Southern Combination Cup. The club finally secured the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup. An 84th minute strike by Matt Farrell securing a 1-0 win over CB Hounslow Utd.

There has been some success in the FA Vase, with the 5th Round reached in the 2019/20 season, but it ended in disappointment away at Western League Bitton AFC when we lost 2-1.

The FA Cup has been hit and miss with exits in the Extra-Preliminary Round before the 2021/22 season saw us reach the 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time.

# Sat 13th Jan 2024 | 3:00pm | Pitching In, Isthmian Football League

Venue: Church Road Stadium, Whyteleafe, Surrey. CR3 0AR

# **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS F.C**

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