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**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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# GAME DAY



**Sutton Common  
Rovers F.C**



Vs



**Hanworth  
Villa F.C**

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# WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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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 Hanworth Villa 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 Fadi Mansour and his assistants Mr Sebastian Frazer and Mr Connor Fanelli, we hope they also enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

The Villains have taken to life at step 4 like ducks to water, last season saw them finish in fourth spot in the table, and narrowly miss out on promotion to step 3, as they went down to a 3-1 defeat in the play off final.

At present they sit in 8th spot in the table, with 23 points from 15 games. They have been in mixed form of late with three wins, two draws and a defeat in their last six outings, including wins over Westfield and Badshot Lea.

The only real blip being a surprising 1-0 defeat against struggling Corinthian Casuals.

Last season Villa bookended our 13 game losing streak. A 3-1 away defeat in November, our goal from Tony Halsey kicked off the run, before a Hermann Tehe double in February saw us win 2-1 here at the Arena.

Our last game here saw us pick up a comfortable 4-1 win over bottom placed Binfield, although we did make things difficult for ourselves going 1-0 early in the second half, before goals from Bert Lloyd, Nabeel Ghannam, Matt Feeney-Hill and Aaron Jenkins eased us to the win.

We followed that with success in the Surrey Senior Cup, with goals from Courtney Swaby, Nabeel Ghannam and Aaron Jenkins giving us a 3-0 win at Ashford Town (Middx) - we will advise of the 3rd Round draw in due course.

Last weekend we won a five goal thriller up at Chipstead, where Charlie Martin was the star with a hat-trick, full report later in the programme.

Our last performance though was horrendous when slumped to a 5-1 defeat away at Northwood. Falling behind inside a couple of minutes, we found ourselves 3-0 down after 30 minutes. We pulled a goal back through Nabeel Ghannam just before the break, and wasted a couple of chances to get back into the game.

Two late goals gave Northwood all three points.

The U18's were back in league action on Thursday when they headed off to league leaders Cray Valley PM in a top of the table clash. Hopefully we will have picked up the win and put ourselves in pole position at the top of the table. Once again two 17 year old first team players in Noah Africa and Matt Feeney-Hill will have been in action.

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

## HANWORTH VILLA



**FORMED: 1976**

**NICKNAME: The Villains**

Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions.

Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'. With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season.

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation.

The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both.

The 2011/2012 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivenham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2.

In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year. In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

# TODAY'S OPPONENTS



At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United.

Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3–2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy. In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after.

Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was, by mutual agreement, decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon.

The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

Last season proved to be the greatest in the history of Hanworth Villa FC and, in winning the inaugural Combined Counties North Premier Division and with it promotion to the Isthmian League, the club achieved their highest position in senior football since the formation in 1976. The most remarkable record of all is, however, that the team remained unbeaten throughout the league season.

Once again, following promotion, the team had to come to terms with competing at a higher level within the NLS. Having kept most of the Invincibles squad from the previous season Simon, Paul and Leon added some additional experience within the squad and although through early loss of form and key injuries the team slowly began to get to grips with football at step 4 within the NLS. As the season progressed so did the team and the results culminating with a 2-1 victory over Northwood in April 22 to clinch 4th in the IFL South Central Division and a semi final play off game away to Marlow. A tense tie was 1-1 going into the last minute of the game when George Wells stepped up and clinched the tie with a fine goal. Having won through to the final all that stood between Hanworth Villa and back to back promotions was Walton & Hersham one of Simon and Pauls previous clubs. In front of a 2,500 crowd at the EXCEL stadium in Walton Villa took a first half lead but could not hold onto to it going down 3-1 to Walton & Hersham.

Hanworth Villa retained the services of Simon & Paul for the new 2023/24 season in the face of many approaches from many clubs for their services and look to build on the success of recent years. The 2023/24 season was also notable with Gary Brunning, so instrumental in driving the club to the dizzy heights of the NLS step 4, stepping down as chairman being replaced by James Connor, Ex-Millwall professional footballer, and son of the original founder Jimmy Connor who's vision and drive will take the club further up the NLS pyramid. Gary Brunning moves up to Joint President of Hanworth Villa sharing the position with Jimmy Connor. It should be noted that Gary Brunning not only drove the development of the club over the past 35 years but also gave unswerving service to the club as a player playing a big part of our achievements between 1978 and our eventual promotion to step 6 and the Combined Counties FL playing first team football well into his 40's. He was approached many times to play higher up the football pyramid by higher ranked teams but remained loyal to Hanworth Villa over all those years and for this the club will always be grateful.



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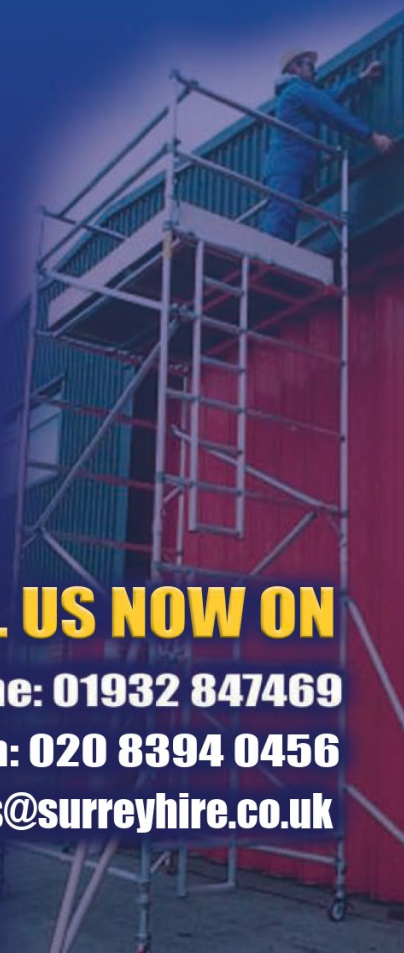
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# MATCH REPORT

## v CHIPSTEAD

Our away fixture this Saturday brings us to the The High Road, to face Chipstead in a crucial match for both sides. Chipstead sit two places and three points above Rovers in the league, but have played one more game. A win for them would widen the gap with the teams below, and leave them in a good stead for challenging the teams above. For Rovers a win would see us swap places with Chipstead, and have a game in hand over three clubs immediately below us. All to play for.

The squad today is light in numbers, due to the last minute unavailability of Conan Torpey and Courtney Swaby. In goal James Dillon. Back four Tariq Straker, Isy Nzelo, Antonio Simeone and Bertie Lloyd. Midfield/Forwards; Daryl Coleman, Matthew Feeney-Hill, Ashley Sheppard, Nabeel Ghannam, Aaron Jenkins and Charlie Martin. On the bench Maxwell Oldham, Ben Holden, Noah Africa and Rylan John.











The opening period was a pretty even affair, with both sides keen to take an early lead. A good move by Arlie Desanges and Bradley Wilson on the Chipstead right makes space for a telling cross into the Rovers' box. The half clearance fell to Daniel Pappoe, but his shot is just wide of the left hand post.

A foul on Aaron Jenkins outside the Chipstead box gives Nabeel Ghannam the chance put the hosts under pressure, his kick headed back across goal by Bertie Lloyd, but just out of Jenkins' reach. Chipstead then catch Rovers on the break, with Alfie Young and Chad Goulter making ground on the right, and only a fine tackle by Charlie Martin defuses the threat. Chipstead's Wilson then got away again down the right wing, crossing low into the box to Dan Berry. From his pass Goulter had a clear chance, but his shot was wide of the post.

In the 20th minute, with Chipstead looking more and more threatening down the right hand side, Berry picks the ball up outside our penalty area and weaves his way through the Rovers defence, slotting home past James Dillon, just inside the left hand post. Not the start Rovers were looking for, but a just reward for the hosts.

Danny Dudley is dispossessed by Jenkins, but is brought down in the act giving Rovers a free kick 30yds out. Ghannam floats his kick over the top to the left, Lloyd heading back out to the edge of the box, but Jenkins couldn't connect. A neat through ball from Ghannam then puts Jenkins in space on the left with Matt Feeney-Hill in support. The exchange between Feeney-Hill and Jenkins provides Rovers' clearest opportunity, but with his back to goal Jenkins can't get his shot away.

On the half hour, Martin wins a corner after a harsh tackle from Pappoe, which Ghannam takes short to Tariq Straker. Straker delivers a great ball across the box finding Antonio Simeone, but his header, looking for Lloyd, is cut out by keeper Harrison Firth. Five minutes on, a great ball from Daryl Coleman finds Jenkins on the left whose shot is fumbled by Firth, the loose ball snapped up by Martin who taps in to level the score.

1	James Dillon	
2	Tariq Straker	
4	Daryl Coleman	 
5	Antonio Simeone	
6	Bertie Lloyd	
8	Matthew Feeney-Hill	
10	Nabeel Ghannam	
13	Isy Nzelo	
14	Aaron Jenkins	
16	Charlie M...	   
19	Ashley Sheppard	
7	Maxwell Oldham	
15	Noah Africa	
17	Ben Holden	
18	Rylan John	



Towards the end of the half, a great ball from Ashley Sheppard gives Ghannam room to wind up a shot, but is blocked by the Chipstead defence. Sheppard is then replaced by Ben Holden, due to an injury sustained in earlier challenge. Holden immediately involved in the action, shoots from distance, Jenkins picking up the deflection, but his follow-up shot is blocked. Holden and Jenkins again combine, Holden feeding a great ball to Jenkins, who slips the ball into the bottom right corner, but was given offside.

A goal each at half time is probably a fair reflection of the game on the balance of play, but Chipstead's Young nearly gave the hosts the lead just before halftime, after a smart give and go with Berry, his shot shaving the paint off the outside of the left post.

The second half started with Rovers winning a corner, which was well defended in a very crowded 6yard box. This was quickly followed up by a cross ball from Straker finding Isy Nzelo on the right, his shot whistling over the bar. Continuing with early pressure, a Simeone free kick is headed up by Jenkins, as the ball drops his shot is narrowly wide of the post.

Just short of the hour, a Ghannam free kick sees Lloyd connect well, but his header just clears the bar. From the long goal kick, Simeone passes back to Dillon who launches a massive ball over the midfield, Martin chases from his own half and is one-on-one with Firth rushing out. A single bounce and a deft touch from Martin steers the ball over the keeper to give Rovers the lead.

A succession of long throws from Holden puts pressure on Chipstead, but they break and are thwarted by Coleman, getting a yellow for his challenge. The free kick floated into box is deflected out for a corner, which is struck low and hard. Lloyd smashes it clear for Jenkins who beats Jaden Edwards on the left channel. On the edge of the box Jenkins' cross deflects off the defenders knee onto his hand giving a penalty to Rovers. Just unlucky. With his hattrick in sight Martin steps up to take and sends Firth left, slotting the ball right for Rovers' third.

On 75 minutes Chipstead make changes to try and reduce the deficit, Jack Leahy replacing Alfie Young, Danyaal Iqbal replacing Desanges and Martin Sontan replacing Goulter. The changes have an effect, with Chipstead now playing with 3 up front. Jaden Edwards crosses low from the right, but Jack Leahy put his shot just wide. Wilson then crosses deep to Danyaal Iqbal at the far post, but his effort was blocked off the line by Lloyd.

Rovers' make their changes, Max Oldham replacing Martin and Noah Africa replacing the injured Coleman. The fresh legs of Oldham combine well with Feeney-Hill and they win a corner which Ghannam takes. The cross is headed back out to Ghannam, who has two shots blocked by the Chipstead defence.

In the closing minute, Tariq gives away a free kick around 30yds out. Wilson pings the ball left, which Simeone looked to have dealt with, but the challenge from Iqbal somehow resulted in a penalty for Chipstead. I can only imagine it was a claim for hand ball, judging from the prolonged protests from our centre back. The referee was not swayed and Martin Sontan pulled on back for Chipstead from the spot.

So, for the second league game on the spin Rovers come from a goal down to take all three points. Not part of the game plan no doubt, but the team have showed great spirit in not letting a small knock-back affect their overall performance. An important win, as teams above us seem to have stalled, making the three points all the more valuable.



# INSIDE MORGAN'S MIND

Afternoon all,

WOW, December already!

This is the start of a big run of games and whilst mid-week was a day to forget our form has picked up of late and we're starting to look more like the side that started the campaign.

We have a few key injuries still, noticeably Conan and Tants still out but the strength of the squad has come through and competition for places remains high.

Hanworth are always a tricky side but it was this fixture last year that started our survival run last year. So, hopefully we repeat that with another 3 points today!

See you all in the bar after the match.

**Morgs**

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Chertsey Town (-1)	14	11	2	1	32	12	+20	34
	2 Raynes Park Vale	14	11	1	2	30	14	+16	34
	3 Southall	15	10	3	2	40	18	+22	33
	4 Leatherhead	15	10	2	3	26	10	+16	32
	5 Marlow	12	10	0	2	31	13	+18	30
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	6 Badshot Lea	15	9	1	5	28	23	+5	28
	7 Hartley Wintney	14	8	1	5	32	22	+10	25
	8 Hanworth Villa	15	6	5	4	31	25	+6	23
	9 Uxbridge	15	7	1	7	28	24	+4	22
	10 South Park (Reigate)	14	6	2	6	22	20	+2	20
	11 Westfield	13	6	2	5	25	24	+1	20
	12 Thatcham Town	15	6	2	7	21	24	-3	20
	13 Sutton Common Rovers	15	5	2	8	26	32	-6	17
	14 Chipstead	15	5	2	8	26	33	-7	17
	15 Ashford Town (Middx)	15	4	3	8	17	21	-4	15
	16 Ascot United	13	4	1	8	17	19	-2	13
	17 Northwood	14	4	1	9	23	27	-4	13
	18 Metropolitan Police	15	2	5	8	16	29	-13	11
	19 Corinthian-Casuals	15	3	2	10	14	37	-23	11
	20 Guernsey	16	2	4	10	18	34	-16	10
	21 Binfield	15	0	4	11	12	54	-42	4

# LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS



## 28th November

Corinthian-Casuals 1-2 Ascot United  
Hanworth Villa 3-1 Badshot Lea  
Northwood 5-1 Sutton Common Rovers



## 25th November

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

# TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

# CAREER RECORDS

	SEASON RECORD				CAREER RECORDS		
	Apps	Subs	Goals	YC	RC	Apps	Goals
Bertie LLOYD	21	0	1	1	0	58	3
James DILLON	21	0	0	4	0	47	0
Nabeel GHANNAM	19	2	9	2	0	35	12
Courtney SWABY	17	0	3	4	1	50	3
Antonio SIMEONE	17	0	4	6	0	22	4
Ben HOLDEN	15	3	0	5	1	18	0
Aaron JENKINS	14	7	7	1	0	21	7
Matt TANTON	13	0	0	4	0	186	6
Max OLDHAM	11	6	1	1	0	25	3
Danny DIVINE *	11	1	1	2	0	31	2
Charlie MARTIN	9	6	5	2	0	15	5
Isy NZELO	9	4	1	2	0	13	1
Jordan WILSON	9	2	0	3	0	11	0
Gabriel ODUNAIKE *	8	3	2	1	0	19	2
Conan TORPEY	8	2	2	4	1	25	10
Daryl COLEMAN	7	1	1	3	0	8	0
Ashley SHEPPARD	5	4	1	0	0	9	1
Matt FEENEY-HILL	4	4	1	0	0	8	1
Rylan JOHN	3	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tariq STRAKER	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Lindell STEWART	2	2	0	0	0	4	0
Anthony OGBANUFE	2	1	0	0	0	3	0
Siao BLACKWOOD *	1	6	0	1	0	27	0
Noah AFRICA	1	5	0	0	0	6	0
Mack REILLY *	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
Harrison ABU	0	1	0	0	0	1	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		
<b>2023</b>									
<b>5th Aug</b>	<b>FAC EP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BURGESS HILL TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>84</b>
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
<b>26th AUG</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>UXBRIDGE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Jenkins</b>	<b>83</b>
28th Aug	ILSC	A	Marlow	0	2	1	6	Jenkins	179
<b>2nd Sep</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>GUERNSEY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ghannam, Sheppard</b>	<b>72</b>
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
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<b>28th Oct</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>HARTLEY WINTNEY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Jenkins</b>	<b>71</b>
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<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>THATCHAM TOWN</b>						
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<b>23rd Dec</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BADSHOT LEA</b>						
26th Dec	ILSC	A	Raynes Park Vale						
30th Dec	ILSC	A	Guernsey						
<b>2024</b>									
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6th Jan	ILSC	A	Leatherhead						
<b>13th Jan</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>CORINTHIAN CASUALS</b>						
20th Jan	ILSC	A	Southall						
<b>27th Jan</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>ASCOT UTD</b>						
<b>31st Jan</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)</b>						
3rd Feb	ILSC	A	Westfield						
17th Feb	ILSC	A	Hartley Wintney						
<b>24th Feb</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>NORTHWOOD</b>						
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<b>9th Mar</b>	<b>ILSC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)</b>						
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27th Apr	ILSC	A	Thatcham Town						

# **SOUTH CENTRAL REVIEW**

## **CHERTSEY GO TOP- BUT WE'VE TWO POINTS BETWEEN THE TOP FOUR**

**The Curfews win our match of the day, Vale and Hartley Wintney hit four, Baggies come from behind to win, and we've wins for the Tanners, Marlow, Met, Rovers and Guernsey**

Our match of the day saw Chertsey Town welcome Southall as second hosted first. Both sides were in fine form, and it was the Curfews who made the early breakthrough, Conor Lee opening the scoring after just two minutes. The equaliser arrived on the half hour, and it was a former Curfew, Billy Montague- who got nineteen for Town last season- who delivered the goal. Five minutes after the restart a red card for the visitors Carl Pearce gave the Curfews an advantage, and they quickly took it, Conor Lee almost immediately making it two-one. Chertsey held on to take over at the top.

Raynes Park Vale welcomed Westfield, two sides in decent form and Vale hoping to return to the top of the table- and the hosts had the best possible start, Jordan Gallagher putting them ahead and making it twelve in fourteen matches, his goal coming in the very first minute- or to be more accurate, after forty five seconds. Gallagher added another on nineteen minutes as his side went two-nil up, and with twenty four minutes left Brad Sweeney made the points safe with a third. Callum McAllister added a fourth seven minutes from time, and eased to victory.

Binfield, still looking for their first win, played host to Leatherhead, the Tanners hoping to bounce back from midweek defeat. The Tanners were ahead after just nine minutes, Omar Lawson with the opener, but it took them until right at the end to make the match safe, Tommy Stagg with the second.

Ascot United welcomed Marlow. United had only one win from eight, whilst the visitors had won their previous six- so it wasn't a great surprise when Marlow went ahead on the half hour, although sadly an own goal made the difference. The next goal was crucial, and it went to Marlow's main man, Dawid Rogalski, his seventeenth of the season- from sixteen games- making it two-nil. Marlow held on for a comfortable win.

Badshot Lea, winners at Leatherhead in midweek, have been in magnificent form, but fell behind as they welcomed Corinthian-Casuals eleven minutes before half time, Reanu Grossett opening the scoring. With fifteen minutes left the score remained one-nil to the visitors, but then it suddenly sparked into life. Steven Sylla levelled for the hosts and two minutes later put them ahead. Another two minutes and it was three-one, Rylee White with that one, but only two more minutes went before Danny Campion scored from the spot for Casuals to bring it back to three-two. A red card for the Baggies- Baback Dehgani- right at the end boosted the visitors, but there was no time for an equaliser. The Baggies are sixth, two points behind fifth place Marlow and having a fine time, taking twenty five points from their last thirty.

Hartley Wintney scored the earliest goal of the day in the three o'clock kick off's, Jayden Smith scoring in the very first minute against Northwood- indeed, it took forty seconds! The second goal arrived just before the break, and again it went to the hosts, Taylor Morgan making it two-nil. Any doubts about the outcome ended when Morgan made it three with seven minutes remaining, and the hosts added a fourth just before the end, Mason Obeng making the Woods day even worse. The Row are seventh, the Woods are nineteenth.

Hanworth Villa went ahead against Thatcham Town midway through the first half, Kyen Nicholas with the opener. The Kingfishers levelled seven minutes into the second half, Harry Hoath with the equaliser, and the visitors then gained a player advantage as Villa keeper Gary Ross saw red. They couldn't take advantage, and had to settle for a point.

Chipstead and Sutton Common Rovers met in a local derby, and the Chips struck first, Dan Berry putting them ahead on twenty minutes- but Rovers soon struck back, Charlie Martin levelling the scores. Martin then took control, making it two-one to the visitors on the hour and then converting a spot kick for a hat trick five minutes later, and a late spot kick from Martin Sontan brought it back to two-three, but there was no time for the Chips to find an equaliser. Rovers go above their hosts into thirteenth.

Guernsey had gone fourteen matches without a win as Uxbridge came to call, but the Green Lions finally remembered how to roar! Jamie Dodd put them ahead on eighteen minutes, and a red card for the visitors Lewis Pegg made their task easier. The hosts took advantage by going two up just before the hour, Matt Loaring doubling their advantage, and they made the game safe with seventeen minutes left, Owen Wallbridge making it three-nil. There was then a long stoppage following an injury to the visitors Bernard Mensah which necessitated the calling of an ambulance, but the match eventually restarted and the hosts held on for a crucial win.

Metropolitan Police played host to FA Trophy giantkiller South Park (Reigate), and perhaps the Sparks were still dreaming about their trip to Hereford as the boys in blue went ahead on six minutes, Mason Galloway heading home. The Sparks quickly hit back through Sam King, but the hosts went straight up the other end and restored their lead, Kareem Akinnibi making it two-one. Seven minutes into the second half the hosts saw red, Adam Green dismissed, but they held on for three vital points.

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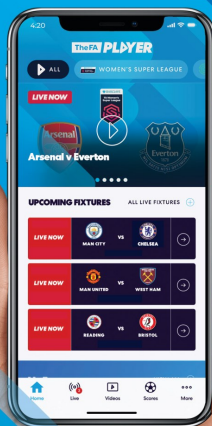
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# THE UNTOLD GAME

## When Inter threw the Derby d'Italia

The biggest game in Italy is always a spectacle. Juventus' matches against Internazionale are nicknamed the Derby d'Italia, and for good reason. The Bianconeri are out in front of all of their domestic opponents, consistently the team to beat on the peninsula and boasting an impressive record of trophies. Inter are their closest rivals, both in terms of titles won (although Milan have now joined them) and in terms of the ferocity of their duels, far surpassing the Turin derby for Italy's most successful club.



You might expect, then, that the record between the two is always close, even if one side gains the ascendancy for a period. You might not expect, from a fiercely contested season, for the record result between the teams to be a 9-1 drubbing by Juventus of their Milanese rivals. But it's not quite as it seems.

Approaching seven years without a Scudetto, in the summer of 1960 Inter made perhaps the most important decision in their history, approaching Spanish giants Barcelona for permission to talk to their Argentinian manager. The arrival of Helenio Herrera (pictured above with ball) at the San Siro immediately improved their fortunes, and over the course of the 1960s would lead to significant successes, including three league titles in four years and two successive European Cups. But when he arrived in Italy, Juventus were the reigning champions, and were still the side to beat.

Herrera's rejuvenated Inter held the early ascendancy in the season, beating Juventus 3-1 at home before Christmas, but struggled to maintain their form after the break, with a relentless Juventus piling pressure on their rivals, and Inter breaking under it. They lost five games going into the return fixture in April, and needed a win to maintain their title hopes. Herrera's new catenaccio would have to be at its absolute best to cope with Juventus hero Omar Sivori (pictured next page), who seemed able to score from nothing.

They started brightly, and were the stronger side against the hosts, whose fans grew more and more enraged at their side's inability to impress themselves onto the game. At one point, Inter broke, catching Juventus up the pitch, and hit the post with their chance.

That was the moment the dam broke, and riotous Juventus fans spilled onto the pitch. Chased from the stadium, the Inter players took refuge in the changing rooms, until the referee decided to abandon the match due to crowd trouble. When Herrera and his players made their way back to Milan, news came through that they had been awarded the match 2-0, closing the gap to within a single game.

Inter used the awarding of the result to spur them on for the rest of the season, which the Italian FA - the FIGC - fell into disarray. Going into the final games of the season, Juventus still led the league, but a loss at Fiorentina would give Inter a chance to secure their first title since the mid-1950s.

The FIGC, however, had appointed Umberto Agnelli as its president, and had other ideas. Despite the conflict of interest - the Agnelli family have owned Juventus since 1923 - they announced that the abandoned game would be replayed, and Inter's 2-0 victory would be withdrawn. Inter protested that the FIGC were simply handing the title to the team owned by their president, and lost their final game with the distraction. Juventus secured the point they needed anyway, but the decision left an ill-tempered dead-rubber between the sides still to be played.

In protest against the decision, Helenio Herrera and the Inter board decided to play the youth team in the 1961 Derby d'Italia. The youngsters simply couldn't compete with the champions, and succumbed to a chastening defeat. Sivori helped himself to six goals in the game, taking him to within striking distance of the Capocannoniere, the award for the top goalscorer in the season. For Inter, the occasion was marked by a first goal for Sandro Mazzola, who would go on to become something of a legend himself.

Inter suffered further ignominy the following season, watching their city rivals lift the title before Herrera's new system finally started producing results. Juventus, on the other hand, struggled against relegation following the 1961 season. The decade would eventually belong to Inter, but the rancour remained.

As for the corruption at the heart of Italian football, there is a belief that has borne out throughout the following decades: Juventus might not always instigate the scandal, but they are always involved somewhere. And, after the 1961 debacle, who can argue?

**Enjoy the game.**

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## CONSTANTINE & Co JEWELLERS

AJ's shown he could be a real force in pre-season but has also notched up some vital goals 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 pre-season playing across the back and in midfield is one to watch for sure.



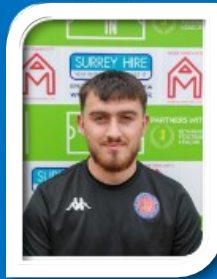
## TBA

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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## 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.



## VACANT

Anthony Ogunbunfe  
Info coming spon



## SPONSOR AVAILABLE

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



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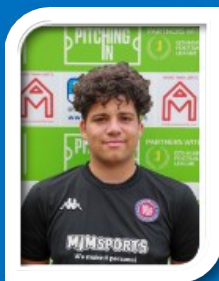


**VACANT**

Rylan John  
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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

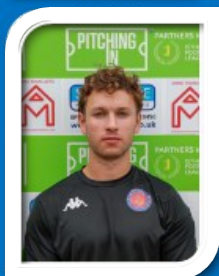


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James is an experienced keeper with higher level app's under his belt. He's been fantastic for the club since coming in and was vital in our survival last year. Off the field he has shown leadership skills that have helped shape a great changing room

**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.



**VACANT**

Harrison Abu  
Info coming soon

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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.



**SPONSOR AVAILABLE**

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

**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...



**VACANT**

Lindell Stewart  
Info coming soon

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Tariq Straker  
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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.



**LAMICK  
Floor Machines  
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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...

**VACANT**

VACANT



COMING  
SOON



**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

**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.



COMING  
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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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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



COMING  
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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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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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## SUTTON COMMON ROVERS F.C

Colours: ALL YELLOW / MINT GREEN

JAMES DILLON (GK)	
LOUIE EROKOKRITOS (GK)	
AARON HUNT	
AARON JENKINS	
ANTHONY OGBNUFE	
ANTONIO SIMEONE (VC)	
ASHLEY SHEPPARD	
BEN HOLDEN	
BERTIE LLOYD	
CHARLIE MARTIN	
CONAN TORPEY	
COURTNEY SWABY	
DARYL COLEMAN	
HARRISON ABU	
ISY NZELO	
JORDAN WILSON	
LINDELL STEWART	
MATTY FEENEY-HILL	
MATT TANTON (C)	
MAX OLDHAM	
NABEEL GHANNAM	
NOAH AFRICA	
RYLAN JOHN	
TARIQ STRAKER	
TOM JONES	

## HANWORTH VILLA F.C

Colours: RED / BLACK & WHITE

GARY ROSS (GK)	
TERRY BUSS (GK)	
GUY ANSAH-PALMER	
OLA OLAJUBU	
THEO CRAWFORD	
JORDAN ELLIS	
MATTHEW GBIO	
BEN GERAGHTY	
LOUIS COLLINS	
SAM MERSON	
KYEN NICHOLAS	
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GEORGE WELLS	
JAY HINES	
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SAM MEAD	
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Manager: Sam Morgan  
Assistant Manager: Reece Turner

Manager: Simon Haughney  
Assts: Paul Thomas & Leon Solomon

## Meet Today's Match Officials:

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