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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:
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Surrey Premier Cup:
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GAME DAY



**Sutton Common
Rovers F.C**



VS **Binfield**
FC
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Binfield F.C

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

We would like to welcome today's opponent Binfield 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 and his assistants Mr Paul Sangster and Mr Kovilen Sawmynaden, we hope they also enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

It's been a while since we last stepped out onto the hallowed 3G here at the Arena, and that was for one of those games that you consign to the "don't talk about" basket. However for those of you who missed it, we went down 5-1 to Hartley Wintney, lost Ben Holden for a game due to his dismissal (back available now) and were generally not at the races.

Last time out we were much improved though, picking up a decent point away at Ashford Town (Middx). Sam can only have been pleased, as his depleted and injury ridden squad dug in to earn a 1-1 draw.

Injuries robbed him of Tants and Ash Sheppard, whilst unavailability saw Courtney Swaby miss the game, Ben as said was suspended, and Danny Divine has moved on.

Add into that the fact that Conan, Rooney and Isy were all struggling with injury and it was certainly a well earned point. Good also to see that we played most of the second half with an 18 and 17 year old central midfield partnership.

The one down side to the game was the homophobic abuse dished out to our players by one member of the Ashford Town supporters. I appreciate it is only one, but that is still one too many.

Today's opponents have had a tough start to the season, and currently lie in bottom spot in the table, and without a league win.

They have picked up four points so far this campaign, with home draws against Chipstead, Chertsey Town and Met Police, and an away draw at Corinthian Casuals.

Last season, they had much the better of things against us, picking up a 3-2 win at home, and a 3-0 win here at the Arena. We did though pick up a 1-0 win in the Velocity Cup at their place.

The 18's have maintained their impressive start to their league campaign, with two thumping wins in their last two outings, 5-1 at home to Tonbridge Angels, and then 8-2 away at high flying Welling Utd. Next up for them is a clash with league leaders Cray Valley PM, which promises to be a thrilling encounter.

Next up for the first team is another trip to Ashford Town (Middx) on Tuesday, when we make the journey for the Surrey Senior Cup, before we head off to Chipstead on the 25th.

Don't forget to scan the QR codes within the programme for more information.

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

Briggers

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

BINFIELD

FORMED: 1892

NICKNAME: The Moles



Binfield FC first played in 1892, during the reign of Queen Victoria, making us one of the oldest Association Football clubs in the world! The team comprised young men from the local brickworks and those who worked on the land around Binfield. The club's early years were spent in the Ascot and District League, where we enjoyed many successful seasons winning the Fielden Cup for the first time in 1924 and on eleven further occasions since.

During the 2nd World War, we joined the Great Western Combination League, winning the championship in 1947. During that period we also won the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup and the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and it was not unusual to see crowds in excess of 1,000 at our Forest Road ground.

In 1950 we joined the Reading and District League, where we remained for the next forty years. In 1972 Binfield won promotion to the Premier Division for the first time and although relegated two years later we returned in 1976 as 1st Division Champions. A huge crowd, reminiscent of the 1940's, packed Forest Road to witness our promotion. In 1980, the club made an important decision to move from Forest Road, where facilities were shared with the cricket club, to our current site in Hill Farm Lane. Turning that field into the football ground we see today was a massive task. Thanks to an enormous amount of physical work by the members of the club the area was levelled and drained within three years.

The members then set about building the club house. This progress off the field was matched on it when in 1987 and 1988 we won Division 2 and then Division 1 of the Reading and District League. In 1989, we joined the high-profile Charrington Chiltonian League, winning the Division 1 title at the first attempt – a feat we repeated in 1996 – and reaching the final of the League Cup. The following year we finished runners-up to Peppard, despite remaining unbeaten from November until the end of the campaign.

In 2001 we merged with Binfield's junior club, Binfield Forest FC, and in doing so significantly increased the membership, with over 20 teams playing every weekend – this season we will field 36 teams each week. The junior part of the club is very important to Binfield with FA Charter status having been achieved in 2007 and in 2013 we were awarded the Berks & Bucks FA and South East Regional FA Charter Status Community Club of the Year awards, culminating in the club being invited to the FA Community Shield at Wembley in August 2013.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Since 2005, progress at the club has been swift, with the addition of floodlights and later a seated stand. The club is tirelessly working to improve our facilities with our "continuous improvement" plan making further change to the car park, to the club house and a new stand around our Tea Bar. We constantly strive to improve all elements of the facilities from changing rooms to a playing surface we are extremely proud of, to benefit everyone from our Under 6s up to our 1st Team We won the FTL Hellenic League Division 1 East title in 2008-09 and gained promotion to the next level of English football, where we finished runners up in the 2010/11 UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division, 3rd in 2012/13 and 5th in 2014.

August 15th 2009 will long be remembered as Binfield's first game in the legendary FA Cup – and we have enjoyed some good runs reaching the 1st Qualifying round in each of the last two seasons with 400 supporters enjoying the visit of Margate in 2010 and a trip to Slough Town and narrow defeat in 2011. In 2013 the side reached the 2nd Qualifying round, losing to a 96th minute free kick as Leatherhead came from behind. Binfield

entered the FA Vase for the first time in season 2008-09 and enjoyed three rounds, before reaching the 4th round (last 32) in 2011/12 in an incredible season of cup success. The 2011/12 team is the most successful in our history, winning both the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy and the AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup in five glorious April 2012 days. We also reached the final of the Hellenic Challenge Cup.

In the last two disruptive seasons , during the pandemic the first team were sitting in second place in the Hellenic Premier. Positions when used to calculate points per game resulted in promotion to the Isthmian League South Centre. Our 1st season ever at Step 4, However the last season will of course be remembered for our amazing run in the Buildbase FA Vase when playing every game behind closed doors bar one and all away from home we reached the Final at Wembley where we came up against a very good Warrington Rylands side and narrowly lost 3-2.

In 2021/22 season in the Isthmian South Central, we finished 8th after a good start. Disappointing FA Cup but a very good run in the Trophy. Winning at North Leigh, Herne Bay before a home win vs Chippenham and finally bowing out against Truro, missing a last minute penalty. Last season, we finished 6th in the Isthmian South Central – our highest ever league position. In the FA Cup, we reached the 3q round, again our best ever performance, losing 5-3 away to Beckenham Town. In the FA Trophy, we lost in the 1st round proper away to Tavistock.



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MATCH REPORT

▼ ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)



A hard fought encounter saw Rovers drop 2 points in the 88th minute

Our hosts today are Ashford Town, with whom we have shared a long history of fixtures over the years, both in the Combined Counties and Isthmian Leagues. Ashford Town are currently sitting a couple of places above Rovers and four points clear, but having played two more games than us. A win for Ashford would increase the gap and give Rovers more of a hill to climb from their current position. So, all set for an evenly matched game.

A much changed line-up to the Rovers' squad, with Matt Tanton, Courtney Swaby and Ben Holden all unavailable due to injury and suspensions, but a welcome return for Antonio Simeone and Conan Torpey. First starts were handed to Matt Feeney-Hill and Lindell Stewart, and a debut for Rylan John. Joining Simeone and John in defence, Bertie Lloyd and Isy Nzelo, with James Dillon between the posts. Daryl Coleman, Max Oldham Feeny-Hill, Nabeel Ghannam and Stewart make up the midfield, with Torpey up front. On the bench, Aaron Jenkins, Noah Africa, Charlie Martin, Gabriel Odunaike and Tariq Straker.

Ashford were quick out of the blocks, winning an early corner, but Rylan John was able to head safely away. John was involved again in the 3rd minute, picking up an early (but somewhat harsh) caution for a late challenge. The free kick, from around 35yds, floated over the back line, Simeone shielding the ball out.

After 10mins a great exchange between Rogers and Sam Humphreys sees Antonio Simeone head out from a great curled effort from Humphreys. Humphreys then rattled the underside of the cross bar, thankfully not crossing the line. Khan then follows up and shoots from the rebound, Dillon pulling off a great block at point blank range.

In reply, Matt Feeney-Hill plays in Max Oldham on the left, whose quick to beat his defender, but the ball just crept out before he got his cross away. Coleman then finds himself with time and space to provide a delightful chip over the Ashford back line. Conan Torpey, ignoring the claim for offside, lobs keeper Toby Mawer, but sees his effort drift frustratingly just the wrong side of the post.

Just before the half hour, a poor unpunished challenge by Michael Kinsella on Oldham, resulted in Oldham taking no further part in the game, Charlie Martin taking his place. From the free kick Ghannam shot takes a slight deflection, but Mawer gets down to it just inside the left hand post.

A great ball from keeper Dillon finds Lindell Stewart on the right, who plays the ball inside to Torpey on the edge of the penalty area. As Torpey turns he is hauled down, winning a free kick in familiar territory for Ghannam and Simeone. The well crafted take was perfectly executed by Simeone, taking a slight deflection, but beating Mawer to put Rovers one up.

1	James Dillon	🟡
2	Rylan John	🟡
4	Daryl Coleman	🔄
5	Antonio Simeone	⚽
6	Bertie Lloyd	
7	Maxwell Oldham	🔄
8	Matthew Feeney-Hill	
9	Conan Torpey	🔄
10	Nabeel Ghannam	🟡
11	Lindell Stewart	
13	Isy Nzelo	
14	Aaron Jenkins	🔄
15	Noah Africa	🔄
16	Charlie Martin	🔄 🟡
18	Gabriel Odunaike	
3	Tariq Straker	

After Khan is cautioned for a tackle on Coleman, the free kick is squared to Simeone who puts over a decent crossfield pass which is bundled out for a throw. John quickly takes finding Torpey, who heads back out Ghannam. His shot connects but is just wide of the post. Moments later Ghannam takes a quick free kick from just inside our half, which would have crept under the bar if Mawer had not tipped it over, the Ref insisting on a retake. Simone then pings out right, but John's header back into the box drifts over the bar.

Just before half time, a brilliant ball from Feeny-Hill into the penalty area was just too inviting for Torpey, but not quite near enough to get a head on it. Maradona-style, Torpey guides the ball into the net with his hand, amid protestations from Ashford to caution Torpey. Fortunately, the Referee was lenient on Torpey, but took exception to being cajoled into a decision, booking Goode instead.

The last action of the half saw another excellent ball over the top from Feeny-Hill, leaving Stewart with a 50/50 challenge with keeper. The clash was inevitable, but thankfully neither player was hurt. Rovers go into to break a goal to the good, but with all to play for in the second half.

Ashford start the second half having substituted Jack Arnold for Jerry Frimpong, and immediately Frimpong is in amongst the action, winning a corner out on their right. Simeone heads out, and from the second corner, John pushes the ball clear. Dillon then claims Ashford cross. Early signs of more urgency in Ashford's game.

5 minutes into the half, Coleman picks up a knock, and is replaced by Noah Africa, making it our second substitution due to injury. Good distribution from Dillon finds Torpey just inside the Ashford half, and wins a free kick as he turns his marker. Simeone takes, finding Lloyd of the far left. The ball drops nicely to Ghannam, but his shot is smothered by Mawer.

A long clearance by Simeone, falls to Torpey on the edge of the Ashford box. Tussling with Sesay for possession, Torpey almost gets past his man but goes down, his claim for a penalty not given. Adam Poynter is then brought on for the Ashford striker Khan. Ghannam, Martin and Nzelo on the left continue to combine well testing Ashford's resolve, but the final finish eludes them

On the hour, a throw-in from John is flicked on by Torpey, falling to Martin but his header not strong enough to beat the keeper. Sustained pressure from both sides with Rovers looking to extend their lead and Ashford seeking the equaliser, the game could still go either way.

A Lloyd clearance reaches Martin, who in turn feeds the ball through to Feeney-Hill. The give-and-go with Torpey, sees our striker brought down by Kinsella who picks up a yellow. The free-kick is drilled low and hard by Ghannam, from just outside the box, but was struck straight at Mawer. From the clash with Kinsella, Torpey is subsequently replace by Aaron Jenkins. Third injury substitution.

After an Ashford free-kick outside our penalty area is scrambled away, Noah Africa intercepts a pass and neatly side-steps Humphreys and Belford, and passes through the gap for Stewart, but he was unable to capitalise. Belford was then cautioned for a challenge on Stewart, which would have seen him in a great position in front of goal. Ghannam's free-kick was struck goalward, but deflected out for a goal-kick.

With 80mins gone, Ghannam nicks the ball from Goode just outside their penalty area, his pass back to Stewart sets up the shot, but is skied over the bar. Almost at the death of the game, a foul on Deven Reid-Solanki, who had come on for Harry Woodward, gave Ashford a free kick just outside our 18yd box. The kick was headed away, but only as far as Goode, who smashed his shot through the crowded penalty area, a slight deflection taking it past Dillon for the equaliser.

With only stoppage time to go there were still chances for Jenkins and Ghannam to restore the lead, but the final touch just wasn't happening. I'm sure Ashford were as pleased to have rescued a point, as Rovers' were frustrated at losing two, but a point is a point, and that's better than none at all.



INSIDE MORGAN'S MIND

Afternoon and welcome everyone , thanks for taking the time to come and support the lads again. temperatures are dropping but we are hoping too heat up a bit more this month after a disappointing October .

With players returning from injury and the squad strengthened I believe we can head in the right direction up the table .

Last week saw us pick up a point away to Ashford where we were unlucky not to take all three.

The club must be proud that two u18s featured in Matt Feeney-Hill and Noah Africa too.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy the day.

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Raynes Park Vale	12	10	0	2	26	14	+12	30
	2 Southall	12	9	2	1	36	14	+22	29
	3 Chertsey Town (-1)	12	9	2	1	26	10	+16	28
	4 Leatherhead	12	8	2	2	22	8	+14	26
	5 Marlow	10	8	0	2	26	11	+15	24
	6 Badshot Lea	11	7	1	3	22	14	+8	22
	7 Hartley Wintney	13	7	1	5	28	22	+6	22
	8 South Park (Reigate)	13	6	2	5	21	18	+3	20
	9 Hanworth Villa	12	5	4	3	27	22	+5	19
	10 Uxbridge	12	6	1	5	23	18	+5	19
	11 Thatcham Town	13	6	0	7	20	23	-3	18
	12 Westfield	11	5	2	4	22	19	+3	17
	13 Chipstead	13	5	2	6	23	27	-4	17
	14 Ashford Town (Middx)	14	4	3	7	17	20	-3	15
	15 Sutton Common Rovers	12	3	2	7	18	24	-6	11
	16 Ascot United	11	3	1	7	15	16	-1	10
	17 Northwood	12	3	1	8	18	22	-4	10
	18 Metropolitan Police	13	1	5	7	13	26	-13	8
	19 Corinthian-Casuals	12	2	2	8	10	32	-22	8
	20 Guernsey	13	1	3	9	13	29	-16	6
	21 Binfield	13	0	4	9	11	48	-37	4

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS



14th November

Leatherhead P-P Badshot
Northwood P-P Westfield
South Park (Reigate) 1-1 Hanworth Villa
Thatcham Town 2-0 Ascot Utd



11th November

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

CAREER RECORDS

	SEASON RECORD				CAREER RECORDS		
	Apps	Subs	Goals	YC	RC	Apps	Goals
Bertie LLOYD	17	0	0	1	0	54	2
James DILLON	17	0	0	4	0	43	0
Nabeel GHANNAM	15	2	6	2	0	31	9
Ben HOLDEN	14	1	0	5	1	15	0
Courtney SWABY	14	0	2	4	1	47	2
Matt TANTON	13	0	0	4	0	186	6
Antonio SIMEONE	13	0	4	6	0	18	4
Aaron JENKINS	11	6	5	1	0	17	5
Max OLDHAM	11	5	1	1	0	24	3
Danny DIVINE *	11	1	1	2	0	31	2
Jordan WILSON	9	2	0	3	0	11	0
Gabriel ODUNAIKE	8	3	2	1	0	19	2
Conan TORPEY	7	2	2	3	1	25	10
Isy NZELO	7	2	1	2	0	9	1
Charlie MARTIN	6	5	2	1	0	11	2
Daryl COLEMAN	4	1	0	2	0	5	0
Ashley SHEPPARD	3	4	1	0	0	7	1
Anthony OGBANUFE	2	1	0	0	0	3	0
Siao BLACKWOOD	1	6	0	1	0	27	0
Matt FEENEY-HILL	1	3	0	0	0	4	0
Mack REILLY *	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
Lindell STEWART	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Rylan JOHN	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Noah AFRICA	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Tom JONES	0	1	0	0	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, Odunaika	116
16th Sep	ILSC	A	Corinthian Casuals	2	0	5	0	Simeone, Odunaika, 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	0	2	0	3		91
24th Oct	SCCC	A	Horley Town	2	1	2	3	Ghannam 2	78
28th Oct	ILSC	H	HARTLEY WINTNEY	1	2	1	5	Jenkins	71
11th Nov	ILSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)	1	0	1	1	Simeone	68
18th Nov	ILSC	H	BINFIELD						
21st Nov	SSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)						
25th Nov	ILSC	A	Chipstead						
28th Nov	ILSC	A	Northwood						
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						

SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW

VALE GO BACK TO THE SUMMIT- AND THE ALL ARE HOT ON THEIR HEELS

Thatcham get five, Leatherhead and Villa hit four, the Woods get back to winning ways- whilst a point separates Raynes Park Vale and Southall at the top

Raynes Park Vale scored two fine goals in the first half as they welcomed **Uxbridge**- and it was our featured game, so you can read all about it here. It was a result which took them back to the top of the table, with Southall just a point behind.

Southall have been scoring goals for fun- an average of three a game- so it was no surprise that three was the number they delivered at **Ascot United**. Two goals in the ten minutes prior to half time saw the visitors two up at the break, Kevin Songolo and Darreon Mark finding the back of the Yellas net- and although United got a goal back midway through the second half, George Lock with the goal, the always-impressive Jaden Thompson-Brissett quickly made it three. That's twenty one goals in eighteen matches for Thompson-Brissett, and a red card for Darreon Mark made little difference to the outcome.

Leatherhead made the short trip to **Metropolitan Police**, and perhaps all the police security was in Central London because the home goal was breached repeatedly. Dan Hector and Ollie Cook scored for the Tanners in the first half, Tommy Stagg added two more in the second, and the Tanners make it two four-nil triumphs in a row.

Hartley Wintney welcomed **South Park Reigate**, and the hosts made it three unbeaten- but they couldn't manage a goal, and nor could their visitors. Hartley Wintney are seventh, the Sparks in ninth.

Hanworth Villa had lost only one in eight as **Westfield** came to call, and they continued their good form with a four-two victory. It took only three minutes for the Villains to go ahead, Ben Geraghty with the opener, and they doubled their lead five minutes before half time, Kyen Nicholas with the second. Eight minutes into the second half Nicholas made it three, and although Manolis Gogonas quickly got one back for the visitors Geraghty soon ended all hope of a comeback for Westfield, making it four-one. A late consolation for Kanye Moyo made it four-two, but a consolation was all it was.

Ashford Town and **Sutton Common Rovers** had to settle for a point each- although it looked as if Rovers had taken all three when they entered the closing stages ahead. Antonio Simeone gave the visitors the lead just after the half hour, but the Tangerines levelled two minutes from time, Aaron Goode ensuring they took something from the match.

Northwood brought a nine match run which had seen them take only a point to **Chipstead**, but the Woods got back to winning ways at High Road. Reece Cameron put them ahead on sixteen minutes and nine minutes after the break they doubled that lead, Dan Williams making it two-nil. Lewis Taylor quickly hit back for the Chips, and they fought for a point, but just before the end substitute Godlove Oppong made sure for the visitors, adding a third.

Thatcham Town won five-three at **Binfield**, but that doesn't quite tell the story of the match. The visitors were four-nil up at the break, Sam Tanner, Harry Hoath, Christian Johnson and Kyle Daniel-Spray with the goals, and although Dontaye Whittaker got one back for the Moles with nine minutes left it was quickly five-one, David Nyarko with the fifth for Town. Right at the end the Moles added two more, Jimmy Bamgbose and Rechan Espirit making the scoreline look a little more respectable, but Binfield are still without a win and have conceded forty eight goals from their thirteen matches.

Guernsey welcomed **Corinthian-Casuals**. The Green Lions saw Ross Allen give them the lead on the half hour, and it was a lead they held until eight minutes from time, Koshem Murtra-Eribuwa grabbing an equaliser- and a point- for the visitors.

 The inclement weather during the week led to a couple of postponements with Leatherhead and Northwood both failing pitch inspections.

Only two games were played with **South Park** equalising in stoppage time against **Hanworth Villa** in a 1-1 draw, and **Thatcham Town** seeing off **Ascot Utd** 2-0.

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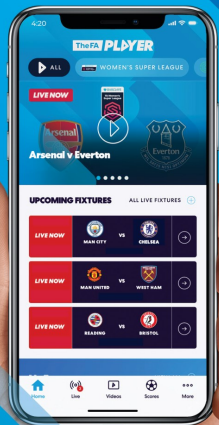


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THE UNTOLD GAME

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.

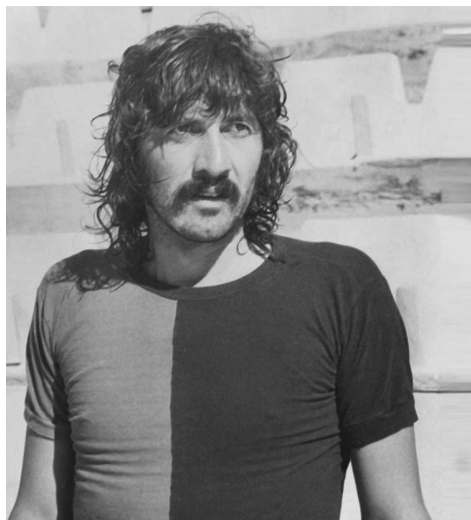
The national team wanted him, but he didn't want to travel. AC Milan wanted him, but he had the same problem. A number of French clubs came calling, but none were willing to relocate to Rosario, so he declined them. Realistically, he might have struggled in a more professional atmosphere. He turned up 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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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!



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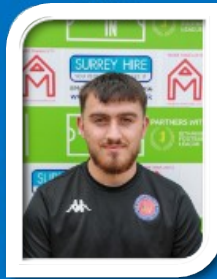
Charlie, the oldest 18 year old on the planet. Charlie is someone who has been around what feels like forever but has only been in senior football for last 2-3 years and has always known where the back of the net is. Certainly one to watch out for.



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 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



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.



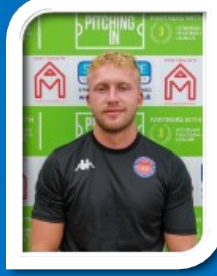
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Danny who came in with the current manager from Haywards Heath. A player favourite who's come in and puts in consistent performances, but who also wants to grow up being a Gary Neville.



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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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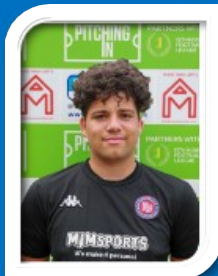


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Gabs, a strong experienced player came in and really helped the team in the final months of last season. He has attributes that can help us achieve our goals and will play a big part in doing so.

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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

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.



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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.

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 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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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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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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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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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

HARD HITZ
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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 safety last year and is hoping to build on from that this season.



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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.

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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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

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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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 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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