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GAME DAY



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VS



Westfield FC

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports Arena for today's Isthmian South Central league fixture.

We would like to welcome tonight's opponent Westfield FC. We hope their players, officials and supporters have a pleasant short stay with us this afternoon.

We would also like to welcome today's match officials, referee Mr Scott Hamilton and his assistants Mr Thomas Healy and Mr Thomas Berry, we hope they also enjoy their stay with us tonight.

After a sticky start to the season, Westfield are probably the form side in the division, with four wins on the spin (five if you include the shoot out win over Corinthian Casuals in the Velocity Trophy).

They have seen off high flying Marlow 2-1, and Leatherhead 3-1 in the FA Trophy, whilst picking up a narrow 2-1 win over South Park (Reigate) and thumping Binfield 7-2 in the league.

Have to say, with six of their last seven games being at home, I have a huge amount of sympathy for their programme editor.

Last season, two first half goals gave them all three points here at the Whyteleafe Sports Arena, picking up a 2-0 win.

The return was an oft feisty affair, which saw us come from 2-0 down with three minutes remaining to pick up an unlikely 2-2 draw, a Nabeel Ghannam penalty and Liam Holden's last kick of the game equaliser giving us the point.

It's difficult to know what to say about our current form, on the face of it it looks poor, with no win in five, but the results haven't really been what we deserved.

Badshot Lea and Ascot have been covered previously, but the last three league games have seen disappointing single goal defeats.

Against Leatherhead, we were relatively untroubled by a side who although having stacks of possession actually failed to trouble Dills, and it was only an unfortunate own goal that gave them the win.

Southall saw us somehow contrive to turn all three points into nothing, conceding twice in stoppage time, after Nabeel Ghannam had given us a lead, to go down 2-1 (the reverse of our result against Guernsey).

On Tuesday, we dominated the first half against a good South Park Reigate side only for two quickfire Sam King goals to put the hosts ahead, despite a late own goal we were unable to force an equaliser, and continue our worst run of the season.

Having watched the last three games, unfortunately work calls once again, so will have to rely on Football Web Pages to keep me informed as to what is happening.

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

Briggers

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

WESTFIELD

FORMED: 1953

NICKNAME: The Field



WESTFIELD FC - CLUB HISTORY TIMELINE

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|---|-------------|---|
| | 1953 | Westfield Boys Club formed, winning League titles and Cups throughout the 1950s |
| Accepted into the Parthenon League (originally Middlesex Senior League) | 1962 | |
| | 1963 | Joined the Surrey Senior League, becoming Champions in 1972-73 and 1973-74, and League Cup winners in 1971-72 and 1972-73 |
| Home Counties (later Combined Counties) League formed from Surrey County League | 1978 | |
| | 1990 | League Cup runners-up to Hartley Wintney |
| New floodlights switched on by Geoff Chapple of Woking FC | 1999 | |
| | 2000 | FA Vase exploits beating Wantage, Sidley, Lewes and Bowers to reach the fourth round |
| Westfield join the Premier Division after a merger of the Combined Counties and Surrey Senior leagues | 2003 | |
| | 2006 | Westfield relegated to the First Division on ground grading |
| Brand new Clubhouse opened and pitch raised up with new drainage | 2011 | |
| | 2012 | Finished third, promoted to Premier Division and reached League Cup final |
| Combined Counties Premier League Cup winners, beating Epsom & Ewell in the final at Windsor FC | 2017 | |
| | 2018 | Promoted as champions to Isthmian League, highest level in club's history |

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INSIDE MORGAN'S MIND

Afternoon all

Thanks for making the journey again to show your support for the boys. The past few games have been hugely disappointing but we have reason to feel hard done by across all 3 games. Whilst we may have been unlucky we have no time to feel sorry for ourselves if we wish to achieve the goals we want.

Today's Westfield side always make for an interesting opponent and last year was great entertainment with Rovers fighting back to get a point after being 2-0 down.

With a couple of changes in the squad we hope to get the job done and start looking back up the table again!

Morgs

MATCH REPORT

v SOUTHALL

With some supporters coming from as far away as Dubai to watch the game, Rovers get off to a brisk start with early pressure on Southall's defence. The home side looked set to make amends for their defeat to Leatherhead earlier in the week, with confident combination passing from the start. The opening passage of play sees Jordan Wilson pushing a ball out wide to Matt Tanton, who lays off to Courtney Swaby, immediately bringing in Max Oldham out wide on the left, his pass inside finding Ben Holden, but his shot is just over the bar.

In a second wave from a James Dillon drop kick, Gabriel Odunaiké holds the ball up well, and plays out left to Oldham, his great ball into the area finds Nabeel Ghannam with a clear chance, but Southall's imposing right back Kevin Diomande muscled our no10 off the ball.

On 12mins, Southall's first real chance is crafted by their tricky no7 Jaden Thompson-Brissett, weaving his way out to their right, his cross is headed away by Tanton, and the left back also blocks Luke Heneghan's follow up shot.

Good distribution again from Dillon aiming for Odunaiké at about 25yds earns a free-kick, for a push in the back. From the Swaby kick, Bertie Lloyd's header is cleared away. The resulting throw, Tanton sends Oldham down the left, whose cross is cleared away for a corner. Swaby's "come head me" delivery from the corner kick is met by Danny Divine who heads down, but the ball bounces frustratingly over cross-bar. The number of unchallenged chances were increasing, but as yet no end product.

A poor backpass by Diomande forced keeper Michael Edegbé to kick out for a corner. Swaby floats his delivery but closer this time, Edegbé punching away. Ryan Hope sweeps up, but only as far as Divine, whose neat back heel gives Ghannam room to float the ball over to Lloyd. His header back across the box, Swaby brings down, turns his man but his shot blocked by former SCR U18 Dimitris Savva. Rovers still having majority of possession and chances during this spell – any possession Southall have does not result in pressure for Dillon.

On the half hour mark, Southall break from a good clearance from Abdul Nurein, Thompson-Brissett surging into the box to shouts of offside, but his shot was straight at Dillon.

The half proceeded in similar vein, with Rovers dominating, and Southall having little in reply, though the line up of Jaden Thompson-Brissett, William Montague, Anthony O'Connor, Luke Heneghan and Frankie Taylor appeared to be increasingly threatening.

On 35mins Wilson makes a crucial tackle on Montague in the box, the away support screaming for a penalty, but the tackle was better than that, with the referee not even acknowledging that there may have been any infringement.

The wake-up call for Southall sees the away team stepping up a gear. A corner won on their right is headed out by Lloyd, but Heneghan smashes the free ball from distance, Tanton blocks and Holden sweeps up the pieces.

Sutton Common Rovers

	1 James Dillon	
	2 Danny Divine	
	3 Matthew Tanton	
	5 Antonio Simeone	
	6 Bertie Lloyd	
	7 Maxwell Oldham	
	11 Courtney Swaby	
	12 Garfield Wilson	
	10 Nabeel Ghannam	 
	17 Ben Holden	
	18 Gabriel Odunaiké	
	13 Isy Nzelo	
	14 Aaron Jenkins	
	16 Anthony Ogbanufe	
	4 Daryl Coleman	 
	15 Mack Reilly	

In reply, great skills from Oldham in the middle of the park create space for the pass to Divine bursting down the right flank. Divine delivers an enticing chip into the box, and Odunaïke was so close with the header. The last action of the half saw a Swaby corner almost headed home by Antonio Simeone.

The second half started at a far more even tempo, with both sides having equal share of the game, but Southall growing in confidence on the ball. I guess the half time notes had been ripped up, and they felt they needed to go and get a result, rather than have a result come to them.

An early free kick, given away by Tanton, is taken by Heneghan and gets through to Thompson-Brissett, but Swaby forces the ball out for a throw. Taylor takes, but Ghannam clears out to Odunaïke. With just Nurein to beat he passes wide for Oldham, but just the wrong side of Diomande, who was able to intercept.

A handball given away by Southhall's Hope provides Swaby with another set piece. His free kick into a packed penalty area is headed out, Tanton pings a crossfield pass to Divine on the right. Divine's cross isn't dealt with by Diomande, Ghannam tries the lob, but over the bar. On the counter Thompson-Brissett again finds space on their left, and crosses out of the reach of Dillon to O'Connor with half the goal to place his header, but thankfully for Rovers, it sailed wide.

On 55mins Southall make their first change, Harvey Jay Harry coming on in place of Montague, and from his introduction looked dangerous and effective. The Rovers' defence were still not phased, and were able to deal with the increase in pressure.

Ten minutes later, a bad pass out from the back from Southall, lets Odunaïke in and Taylor has no choice but to take him down, earning himself a caution, and Rovers a free kick at 25yds. Swaby floats the ball in for Simeone for a great header, but was judged offside.

After a Southall attack broke down, Dillon rolls out to Simeone, who sends his pass long for Odunaïke putting pressure on their left back, but he was able to scramble the ball out for a corner. Swaby takes giving Lloyd a point blank header – only a great one handed save from Edegbe keeping it out. Harvey Jay Harry catches us on the break, charging down the right wing, thankfully Wilson clears. Rovers asking themselves – why are we not 2 up?

At 70minutes the upper hand was clearly swinging in favour of Southall, as Darreon Mark is brought on for Heneghan and Joshua Green for Taylor. The pressure was mounting, with Southall's pace men trying to find an opening.

A double save from Dillon on 84mins just prior to our second substitutions, kept us in the game. Nurein denied twice, the first attempt parried by Dillon, the second smothered. Aaron Jenkins then replaced Oldham and Daryl Coleman replaced Holden.

Things were looking more and more ragged for Rovers, with 5mins of normal time remaining, Southall win a corner, which is delivered low and hard, but O'Connor could only head the ball over. Rovers' were looking at the clock by now.

With only 2 or 3 of the 7 added minutes left, the Southall substitute Joshua Green floats a ball into our box, O'Connor heads out back to Green, who pushes it straight back into the path of O'Connor, sliding the past Dillon for their equaliser. With Rovers' still in shock, almost from the restart, the ball is chipped over to Harvey Jay Harry out wide, who cuts back with a pass into the penalty area where Darreon Mark slams the ball past Dillon for the winner.

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SOUTH CENTRAL TABLE



		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Raynes Park Vale	8	6	0	2	20	13	+7	18
	2 Chertsey Town	8	5	2	1	13	7	+6	17
	3 Leatherhead	7	5	1	1	11	3	+8	16
	4 Marlow	7	5	0	2	17	9	+8	15
	5 Southall	7	4	2	1	21	8	+13	14
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	6 Chipstead	8	4	2	2	18	14	+4	14
	7 Uxbridge	7	4	1	2	16	8	+8	13
	8 South Park (Reigate)	7	4	0	3	11	9	+2	12
	9 Badshot Lea	7	4	0	3	10	10	0	12
	10 Sutton Common Rovers	9	3	1	5	16	15	+1	10
	11 Hartley Wintney	6	3	0	3	12	11	+1	9
	12 Thatcham Town	6	3	0	3	8	10	-2	9
	13 Ashford Town (Middx)	7	2	2	3	10	8	+2	8
	14 Hanworth Villa	6	2	2	2	11	10	+1	8
	15 Westfield	6	2	2	2	10	11	-1	8
	16 Ascot United	5	2	1	2	8	5	+3	7
	17 Northwood	7	2	0	5	13	14	-1	6
	18 Metropolitan Police	7	1	3	3	9	13	-4	6
	19 Guernsey	8	1	0	7	7	20	-13	3
	20 Corinthian-Casuals	7	1	0	6	5	23	-18	3
	21 Binfield	8	0	3	5	6	31	-25	3

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

7th October

Binfield 1-1 Metropolitan Police
Chertsey Town 2-1 Uxbridge
Marlow 2-1 Raynes Park Vale
Northwood 0-1 Chipstead
Sutton Common Rovers 1-2 Southall
Thatcham Town 4-1 Guernsey



10th October

Chipstead 4-1 Guernsey
Corinthian-Casuals 1-2 Raynes Park Vale
Hanworth Villa 3-3 Southall
Hartley Wintney 0-1 Badshot Lea
Leatherhead 0-1 Chertsey Town
Metropolitan Police 0-0 Uxbridge
Northwood 1-3 Marlow
South Park (Reigate) 2-1 Sutton Common Rovers
Westfield 7-2 Binfield

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Ascot United v Hanworth Villa
Badshot Lea v Chipstead
Binfield v Hartley Wintney
Chertsey Town v Metropolitan Police
Guernsey v Ashford Town (Middx) (2pm ko)
Raynes Park Vale v Northwood
Southall v South Park (Reigate)
Thatcham Town v Corinthian-Casuals
Uxbridge v Leatherhead

CAREER RECORDS

	SEASON RECORD				CAREER RECORDS		
	Apps	Subs	Goals	YC	RC	Apps	Goals
Bertie LLOYD	13	0	0	1	0	50	2
James DILLON	13	0	0	2	0	39	0
Antonio SIMEONE	12	0	3	6	0	17	3
Nabeel GHANNAM	11	2	4	1	0	27	7
Ben HOLDEN	11	1	0	4	0	12	0
Matt TANTON	11	0	0	3	0	184	6
Courtney SWABY	11	0	2	4	1	44	2
Aaron JENKINS	9	4	4	1	0	13	4
Danny DIVINE	9	1	1	2	0	29	2
Jordan WILSON	9	1	0	3	0	10	0
Max OLDHAM	8	4	1	1	0	20	3
Gabriel ODUNAIKE	7	2	2	0	0	17	2
Charlie MARTIN	6	3	2	0	0	9	2
Conan TORPEY	5	2	2	2	1	23	10
Isy NZELO	4	2	1	1	0	6	1
Siao BLACKWOOD	1	6	0	1	0	27	0
Ashley SHEPPARD	1	4	1	0	0	5	1
Anthony OGBANUJFE	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Mack REILLY	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Noah AFRICA	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Matt FEENEY-HILL	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Daryl COLEMAN	0	1	0	1	0	1	0

FIRST TEAM RESULTS

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW



ISUZU FA TROPHY

South Central Badshot Lea welcomed North side Redbridge, and neither side could manage a goal so we went to spot kicks. The East Londoners held their nerve and triumphed four-one.

South Park Reigate were giant slayers, sending Hashtag United out of the competition. They went ahead early on, Ethan Ford with the goal on four minutes, and a second from Aiden Brown ten minutes after half time sealed victory for the Sparks.

Westfield and Leatherhead met in an all-South Central tie, and the travelling leaders took the lead early on, Tyler Cox with a second minute goal. The hosts levelled only seven minutes later, an own goal doing the damage, and Jake Baxter had them ahead by the break. Fourteen minutes from time Mayowa Adage made it three-one, and the Tanners had failed to defeat the Woking side for the second time this season.

Whitehawk and Ascot United looked to be heading to a penalty shootout as we reached the last minute without a goal- but the hosts didn't fancy that, and somehow managed to score twice! Louis Collins and Ryan Worrall delivered the Hawks late show.

LEAGUE ACTION

With Leatherhead away in Trophy action Raynes Park Vale had the chance to regain top spot- and it looked as if they would, as a Jordan Gallagher penalty just before half time saw them lead with only two minutes remaining at Marlow. At that point, however, Dawid Rogalski took over. The Marlow number nine first delivered an equaliser in the eighty ninth minute, taking his tally for the season to ten- but that wasn't enough. He somehow managed to find the net again, taking three points with his eleventh of the campaign. Marlow are sixth, vale remain second.

Chertsey Town are up to third after coming from behind to take three points against ten man Uxbridge. Prince Ogunmekan put the visitors ahead after just five minutes, but it took only two more minutes for the Curfews to level through Wayne Ridley and they grabbed all three points sixteen minutes from time, Liam Flanighan with the winner.

Southall are fourth, recording their third win in a row- but this one was much narrower than the previous two, which had seen them score twelve goals. The All were at Sutton Common Rovers, for whom Nabeel Ghannam scored what looked like the winner nine minutes before the break- but right at the end the visitors turned the game on his head, With ninety minutes on the clock, Anthony O'Connor equalised- and there was still time for Darren Mark to find a winner.

Northwood have hit something of a slump, and they lost for the fifth match in a row. Visitors Chipstead got the only goal of the game just before the break, Jacob Sewell with it, and ended the day a point outside the top five in seventh spot. The Woods have slipped to sixteenth,

SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW

Thatcham Town, hammered by Leatherhead last weekend, quickly put that behind them to deliver a hammering of their own against Guernsey. Two goals in two minutes through David Nyarko and Harry Hoath saw them two up as they approached the break, only for Sam Murray to reduce the arrears to two-one just before half time. Muhamadou Ceesay made it three-one eleven minutes after the restart, and with only three minutes on the clock Christian Johnson made it four.

Binfield remain at the bottom, but came so close to their first win of the campaign. Dontaye Whittaker gave them the lead after just nine minutes against Met Police, but with those three point almost guaranteed Adam Green took two of them away with an equaliser for the boys in blue right at the end.

And so to Tuesday

Leatherhead had been unbeaten in the league prior to the visit of Chertsey Town, but fell from the summit as the Curfews ended that record. The only goal of the game arrived on sixty four minutes, Conor Lee lifting his side to second.

Raynes Park Vale returned to the summit with victory at Corinthian-Casuals. Vale went ahead on seventeen minutes through Jermaine Green, and doubled their advantage six minutes before the break, Callum McAllister making it two. Right at the end Danny Campion got his first Casuals goal to give his side hope, but that was as good as it got for the hosts.

Marlow climbed to fourth with victory at Northwood. Dawid Rogalski opened the scoring ten minutes before the break- his twelfth of the season- and three minutes later Josh Boorn made it two. The Woods had hope when Dan Williams pulled a goal back seven minutes after the restart, but a minute from time that hope was finally extinguished, Khalid Simmo making it three-one.

Southall had been in fine form, and took a three match winning streak- during which they'd scored fourteen goals- to Hanworth Villa. The All managed three more goals, but also conceded three after the Villains hit back from three-nil down. Abdul Noreen put the visitors ahead on eleven minutes, and eleven minutes later it was two, Anthony O'Connor doubling the advantage. O'Connor surely thought he'd won the match when he added a third ten minutes after the break, but at that point the Villains awoke. Guy Ansah-Palmer quickly got a goal back, Sam Merson converted from the spot with fifteen minutes left, and three minutes from time George Wells made it three-three.

Uxbridge knew they could climb as high as second if they could win at Met Police, but neither side managed a goal.

Chipstead are up to sixth after inflicting a seventh defeat in a row on Guernsey. Jacob Sewell opened the scoring on twenty seven minutes for the Chips, only for the Green Lions to quickly level, Joe Alvarez with the goal- but that was as good as it got for the visitors. After the break Abel Vendrells, Martin Sontan and Arlie Desanges made it two, three, four for the Chips.

South Park Reigate defeated Premier Division Hashtag United on Saturday, and added another victory, this time over Sutton Common Rovers. Sam King was at the double, scoring on sixty two and sixty seven minutes, but a Bertie Lloyd goal for Rovers gave them hope with ten minutes to go. Just before the end the hosts had Ryan Healy dismissed, but there was no time for Rovers to take advantage, the Sparks ending the evening in eighth.



Badshot Lea are up to ninth. The travelling Baggies saw a six match winning streak end with a shootout loss on Saturday, but were quickly back to winning ways, Lamin Cesay getting the only goal of the game eleven minutes from time. His side were already down to ten men by then, Kane Fitzgerald seeing red, and they held on for three more points.

Finally, Westfield- who knocked Leatherhead out of the Trophy at the weekend- were looking to pull clear of the bottom four as they welcomed bottom side Binfield to Woking Park, a feat they accomplished in style. Field had won their last four matches in all competitions, and they were irrepressible against the Moles, firing home seven goals- five after the break.

Jake Baxter got three of them, on eleven, twenty five and sixty two minutes, Mayowa Adaje got the last two, both in the last ten minutes, and the other two were scored by Jacob Breckon and Theo White. Binfield were actually level twice, Dontaye Whitaker and Jimmy Bamgbose making it first one-one and then two-two, but they had no answer to their hosts second half show.

THE UNTOLD GAME

The Bolt

Most people are aware of the Catenaccio. Helenio Herrera's creation, an exceptional defensive system, came to dominate European football in the 1960s, and defined Italian football for half a century. But, as with all great ideas, Herrera was building on what came before. While everyone from World Cup winners Brazil to the Hungarian Golden Team - statistically the greatest team to have ever played the game - were trying to find a way to score more goals, Karl Rappan was working out a way to prevent them. The Austrian's impact on the game can still be felt, nearly ninety years after he invented the Verrou.

Rappan was born in Vienna in 1905, and given an impeccable football upbringing. A promising forward, he initially signed for Wacker Vienna in 1924, where he stayed for four years, before joining Austria Wien. The team, still implementing the principles laid down by the legendary Hugo Meisl, was a perfect breeding ground for tactical innovation. When Rappan was called up to the national side, managed by Meisl himself, that footballing brain just grew bigger. In 1930, he crossed the Alps into Switzerland, to take the reins as player-manager at Servette. As Meisl had done at Austria Wien, Rappan had found his petri dish, and his tactical experiments were greedily eaten up by an eager Swiss audience.

The early 1930s saw an explosion in technical ability across European football. Jimmy Hogan, and then Meisl, had introduced close ball control and high quality passing, and Herbert Chapman had given the world a system that was predicated on attack. For Rappan, this wouldn't do. What had come before was reliant upon individual talent, and as a relatively young, and amateur, footballing nation, Switzerland lagged behind in that respect. The Austrian realised that instead he would have to make his team greater than the sum of its parts, and that to do that, he would have to design a system that, rather than scoring as many goals as possible, prevented the opposition from finding the back of the net.

Rappan started by withdrawing his wing halves into a more defensive role, focused on stopping the opposition wingers, either side of a single centre half. The verrou, or bolt, in the system, named after a door bolt, was in the use of a player behind the defensive line, who could mop up any attacks and with the freedom to move into the midfield when his side had the ball. In seeking a collective system for the prevention of goals, Rappan had invented the Libero.



Karl Rappan (Servette F.C.)

The Verrou would serve Rappan well, leading Servette to two league titles under

Alongside this, he was invited to take charge of the Swiss national team, who had spent most of the 1930s getting soundly beaten by their more professional counterparts, and were looking for a way to become competitive. Rappan would lead them, first, into the 1938 World Cup.



Austria, as a separate entity, withdrew from the World Cup after Anschluss with Nazi Germany. All nationals were by that stage part of a 'Greater Germany', and expected to play under the Swastika, without Hugo Meisl. For Rappan, it was perhaps fate that the opening round for the Swiss would be against a German side who, with the inclusion of elements of the Austrian Wunderteam, were expected to go far. The Verrou stifled the German opposition, and despite falling behind Switzerland were able to hold them to a creditable draw. In the replay five days later, a powerhouse second half display dispatched the black-shirted German side 4-2. Switzerland would lose the following round to Hungary, but the Verrou had been announced on the biggest stage.

Rappan's World Cup was not quite over, however. Under the new German rules, he was now considered a German national who had embarrassed his country, and was ordered by the authorities to report to Munich. When he refused, he was ordered to take charge of the national side instead. The Austrian took the opportunity to get out of there, and made his way back to Switzerland, where he would stay throughout the war, and for most of his career.

Rappan took charge of Switzerland three more times over the following thirty years, as well as going back to both Grasshoppers and Servette. His legacy would be his system, however. First, at the 1950 World Cup, where a rampant Brazil were held to a 2-2 draw by the Swiss, implementing the Verrou. Witnessing this, Uruguay copied the system, and overcame the hosts in the final. The shock of this led to a national trauma in Brazil, with suicides, a change of kit colour, and a revolution of tactical understanding that led to their three World Cup successes. Following that, Herrero's catenaccio would become the Bolt's more famous descendant.

Enjoy the game.

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



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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.



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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 pre-season 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!



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.



Con'an our CF and certainly a barbarian, 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 Wanderers
A truly great lad with a big future



'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.



Danny who came in with the current manager from Haywards Heath. A player favourite who's come in and puts in consistent performances, but who also wants to grow up being a Gary Neville.



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



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DILLON
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Gabs, a strong experienced player came in and really helped the team in the final months of last season. He has attributes that can help us achieve our goals and will play a big part in doing so.



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



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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



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.



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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 him too.



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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.



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 space...



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Ryan has been with the club several years, working his way into 1st team plans from the 23s. Injuries have plagued his game time but with key starts under his belt he shows a massive potential if he can stay fit



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Siao, another retained player from last year has started to show his qualities and has adapted to a deeper role and is getting better each game as he will start to win back possession he has no right to.



Mick & Val

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



ZUZU FARRIS-DOWD
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Izy'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



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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.



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Aaron centre mid of centre back was last year's u23 captain. 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 football



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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 duels.



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Shak who was also retained from last season we have seen a glimpse of his qualities and hope if he can have an injury free season we will see more of his qualities.



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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 success last year and is hoping to build on from that this season.



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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



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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 they 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 alongside 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 heart-breaking 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.

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Colours: ALL YELLOW / MINT GREEN

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LOUIE EROKORITOS (GK)	
AARON HUNT	
AARON JENKINS	
ANTHONY OGBNUFE	
ANTONIO SIMEONE (VC)	
ASHLEY SHEPPARD	
BEN HOLDEN	
BERTIE LLOYD	
CHARLIE MARTIN	
CONAN TORPEY	
COURTNEY SWABY	
DANNY DIVINE	
DARYL COLEMAN	
GABRIEL ODUNAIKE	
ISY NZELO	
JORDAN WILSON	
MACK REILLY	
MATTY FEENEY-HILL	
MATT TANTON (C)	
MAX OLDHAM	
NABEEL GHANNAM	
NOAH AFRICA	
SHAKEEL MORRIS	
SIAO BLACKWOOD	
TOM JONES	



WESTFIELD F.C

Colours: GOLD & BLACK

SONNY WHEELER (GK)	
TUCKER QUINN (GK)	
QUINCY ROWE	
LEWIS JACKSON	
LUKE ELLIOT (C)	
JUNIOR DA CRUZ	
AIDAN KING	
BILLY NUTBEAM	
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MANOLIS GOGONAS	
BRADLEY WALSH	
ARCHY TAYLOR	

Manager: **Sam Morgan**
 Assistant Manager: **Reece Turner**

Manager: **Ian Selley**
 Assistant Manager:

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Asst #2 Mr Thomas Healy
 Asst #1 Mr Thomas Berry

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