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Combined Counties League Premier Division:

Runners-up: 2018-19

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

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

We would also like to welcome todays match officials, referee Mr Samuel Olhausen and his assistants Mr Adam Shimmin and Mr Alfred Finch-Critchley, we hope they also enjoy their stay with us tonight.

Heading into this game we are currently on our worst run of the season with just one draw in our last seven games. In our last league fixture, here at the Whyteleafe Sports Arena, we were never in the contest against an excellent Westfield side, and succumbed to a 3-0 defeat.

We had the chance to get back on track in Tuesday night's Southern Combination Challenge Cup tie away at Combined Counties side Horley Town. Here a bright start saw us go 2-0 up, both goals from Nabeel Ghannam, and such was the way we were moving the ball around it looked a case of how many.

Something changed though and gradually Horley found a way back into the game, reducing the arrears shortly before the break, and although we had an early chance in the second half, they dug in deep and two avoidable goals in a minute, gave them the win.

We did throw people forward in a desperate attempt to get back into the game, but with no joy.

Today's opponents had a tough start to the season, but four wins from five (a last gasp winner against Ashford Town (Middx) 1-0; comfortable wins over Corinthian Casuals 3-0 and Binfield 5-2, plus an excellent 3-1 win over Hanworth Villa propelled the up the table.

The have slipped up in their last couple of games, going down 3-1 at home to Uxbridge on Saturday, and a poor first half led to a 4-0 defeat at home to Westfield on Tuesday.

They currently sit in 10th spot in the table, five points clear of ourselves from the same amount of games (we are in 15th spot).

We last played "The Row" back in the 2016/17 season when they repeated the feat of the previous season and won the CCL Premier Division. That season on the 15th April we met at the Memorial Ground, and slipped to a 2-1 defeat, despite a Michael Campbell (who later saw red) goal. In the home game at Sutton Utd, at the start of the season we were never at the races, going down 8-2, our goals from Matt Robinson and Miguel Anderson.

Next up for the first team is next Saturdays trip to Northwood, with the following week seeing us again on the road to Ashford Town (Middx). We are back here on the 18th when we host Binfield.

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



TODAY'S OPPONENTS

HARTLEY WINTNEY

FORMED: 1897

NICKNAME: The Row



2000's ONWARD (A BRIEF HISTORY)

In 2007-08 under manager Mike Scott, the club gained promotion to the Combined Counties Premier Division, but 08-09 ended in relegation. Under a new management team of Pete Gray and John Condon, the first team rallied, finishing 5th in CCL Div 1 in 09-10. Coach Louis King then took the reigns as manager, guiding the team to 7th in CCL Div 1 in 2010-11.

Neville Roach took charge for 2011-12, assisted by Mick Wollen and Scott Tarr, and the club secured third in CCL Div 1, good enough for a return to the CCL Premier. Hartley also had a fine FA Cup run to the Third Qualifying Round. But the euphoria of promotion was dampened when the coaching staff and nearly the entire squad left at the end of the season.

Ex-Millwall defender, Dave Tuttle, was given the summer to prepare a squad for 2012 -13. However, a string of poor results led to a second change in management within four months. 24 year-old ex-Hartley striker, Ben Dillon, was given his first managerial role. Alongside Jason Minton and Joe Lawler, Ben set about rebuilding, with Hartley well adrift at the bottom of the table. The introduction of a talented group of players restored the spirit around the club, and in what became known as the club's 'Great Escape', the Row's place in the CCL Premier was secured against all the odds after a remarkable second half of the season.

Finishing 7th in CCL Premier in 2013-14, the footballing highlight was the run to the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time, losing to Daventry Town in front of a home crowd of over 1,000. The new club crest was commissioned during the season, designer Philippa Bell incorporating elements from the 13th century when the village of Hertleye Wynteneye drew its name from 'the clearing in the forest where the deer graze by Winta's island', hence the tree and stag motifs.

2014-15 saw the club finish 9th in the CCL Premier, after which Ben Dillon stepped down. Dan Brownlie and Anthony Millerick were appointed joint First Team Managers, with Luke Tuffs as First Team Coach. 2015-16 was very eventful. After a memorable FA Cup win at Merthyr Town, Hartley came back from 2 down only to concede an injury time goal at Conference South Eastbourne Borough. In the FA Vase, a longstanding club record was broken by reaching the 5th Round Proper. In front of a sell-out 1,300 at Green Lane, eventual finalists Hereford proved too strong, but the Row went on to claim the 2015-16 CCL Premier Division title, 10 points clear. Promotion was denied due to ground grading.

The 2016-17 season under Dan Brownlie and Anthony Millerick was extraordinary. Propelled by the goals of strike duo Sam Argent and Ross Cook, the Row topped the CCL Premier Division for the entire season, reached the semi-final of the Hampshire County Cup and Final of the Aldershot Senior Cup.



TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Guided by Chairman Luke Mullen, the club secured the required ground grading to take their place in the Southern League at Step 4 for the first time.

2017-18 was as successful as the previous season. The club embarked on their first FA Trophy campaign, going out in the First Round Proper to eventual finalists, Bromley. In Southern League South (East Division), the Row sat within the top four for much of the season. A play-off place was secured, the Row winning their semi-final against AFC Dunstable. Cambridge City had triumphed at Hayes & Yeading in the other semi. In front of a crowd of over 700 at Green Lane, a tense game was decided by a Nic Ciardini goal, on the end of Jack Ball's towering header, to gain promotion to the Southern Premier South at Step 3. The season's closing highlight was lifting the Aldershot Senior Cup.

With Dan Turkington now alongside Anthony Millerick in the dugout, 2018-19 started well at Step 3, with a late run seeing Hartley finish 8th. To remain at the level required another round of ground improvements, stretching the club and its volunteers to the limit.

The 2019-20 campaign clicked into gear for the Row shortly before the season was abandoned due to the Covid pandemic. The return of familiar faces to the squad in the New Year promised an exciting run-in to the end. Instead, it became a battle off the pitch for the club's financial survival. This battle was to continue when 2020-21 was again cut short, though not before Hartley reached the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, going out at National League side Dagenham & Redbridge FC by a solitary goal. In the Hampshire Senior Invitational Cup, a competition staged as Covid restrictions were eased, Hartley lifted the trophy in the final against Folland Sports.

There was deep sadness in 2021 when Club President, Bill Mitchell, passed away in April. He had been a huge influence on the club and a true gentleman who continued his family's tradition of being Hartley Wintney through and through.

2021-22 proved tough, with the club's resources severely depleted. The huge task of surviving at Step 3 was achieved by manager Anthony Millerick and his team with another good run-in to the end. Silverware arrived by way of the Aldershot Senior Cup, the Row winning the final against Fleet Town. After his hugely successful spell as manager, 'Millers' stepped down at the end of the season, becoming the club's Director of Football.

U23 Development Team manager, Ross Weatherstone, and First Team Coach, Ty Newton, were appointed joint managers for 2022-23. Pre-season results were encouraging, but the team struggled in the league and the pair resigned in October. Ex-Arsenal pro, Ian Selley, with assistant Mick Bennett, were appointed, but after a reasonable start, results again failed to meet expectations and they resigned by mutual consent in January. With the club in the relegation zone, the Row turned to two former players, ex-pro Rowan Vine, and Shane Hollamby. The pair steadied the ship returned belief to the fans and the playing group, and worked the team back to being competitive in every game. But the lack of financial headroom finally hit home. Without the cutting edge of a proven goal-scorer to turn the draws and narrow losses into wins, the Row were relegated.

After so much recent success, 2023-24 sees Hartley Wintney FC in transition and looking to rebuild as the club takes its place in the Isthmian League South Central division, with Rowan Vine and Shane Hollamby at the helm.

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MATCH REPORT

V WESTFIELD

Within two minutes of the start, Westfield create an opening. A high ball over Isy Nzelo on their right, gives Theo White the chance to cross, Ben Holden heading out for a corner. From the cross James Dillon punches clear, but is impeded by a clash with Jacob Breckon. In reply, a long throw by Matt Tanton finds Aaron Jenkins, and, linking up with Gabriel Odunaike, splits the defence but one or other strayed offside.

Bertie Lloyd and Holden seemed in command in the Rovers back line, seeing off Westfields approach play, and settling the side. A good piece of play involving Nabeel Ghannam and Odunaike, sets Ghannam off on the right, his cross headed out by Westfield, From the corner Courtney Swaby's cross almost finds Lloyd, but was unable to get a head on it.

After 10 minutes Lloyd was forced to put the ball out for a throw, opting for safety. Manolis Gogonas takes, and Lloyd heads back out but only as far as Andrew Crossley. From his cross Holden heads clear, but the ball lofted back. Nzelo header didn't clear far enough, allowing Alfie Huckle to score with a well struck volley, curling past Dillon inside his left post

From the restart, Rovers win a throw, deep in Westfields half in the right hand corner. Holden takes, but the keeper Sonny Wheeler punches away. Another throw, this time on the left from Tanton, Daryl Coleman does well finding some space in midfield, but is impeded in the process. From the free kick, Ghannam can only strike the wall, setting White off down the line. His progress was halted by Holden, but it seems just too easy for Westfield to catch Rovers on the break.

James Dillon Matthew Tanton Bertie Lloyd Ben Holden Isy Nzelo **Daryl Coleman Nabeel Ghannam Courtney Swaby** Gabriel Odunaike 2 2 Aaron Jenkins Anthony Ogbanufe 2 Danny Divine Maxwell Oldham 3 **Garfield Wilson Mack Reilly** Thomas Jones

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In the 22nd minute, Westfield again break, delivering a cross from Adaje that Lloyd heads over to the opposite wing. White is first to the loose ball and passes across the area to Breckon, who doesn't miss with an easy side-footed shot. Two nil with no sign of a reply.

The next 20 minutes saw little of the normal creativity you expect from this Rovers side, but much more from the back four, heading clear, interceptions, hard tackles, staving off continued Westfield threat. Breckon received a caution for a harsh tackle on Tanton, and likewise Coleman picked up a yellow for a tackle on Breckon.

Dillon kept the score at two nil, after a great save from Adaje. Having received the ball from Breckon out wide, Adaje's shot was on target and hard, but Dillon was able to get a hand to it, and push it out to safety. Holden picks up the loose ball and sets Jenkins off on our left, drawing a bad challenge from Archy Taylor, picking up a caution. Swaby's free kick is headed clear by Quincy Rowe, allowing Jake Baxter to break. His pass to Adaje sets the no11 up for a shot but Dillon gathers, rolling the ball out to Swaby who covers a lot of ground, before the ball is put out for a Rovers throw. Holden steps up to take, but Lloyd was unable to steer the delivery goalward, in virtually the last kick of the half.

The second half picked up very much where the first ended, with Westfield bossing the majority of the play, with Rovers showing just a shade more creativity. Mack Reilly started the half in place of Odunaike as lone striker.



An early corner for Westfield on their right is taken by Crossley, and sails over the penalty area to White. His cross back across the box is swept out by Swaby, for a throw. Gogonas takes finding the foot of Breckon, whose shot is palmed away by Dillon. Rowe picks up the loose ball, stabbing it goalward, but Holden clears off the line.

On 53mins Nzelo gives away a free kick, which Rowe floats into corner. Nzelo heads out to Coleman who sets off Jenkins on a rare Rovers break. His crossfield pass finds Anthony Ogbanufe, who crosses but keeper Wheeler claims. Rovers seem to lift for a period, winning corners and throw-ins, but nothing really happening in the final 15yds. A good interception by Coleman finds Jenkins out on the left, how puts in a great cross, forcing Wheeler out of his area to head away. The scramble to clear Westfields lines result in a corner to Rovers. Swaby takes, and it took a strong punch from Wheeler to clear the danger.

Tanton picking up the ball on the left, cuts inside, beating his man and plays out to Reilly, but his cross is cut out by Wheeler. On the break from the Wheeler throw, Tanton then intercepts the pass to Adaje, breaking down the attack. Just before the hour, Maxwell Oldham is brought on in place of Ogbanufe, and for Westfield, Caleb Wright replaced Breckon.

Minutes later Ghannam hunts down a lost cause, nicking the ball off a defender, plays in Oldham but his shot was blocked. A great tackle by Nzelo in the middle of the park, gives him room spin out to Coleman. His pass to Oldham was challenged by Adaje, who kept possession, but was the taken out by Nzelo, earning our right back a caution.

On 75mins from a Holden long throw, Lloyd heads out to the edge of the penalty area, reaching Oldham. His shot is blocked and the rebound sets of a Westfield break, Adaje sending a high cross-field ball to Crossley. Dillon intercepts with a header, then punches the attempted lob out for a corner. Crossley takes this short to Alfie Huckle, but Nzelo blocks the cross, the ball going out for a throw-in.

Gogonas dispatches the throw which is headed out, but only as far as Adaje, whose shot finds the net for Westfields third.

Ringing the changes Jordan Wilson is brought on for Jenkins, and with the clock ticking down, Rovers will need to find a miracle or two if they are to get anything from this game. Swaby and Ghannam trading passes on the left play down the line to Reilly, his shot deflected for a corner, Swaby's delivery is headed out but picked up smartly by Jordan Wilson, who lobs over the Westfield defence toward Lloyd, but was flagged offside.

Westfield then make their substitutions, Kanye Moyo replacing Adaje, who had done his damage for the day, and Junior (Edmundo) Da Cruz replacing Gogonas. The visitors then have a spell of corners that were not dealt with convincingly by Rovers, but thankfully the desperate defending was enough. Tanton takes a quick throw on the left down the line to Reilly, who plays it inside to Ghannam. Our no10 sweeps the ball out right to Oldham, checking the ball back to Nzelo and running on to the return pass, Oldham's shot was straight at Wheeler.

In the final moments of the game, an Nzelo tackle finds Wilson, who flicks the ball on to Oldham. The short backpass sets up Ghannam's shot which Wheeler turns out for a corner. Swaby swings the corner toward the penalty spot, its defended back out to Swaby, but the keeper saves his shot.

Too little too late. Rovers sink to their fourth straight defeat, not having won a game in their last six, with clubs above and below with games in hand.



ROVERS MERCHANDISE



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	3	Chertsey Town	10	7	2	1	20	9	+11	23
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	5	Leatherhead	9	6	2	1	14	4	+10	20
	6	South Park (Reigate)	10	6	0	4	20	13	+7	18
	7	Chipstead	10	5	2	3	21	18	+3	17
*	8	Uxbridge	9	5	1	3	20	12	+8	16
	9	Badshot Lea	8	5	0	3	14	12	+2	15
3	10	Hartley Wintney	10	5	0	5	21	21	0	15
***	11	Westfield	9	4	2	3	18	14	+4	14
	12	Ashford Town (Middx)	10	4	2	4	14	12	+2	14
	13	Hanworth Villa	9	3	3	3	19	18	+1	12
	14	Ascot United	9	3	1	5	14	11	+3	10
	15	Sutton Common Rovers	10	3	1	6	16	18	-2	10
S	16	Thatcham Town	9	3	0	6	10	18	-8	9
	17	Northwood	10	2	1	7	15	19	-4	7
	18	Corinthian-Casuals	10	2	1	7	7	26	-19	7
	19	Metropolitan Police	10	1	3	6	10	19	-9	6
5	20	Guernsey	10	1	1	8	11	25	-14	4
Binfield	21	Binfield	11	0	4	7	8	40	-32	4

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS



Tuesday 24th October

Ascot United 4-0 Binfield Hartley Wintney 0-4 Westfield Metropolitan Police 1-2 Marlow South Park (Reigate) 2-0 Corinthian-Casuals



Saturday 21st October

Ashford Town (Middx) 1-3 Marlow Chipstead 1-0 Ascot United Corinthian-Casuals 0-0 Binfield Hanworth Villa 4-4 Guernsey Hartley Wintney 1-3 Uxbridge Metropolitan Police 0-1 Raynes Park Vale Northwood 2-4 Chertsey Town South Park (Reigate) 5-1 Thatcham Town Westfield 1-3 Southall

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Binfield v Badshot Lea Chertsey Town v Chipstead Guernsey v Metropolitan Police Marlow v Leatherhead Raynes Park Vale v Ashford Town (Middx) Southall v Corinthian-Casuals Thatcham Town v Northwood Uxbridge v Hanworth Villa

CAREER RECORDS

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James DILLON	15	0	0	2	0	41	0
Nabeel GHANNAM	13	2	9	П	0	29	6
Ben HOLDEN	13	П	0	4	0	14	0
Matt TANTON	13	0	0	33	0	186	9
Courtney SWABY	13	0	2	4	1	46	2
Antonio SIMEONE	12	0	က	9	0	17	33
Aaron JENKINS	10	2	4	П	0	15	4
Danny DIVINE	10	1	Т	2	0	30	2
Max OLDHAM	6	5	Т	П	0	22	33
Jordan WILSON	6	2	0	33	0	11	0
Gabriel ODUNAIKE	8	က	2	0	0	19	2
Charlie MARTIN	9	4	2	0	0	10	2
Conan TORPEY	9	2	2	2	1	24	10
Isy NZELO	2	2	Т	2	0	7	П
Ashley SHEPPARD	2	4	Т	0	0	9	П
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Mack REILLY	Н	2	0	0	0	က	0
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SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW

Vale Stay Top- With Southall And Chertsey Hot On Their Heels

Sparks hit five, Curfews four, Southall, Uxbridge and Marlow three, with wins for Chips and Vale- and we've an eight goal thriller at Villa

Leaders Raynes Park Vale knew that any slip up could see them dethroned by Southall or Chertsey Town, but they remained at the top of the pile after a narrow victory at Metropolitan Police. The game had only one goal, and it was scored by Jerry O'Sullivan after twenty three minutes.

Southall stretched their unbeaten run to seven matches and held onto second place with a three-one win at Westfield. The Woking side came into the match with a six match unbeaten run of their own- indeed, a six match winning run- but they fell behind on twenty three minutes, William Montague continuing his fine form with a fifth goal in eight matches for The All. Westfield levelled just before the hour mark, Luke Elliott up from the back to score his first of the season, but that sparked Jaden Thompson-Brissett into life, and he converted a penalty before making sure of the points with a third goal in the last minute, taking his total for the campaign to fifteen.

Chertsey Town won a six goal thriller at Northwood, and remain third. The Curfews hit a purple patch midway through the first half, which brought three goals in nine minutes, Conor Lee, Gianluca Botti and Toby Little making it three-nil after half an hour, but Dan Williams quickly got one back for the Woods and a penalty on sixty four minutes, converted by Carl Stewart, made things interesting. Six minutes from time the Curfews made it four-two, Sam Omperon with their fourth, and that was that.

Marlow are fifth, courtesy of a three-one win over Ashford Town at the Robert Parker Stadium. Dawid Rogalski continued his fine run in front of goal, opening the scoring for the visitors after eight minutes- his thirteenth of the campaign- and it was nil-two at the break, Rhys Harper putting his side two up. With a quarter of an hour left the Tangerines halved the arrears, Jack Arnold giving the home fans hope, but five minutes from time Ben Mulley made sure for Marlow, three-one the final score.

Chipstead are sixth, the Chips scoring the only goal as Ascot United came to the High Road. The goal came early, Martin Sontan scoring after fourteen minutes, and for once the Yellas attack failed to score. That's one point from their last five matches for the visitors.

Uxbridge are seventh, ending Hartley Wintney's unbeaten run. The Row were on their own patch, and they entertained their fans by taking the lead after nineteen minutes, Marcio Neves with the goal- but that was as god as it got. Uxbridge went down to ten men five minutes before the break, a red card for Kai Hobbs, but they levelled just before the break anyway, George Moore with the goal- and then the hosts joined them on ten men, Mark Amaning seeing red. The ten men of the visitors coped better than the ten men of the hosts, and Uxbridge took the lead through Mikel Platt just before the hour, the same player making it three-one and sealing victory fifteen minutes from time.



South Park Reigate were our big scorers, hitting five against Thatcham Town. The Sparks fell behind on twenty one minutes, Nathan Jones scoring for the Kingfishers, but that just made them angry and they were ahead within twelve more minutes, Jack Tucker and Aidan Brown with the goals. After the break Sam King, Ben Jordan (from the spot) and Deondre Date made it three, four, five- and Sparks ending the day in eighth.

Corinthian-Casuals and Binfield welcomed two hundred and eight fans to King George's Field. Sadly, however, neither side welcomed a goal.

We had another draw as Hanworth Villa took on Guernsey, but that had all the entertainment you could wish for, as the Green Lions came from three-nil and four-two down to earn a point. A double from Kyen Nicholas and a third from Sam Merson seemed to leave the Villains home and dry within half an hour, but Matt Loaring got one back for the visitors nine minutes before the break and soon after the restart David Merris pulled it back to three-two. Merson had surely made things safe when he got the hosts fourth with twenty two minutes left, but Ryan-Zico Black quickly pulled a goal back, and right at the end the visitors got a penalty, Loaring keeping his cool to earn them a point.

Tuesday night saw Ascot score three goals in four minutes on their way to a 4-0 win over Binfield, with a Jake Baxter hat-trick setting Westfield on their way to a 4-0 win at Hartley Wintney.

Dawid Rogalski scored twice as Marlow beat Met Police 2-1 and late goals in each half gave South Park (Reigate) a 2-0 win over Corinthian Casuals.



THE UNTOLD GAME

His Name is Carlovich

Diego Maradona was not known for his modesty. The diminutive Argentinian had the biggest presence in football, and won just about everything. So when he told a player that had spent the majority of his career in the Argentine Second Division, had never played for Argentina, and had never left the country, that 'you were better than me', it caused quite a stir. But Tomas Carlovich was not your average Second Division player, and El Trinche certainly didn't suffer from a lack of opportunity.

Carlovich was born in Rosario in 1946, and spent the majority of his life there. He never liked to be far from his parents' home, his favourite bar, or his adoring fans. What little footage there is of him looks like a cross between Andrea Pirlo and Mick Jagger; six feet tall, gangly, with flowing hair and an insouciance on the pitch that only the very best possess. He spent the majority of his career at Central Cordoba and Rosario Central, both in Rosario, both (mostly) in the Second Division, and never sought anything more. But that didn't stop his legend growing. He was paid a bonus for every nutmeg. He was paid extra for every double nutmeg; slipping it through the defender's legs and, as they turned, putting it back through again. Usually, this would be followed by a sublime 40 yard pass to an open teammate. It delighted the home crowds, who cried out for more and more, and drew in fans that wanted to see The Fork do his thing. To add to the mystery, nobody seems to know where his nickname came from.

Growing up in 1970s Rosario, football was everywhere, and it was easy to become obsessive. It's the cauldron that shaped Marcelo Bielsa, but it was Carlovich who made him dream. For four years, in his childhood, he went to every possible game to watch his local hero. Ironic for someone famous for such a frenetic style to idolise a player who seems never to have played at anything more than a walking pace. A player so good that he never had to. And Bielsa wasn't the only one entranced by the Second Division magician.

The national team wanted him, but he didn't want to travel. AC Milan wanted him, but he had the same problem. A number of French clubs came calling, but none were willing to relocate to Rosario, so he declined them. Realistically, he might have struggled in a more professional atmosphere. He turned up late for training, when he turned up at all. He forgot to go to matches so often that the team coach used to detour to his house to pick him up. And as Argentinian football started to focus on fitness and physicality, he refused to change. He only played two games in the top flight. But he wouldn't have said his lack of professionalism cost him anything. He was exactly where he wanted to be.



After rejecting another call up for the 1974 World Cup, Argentina arranged a friendly with a representative team from Rosario. It was supposed to be a confidence builder, the best of Argentina against players who hadn't made the cut. But not for Carlovich. He came alive, at his brilliant best, and spent 45 minutes destroying the national side. He barely moved all game, and yet no defender could get near him. At half -time, with the score 3-0 to Rosario, the national team manager Vadislao

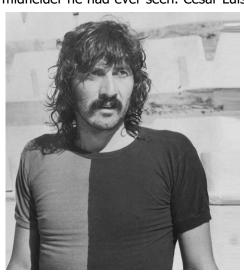


Cap begged for him to be taken off. He was, and the game finished 3-1.

It was probably the highlight of Carlovich's career, but he shrugged it off and went back to doing his own thing. His was a career of brilliance, but never the kind of recognition it could have been. Jose Pekerman, Argentina manager at the 2006 World Cup, called him the greatest midfielder he had ever seen. Cesar Luis

Menotti, who won their first ever World Cup, described him as a kid whose 'unique toy has been a ball since they were born.' One suspects he saw a kindred spirit. Pele even invited Carlovich to join him in New York. As always, he declined.

When Diego Maradona signed for Newell's Old Boys in 1993, a journalist asked him what effect having the greatest player of all time would have on the region of Rosario. 'The best footballer has already played in Rosario', he replied, 'and his name is Carlovich.' Years later, El Trinche presented him with a shirt.



Enjoy the game.

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



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Al'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.



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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 preseason playing across the back and in midfield is one to watch for sure.



TRA

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 Bertle, 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 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 onlon bag and was last years top scorer having only joined us in January. From Dorking Wanderers 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.



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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.



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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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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.



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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



VACANT



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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.



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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



TBA

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.



ТВА

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 bur with key starts under his belt he shows a massive potential if he can stay fit



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VACANT



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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 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...



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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



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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 footbal

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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 duals.



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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.



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.



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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

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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.

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Meet Today's Match Officials:

Referee Mr Samuel Olhausen

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NEXT UP: Northwood AWAY Sat 4th November | 3pm KO
Plus Ashford Town IMiddx) AWAY Sat 11th November | 3pm KO