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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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Pitching In
Isthmian League
South Central Division

**Sutton Common
Rovers F.C**

Vs



Southern Counties
East Premier
Division

Fisher FC

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good evening ladies and gentleman, welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports Arena for this FA Cup Extra Preliminary round replay.

We would like to welcome the players, committee and supporters of Fisher FC and hope that they and enjoy their stay with us this evening.

We would also like to welcome tonight's match officials, referee Mr Fabien Le Houezec and his assistants, Mr Thomas Marshall and Mr Jide Ogunba. We hope they also enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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It's a big day for us as we play our first competitive fixture here at our new home, after leaving Sutton Utd at the end of last season.

The team at Whyteleafe Sports Arena have made us feel very welcome, and have helped us settle in nicely, and we hope to have a long and prosperous relationship with them moving forward.

So what has been going on over the course of the summer? Darren has now installed Lee Flavin as joint manager, giving us a two pronged team, continuing to work alongside Liam Joyce as first team coach, whilst we have a new goalkeeping coach in the shape of former first team keeper Sheikh Ceesay.

On the playing front only a handful of last seasons squad have stayed with us for this season, o the regulars, it is Ryan Dacres-Smith, Tony Halsey and Shawn Lyle, whilst a couple of the younger lads who broke into the squad at the back end of last season have also returned. On the whole though it is a brand new squad Darren and Lee will be operating with this season (there will be a full run down of the newcomers in the next programme, and hopefully, over the coming weeks a few player interviews).

Pre-season saw us in action on eight occasions, with a mixed set of results, but generally improvements were made week on week, and there is a full round up later in the programme.

The First team have entered five cup competitions this season. Alongside the FA Cup, we have a tough tie away to East Thurrock Utd in the FA Trophy, and will also be taking part in the Velocity Trophy (Isthmian League Cup); the Surrey Senior Cup and the Southern Combination Challenge Cup (assuming we have been invited to enter this season and not missed off the email list!!).

Elsewhere the U23's have moved division, having withdrawn due to ground issues from the Isthmian Development division last season we will be plying our trade in the Combined Counties U23 division this season.

The U18's are back in the Isthmian Youth East division, and will no doubt be looking to repeat their title double of last season. They will also be entering the FA Youth Cup and Surrey Cup.

Finally, an apology, work has been hectic of late, even meaning I missed Saturday's first tie, and as such it will have a knock on effect on the programme, which regrettably may not be up to its usual standard. It will also explain why there is no match report on Saturday's 0-0 draw.

Enjoy your time with us this evening, and have safe journeys home wherever you are going to. If you are an SCR fan, see you at Chipstead on Saturday.

Briggers

TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS

FISHER FC

Originally formed in 1908, the Fish have a chequered history, including highs of taking on Bristol City in the 1st round of the FA Cup in 1984, playing Conference Football and towards the end of Fisher Athletic, winning the London Senior Trophy. The final few years of the old Fisher Athletic turned sour as the ground was lost and finally, in 2009 (five years after moving in with Dulwich Hamlet), the club was wound up by the high court.

A week later, following a successful meeting, a supporter's trust was set up to take control of the club. Renamed Fisher FC and continuing to play at Dulwich's Champion Hill, the club entered the Kent League and finished their debut season in 13th under the guidance of Gary Lisney.

Various managers (including Billy Walton, Martin Ford and Steve Firkins) have come and gone in the last few seasons bringing varying levels of success to the club (the most notable success being reaching the Semi-Finals of the Kent League Cup under Billy Walton in 2013/14, eventually losing 6-4 on aggregate to Beckenham, who went on to win the competition).

In December 2014, former Beckenham assistant manager Dean Harrison (the mastermind behind Becks' 2014 League Cup and Kent Senior Trophy double crown) took the reins. He brought with him a host of new faces and achieved the main task of maintaining SCEFL status with four games to spare, with impressive performances



against more established sides turning more than a few heads along the way.

The club returned home to Rotherhithe just in time for the start of the 2016/17 season, with Gary Abbott taking over following Harrison's surprise departure in the summer. Abbott struggled to get things going on the field and was relieved of managerial duties in November. The club moved quickly to bring Harrison back to the dugout for the survival fight.

Despite a valiant effort, the club were relegated to SCEFL Division 1, and finished third in 2017/18 season, and were awarded promotion by the FA Leagues Committee, so will once again compete in the SCEFL Premier Division for the 2018/19 season.

A superb first season back at Step 5 saw the Fish finish 3rd in the league, having sat at the top of the tree mid-season. The club also reached the Semi-Final of the SCEFL Challenge Cup, and the Quarter Final of the Kent Senior Trophy.

Another shock departure from Harrison has seen the majority of that squad picked off to move on. After a brief spell under the leadership of Allan Fenn at the beginning of the 2019/20 campaign, AJ Ashanike took charge and steadied the ship before the Pandemic brought the season to a premature end.

A very short 2020/21 Season provided us with a run in the Emirates FA Cup that saw us beat Horsham YMCA, then Tooting & Mitcham via a dramatic tie settled on penalties to set up a trip to Cray Wanderers, which saw us lose 3-1.

With things finally back to normal, the 2021/22 Season saw us finish our SCEFL campaign in 13th place. While success didn't come on the pitch in the cups, we enjoyed a night to remember against Brentford's B team in the London Senior Cup. The Bees won 2-0 as we set a new record home attendance of 425.

With several players deservedly moving up the pyramid at the end of the season, once again Ajay has gone through his ever growing contact book to fill the gaps while holding the core of last year's squad together, and we look forward to another enjoyable campaign in 2022/23.

DID YOU KNOW:

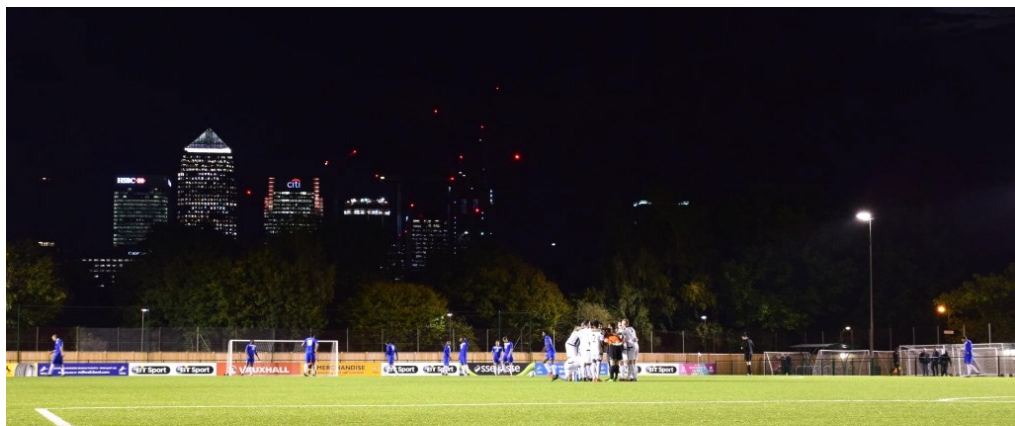
Fisher FC are one of the few sports sides in the world to take their name from a person rather than a place.

The club was originally named after the Catholic martyr Saint John Fisher. This makes Fisher one of the few sports clubs in the world to take their name from a person rather than place.

Others include: Cleveland Browns (NFL side named after first coach Paul Brown); Jomo Cosmos (South African football team named after owner Jomo Sono) - and that's pretty much all I could find

AKINWANDEEEE!!!

Back at the start of pre-season former Colchester Utd and Stevenage forward Femi Akinwande was to prove a thorn in our side, hitting four in the first half for new side Tonbridge Angels, but did you know, Akinwande spent a brief time on loan at Fisher in the 2015 season



SPOT THE BALL



Action from our friendly against Whitehawk, with Matt Tanton challenging the Whitehawk player for the ball, but where is it...

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FROM THE GAFFER



After surviving in the Pitching In South Central last season, you have made plenty of changes to the squad - is that something you always planned to do?

It has been a large turnaround which is never an easy thing to do. As managers you have attachments to players on and off the pitch, whilst players have a connection and rapport with supporters and committee members so it is always difficult when you find yourself needing to have a shake up. The time felt right though - after what has been a fast and frantic journey and sometimes you have to stop and reassess where you are at and we felt we needed to have the shake up. The upshot is just four or five of last seasons core staying for this season.

With such a large turnaround, do you have any concerns over the time it might take to bed the new players in?

In an ideal world with no Covid, and with holidays taken when booked, rather than held over for a couple of years, you would have just got on with it. This year though with illness and those delayed holidays it does mean players may not have the bedding in time that we would like, but it is what it is, we are though happy with the core of the squad.

Having said that, how happy have you been with pre-season?

Pre-season was generally good, we knew we were having to build a squad and we saw an improvement moving through the games. Obviously in a perfect world we would have preferred not to have kicked off with an FA Cup game, and maybe had a couple of competitive games under our belt. We could probably have done with another couple of weeks for holidays and sickness, but we certainly won't be the only ones who are in that position.

Aside from the new players, you have plenty of youngsters coming through. How important is that for both the team and club?

Seeing Ryan Stedman-Hoyte come up from the U23's, and both Bobby Moore and Jake Riddington from last years hugely successful U18's is a massive plus. As a club we need to be developing and bringing players through, whilst still being competitive. Being a ground sharing club is expensive, there is no money tree so it is fantastic to see these lads come through which is testament to everyone underneath the first team which often goes unnoticed.

Moving on to the weekend, and what was your take on the game?

If I am honest, I was not unhappy with a draw as neither side really did enough to win. There were a couple of chances at both ends and a couple of good saves from both keepers but nothing really sustained.. Generally it was a well contested game in difficult conditions, with it being a blisteringly hot day. The heat took a lot of energy out of the players and with the added excitement of playing in the FA Cup it took its toll. We knew going to Fisher was going to be a tough ask, they are a club with a proud history and a good following. There was plenty of vocal support giving them a boost attacking the car park end in the second half and we had to stand up to that.

All in all though the draw was probably a fair result, and gives us a fighting chance tonight.

PRE-SEASON ROUND UP

I never read too much into pre-season results. over the years I have been involved with sides that have won all their pre-season games and then started with zero wins from their opening six games, and other sides who have lost every game in pre-season and then got off to an absolute fliers. Having said that, how did we shape up - well it was a decent set of results with three wins, three draws and a couple of early defeats.

AFC WHYTELEAFE 0-2 (Home)

Our first game was in June, and was more a "welcome to the ground" type game, against fellow tennants AFC Whyteleafe. A side containing hardly any players who opened the season last weekend against Fisher in the FA Cup.

Goals in either half gave AFC Whyteleafe a 2-0 win.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS 1-5 (Home)

Against a National League South side, under the new management of Jay Saunders, this was always going to be a tough test. The visitors were obviously out to impress their new manager, and in Femi Akinwande had a forward who was virtually unplayable, in fact scoring four goals in a rampant first half.

We fell behind on seven minutes when Akinwande outmuscled our defence to fire home, and then crashed one home on 20 minutes from 25 yards. A hat-trick was completed with a finish from a tight angle on 41 minutes and he completed our misery for the half in stoppage time with a fierce half volley.

Dan Purdue superbly saved a Tonbridge penalty early in the half and was to make several more fine saves. We pulled one back with ten to go, before Lewis Gard gave the visitors a 5-1 win.

EDGWARE TOWN 5-2 (Home)

Our first win of pre-season saw us come from behind to beat Combined Counties North side Edgware Town. Falling behind in the opening minute, the lads responded positively and found ourselves ahead at the interval. We dominated much of the season half to ease to our first win.

WHITEHAWK 1-1 (Home)

Rovers played out an entertaining 1-1 draw with Isthmian South East side Whitehawk, in a game which both sides will feel they did enough to win, but realistically neither deserved to lose.



Whitehawk started brightly and moved the ball well around the pitch, however there was little to trouble Dan Purdue in our goal. We gradually grew into the game and went closest to opening the scoring midway through the half when Ade Gbolaham saw his header drift just wide of the left hand post.

In a game of few chances, Whitehawk had a glorious opportunity five minutes before the break to open the scoring. We failed to clear a deep free kick and from the second phase the Hawks striker somehow headed wide from 6 yards. Shortly after and a different player saw his free header go wide as Whitehawk enjoyed a good spell of possession.

We almost snatched the lead just before half time when Tony Halsey shut down the keeper, and blocked his clearance, only to see the effort go just wide of the right hand post, but we didn't have to wait long for a goal. On the stroke of half time Ryan Dacres-Smith won the ball in the middle of the park and released Halsey, he got to the byeline and squared back to Brian Testolin who finished superbly for 1-0.

The second half saw a bright SCR start, Testolin cut inside his marker early on and forced a tremendous save out of the keeper. From the corner the ball dropped to Halsey but the Hawks threw bodies around the ball and the chance was cleared.

Whitehawk had a decent penalty shout turned down midway through the half and we went close to increasing our lead on 25 minutes when an Stephane Akmel cross was headed wide by Halsey. We were to rue the miss as Whitehawk went down the other end and forced a corner, and a powerful header gave Nathan Boamah no chance and levelled things up at 1-1.

Both sides had chances to win the game late on, firstly a knock down from a corner was fired high over the bar by a Whitehawk player and at the other end the last real chance saw Testolin bring another decent save out of the keeper.



LINGFIELD 2-2 (Away)

For this friendly we played three thirty minute periods against Southern Combination Premier division Lingfield, on their pre-season ground at Edenbridge Rugby Club.

On what was described by someone not from the club as "the worst pitch he has ever seen" we made a poor start - and you could tell the players didn't really want to be there. We went into the final period trailing by 2-0 having failed to really get going.

PRE-SEASON ROUND UP cont...

The final third saw us spring into life, with a brace from Stephane Akhmel giving us a 2-2 draw. Lets not talk about Tony Halsey's penalty though.

CARSHALTON ATHLETIC 0-0 (Home)

After a bright Carshalton start, it was us who should have opened the scoring on three minutes, Stephane Akmel winning possession inside the Robins half but seeing the keeper make a good save from his shot. We continued to have the upper hand and from a deep free kick on 10 minutes Ollie Creed bought another save out of the keeper.

Carshalton responded positively and forced a couple of corners which came to nothing, and the game became possession based with neither side seriously able to test the opponents keeper. On the quarter hour, Filip Chalupniczak did superbly to turn an effort from just inside the box over the bar (right) and an entertaining half ended scoreless.



Carshalton started the second half brightly, and after they sprung our backline in the opening minutes, rounded Chalupniczak, we were grateful to Matt Tanton for getting back to clear, and on ten minutes a low drive found its way into our side netting. We were defending manfully against opponents from a step above, and the game started to become extremely scrappy with both sides giving the ball away far too often.

Nathan Boamah kept the scores level on 77 minutes, after initially having been pulled out of position, he recovered superbly to make the save. Tony Halsey went close for us late on, and the visitors saw a penalty fired against the crossbar, but there was to be no breakthrough and the match ended in a stalemate.

BANSTEAD ATHLETIC 1-0 (Home)

I have to be honest, I don't know a huge amount about this game, we won 1-0 thanks to Stephane Akmel but thats about it.

HORLEY TOWN 3-1 (Away)

Rovers final pre-season fixture saw them ease to a comfortable 3-1 win over Combined Counties Premier Division side Horley Town, thanks to a double from Stephane Akmel and a last gasp strike from Ollie Creed.

Horley actually started brightly, moving the ball around the park neatly, without really causing any issues for the Rovers backline, and it was Rovers who went closest to opening the scoring on 15 minutes when Stephane Akmel was released down the right, and as he bore down on goal, Horley keeper George Hyde was out to make a good save. 15

Rovers continued to dominate, with both Tony Halsey and Brian Testolin dragging efforts just wide, and Testolin bringing a good stop away to his right by Hyde. At the other end a couple of half chances for Horley were routinely saved by Nathan Boamah. Rovers struck first on 30 minutes, a defence splitting ball by Kyron Richards released Akmel, and with an age to think about the effort, he calmly rounded the keeper and rolled the ball into the empty net for 1-0.

Almost immediately Halsey thundered a header against the bar, before Horley had a header harshly ruled out for a push and the half ended with us one goal to the good.

Horley should have levelled early in the second half but Boamah did superbly to turn away a point blank Horley strike, and back at the other Testolin was denied by another excellent Hyde save. Horley levelled with just under 20 minutes remaining, when a ball down the right found former SCR colt Jimmy Williams, he fired an effort across the face of goal and the chance looked to have gone, but picking it up at the back stick the Horley forward cut inside and curled home the equaliser.

Horley pushed for a second and Boamah saved well from a low strike through the crowd, before we ended the game on top, after several chances flashing wide of the post, Akmel slipped passed the right back and curled his effort into the top corner for 2-1, and we continued to push seeing an effort scrambled just wide before from the resultant corner Ollie Creed forced home the loose ball for 3-1 (below)



SNAPSHOTS: PRE-SEASON



Top: Matt Tanton; Left: Kyron Richards; Right: Bert Lloyd; Bottom: Brian Testolin



LATEST RESULTS



All the results involving Isthmian South Central sides in Saturday's FA Cup ties

Abbey Rangers 0-3 Hanworth Villa
Chipstead 1-2 Tunbridge Wells
Cobham 0-3 Tooting & Mitcham Utd
Northwood 2-0 South Park (Reigate)
Saltdean Utd 0-8 Ashford Town (Middx)
Southall 0-0 Redhill
Thatcham Town 2-3 Horndean
Walton & Hersham 2-2 Kennington
Westfield 2-0 Eastbourne Utd

Our first league opponents of the season, Chipstead, saw the FA Cup hopes dashed at the weekend going down 2-1 to Southern Counties East Tunbridge Wells—the visitors thankful to two goals from the prolific and much travelled Trevor McCreadie.

What about some of our former players and their FA Cup exploits.

Ryan Healy saw his South Park (Reigate) side crash out away at Northwood, big fan of Ryan's I have to say, but he did have one failing, so maybe unsurprisingly he was booked!

Ayman Dahdouh who was with us a few years ago scored the second as Tooting & Mitcham saw off Cobham, whilst former U23's keeper Callum Thompson and his AFC Varndeanians side bowed out 1-0 against Hythe Town conceding late on.

Kyle Henry was on target for Guildford City who picked up a 2-1 win away from Broadfields Utd.

Colliers Wood Utd sprang a surprise winning 1-0 away at Faversham Town, in their ranks were Jay Dunstan-Digweed, Jake Hill, Kiyo Brown and Dejahn Grant, who were all with us last season

GUEST ARTICLE:

FIRST WOMEN

At the time of writing, the Lionesses have just secured the nation's first international trophy for 56 years. We all hope it inspires girls and boys to start kicking a ball, to follow their dreams, and to achieve the greatest success that sport can offer. It's been a long road since football was unbanned half a century ago, with the Women's Super League only becoming fully professional in 2018. But the inception of the women's game was rocky from the start.

In 1881, nine years after the first men's international match between England and Scotland, two Scottish theatre entrepreneurs decided that the idea of women playing football was worth exploring. For all the egalitarian arguments in organising a women's football match, they were in the business of making money, and believed that with women that was exactly what they would do. They had no idea what they were letting themselves in for.

The first step was to find two sides. The candidates were obvious, given the burgeoning success of the men's game: England and Scotland. Alec Gordon, who had been present at an international in 1880, decided that the same kind of excitement could be generated from female sides of each nation. Next, players were needed. Tricky wingers today are often described as balletic, so perhaps it was fate that the selection would take place from dance schools. The England side was made up mostly of dancers from Lizzie Gilbert Juvenile Ballet Company, while the Scotland side was put together from those in the house troupe of the Princess Theatre.

There was a preferred candidate for location too. Glasgow was a growing football hub, and supporters were fanatical. If the match was going to make money, this was the place to do it. However, unforeseen by the organisers was the opposition to the idea of women playing football, so securing a field on which the "Lady Players" could showcase their talents proved impossible. Gordon got onto his contacts in the entertainment industry, and eventually a venue was offered, in Edinburgh. So the players travelled, and the first ever women's game took place at Easter Road.

To increase interest, and to play to the politics of the time (in which a vocal minority pushed for women's rights), Gordon claimed the match had been organised "for the purpose of popularising football as a feminine pastime". While he may have been disingenuous, some of those involved genuinely saw it as an opportunity for progress.

Helen Matthews (pictured top right, overleaf) was a women's football pioneer, and a suffragist, who was involved in the fixture. Only, her name doesn't appear on the team sheet. To avoid the misogynistic dangers of the game, all players assumed identities.



The game went ahead without a hitch. Although the England side started the brighter, it was Scotland who proved their dominance. Lily St. Claire scored the first ever goal in a women's football match, Louise Cole and Maum Rimeford followed suit soon after, to give the hosts a 3-0 win. The "curiosity", as it was described, was reported as far afield as New York and Sydney, and a second match quickly arranged, and this time it would take place just outside Glasgow.



Unfortunately, the media attention merely served to increase the intensity of the opposition. A large group of spectators were well behaved for almost an hour into the second match before the cordiality broke, and a rope separating the pitch from the fans was cut. A large scale pitch invasion ensued, in which players retreated into a nearby horse-drawn bus. The police struggled to keep the mob from the bus, and they tore up stakes and fencing to throw at the players. Eventually a driver was found and the players were driven off at speed.

The newspapers universally condemned the violence, but still attacked the players. "Public feeling has demonstrated against the unseemly exhibition in such a manner that the authorities are now frowning down the innovation" reported the Leeds Mercury, while the Manchester Guardian blamed players who were seeking "to gratify vulgar curiosity by taking part in what is termed a 'ladies' football match". Clearly, the women's game had a long way to go to get recognition, but, if nothing, else, the first step had been taken.

Despite the rocky road women's football has walked, including its half-century prohibition, the scenes this summer have been beyond what even its most ardent Victorian supporters could have imagined. There is still work to do, but finally, women's football in England is getting its due. (Captain Leah Williamson pictured right).



Enjoy the game.

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

Rovers Round-Up (Fixtures & Results)

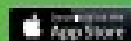
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| 27th AUG | ILSC | H | CHERTSEY TOWN | | | | |
| 29th Aug | ILSC | A | Marlow | | | | |
| 10th Sep | FAT | A | East Thurrock Utd | | | | |
| 17th Sep | ILSC | A | Binfield | | | | |
| 21st Sep | ILSC | H | BEDFONT SPORTS | | | | |
| 1st Oct | ILSC | H | SOUTHALL | | | | |
| 8th Oct | ILSC | A | South Park (Reigate) | | | | |
| 15th Oct | ILSC | A | Thatcham Town | | | | |
| 22nd Oct | ILSC | H | TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD | | | | |
| 29th Oct | ILSC | H | UXBRIDGE | | | | |
| 5th Nov | ILSC | A | Basingstoke Town | | | | |
| 12th Nov | ILSC | H | WALTON & HERSHAM | | | | |
| 19th Nov | ILSC | A | Hanworth Villa | | | | |
| 26th Nov | ILSC | A | Ashford Town (Middx) | | | | |
| 3rd Dec | ILSC | H | WESTFIELD | | | | |
| 10th Dec | ILSC | H | NORTHWOOD | | | | |
| 17th Dec | ILSC | A | Merstham | | | | |
| 26th Dec | ILSC | H | MARLOW | | | | |
| 2023 | | | | | | | |
| 2nd Jan | ILSC | A | Leatherhead | | | | |
| 7th Jan | ILSC | H | CHIPSTEAD | | | | |
| 14th Jan | ILSC | A | Guernsey | | | | |
| 21st Jan | ILSC | H | BASINGSTOKE TOWN | | | | |
| 28th Jan | ILSC | A | Walton & Hersham | | | | |
| 4th Feb | ILSC | A | Hanworth Villa | | | | |
| 11th Feb | ILSC | A | Uxbridge | | | | |
| 15th Feb | ILSC | A | Bedfont Sports | | | | |
| 18th Feb | ILSC | H | SOUTH PARK (REIGATE) | | | | |
| 25th Feb | ILSC | A | Southall | | | | |
| 4th Mar | ILSC | H | BINFIELD | | | | |
| 11th Mar | ILSC | H | THATCHAM TOWN | | | | |
| 18th Mar | ILSC | A | Tooting & Mitcham Utd | | | | |
| 25th Mar | ILSC | A | Chertsey Town | | | | |
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SCR: A BRIEF HISTORY



Chairman and Life President Alan Salmon founded SCR F.C in 1978, when the club began life as INRAD FC, based in Carshalton. The club entered a new era when Alan moved to Sutton and arranged sponsorship with his new neighbour, CENTRE 21 FC was born. This era saw the club running one Saturday side, three Sunday sides and three Youth sides. Centre 21's sponsorship continued until the club's youth players were no longer under 21 years old.

The club again sought new a identity, SUTTON COMMON ROAD FC was formed and subsequently abbreviated to SCR FC. Since then the club has had five major sponsors whose names have been incorporated into the clubs affiliated name: SCR PLOUGH (twice), SCR GRAPES, next the club's longest sponsor SCR LITTEN TREE (7 years) & finally SCR Kingfisher, Ewell with whom we started our venture in Saturday football in 2004/05.

It was at this point that the club took the decision to revert back to using the SCR name alone, feeling that as we strive for continued promotion we needed to disassociate ourselves with the whole 'pub team' image. The club however did take sponsorship from the Fox & Hounds, Carshalton for the Sat first team in 2006/07, but the decision was made that the pub name would not be incorporated into our own, for the above reason...

The club entered yet another new era this season, with the introduction of a third Saturday side (Messers Alex Avis & Tony Williams) and the 1's moving to the Middlesex County FL (and a name change SUTTON COMMON ROVERS) in the pursuit of combined Counties football, having made an unsuccessful application from the Surrey South Eastern Combination at the end of season 2006/07 having finished joint top (3rd on goal difference... -1 goal)

A third place finish in the Middlesex County League Premier division in 07/08 meant that our promotion to the CCL was not assured but months of hard work & determination from the management team SCR eventually secured a place for the clubs 1st time in their 30 year history at the league AGM in June 2008 and the reserves moved into the CCL reserve division under the guidance of Alex Avis & Justin Salmon.

Season 08/09 saw the latest name change of the club, to form MOLE VALLEY SCR FC reflecting the area in which we played. Season 09/10 saw the club reach a Surrey Cup final, narrowly being defeated by Sutton United after a 1-1 extra time score line on penalties and in the same season compete in the FA Vase for the first time in our relatively short history. We finished Champions of Division One at the second time of asking, narrowly piping Worcester Park to the post in a fine run which saw us finish 3 points clear on the final match of the season, assuming as we believed, we were awarded the points from the postponed Coulsdon match who unfortunately were unable to field a side for our scheduled league game some weeks earlier.

The following season saw the club play at our highest level to date, and make our FA Cup debut, although this lasted just one game, and ended in a 5-0 defeat against Chertsey Town. The club managed two seasons in the Premier Division, before being relegated back to Division 1, following a start to the season that saw 12 straight league defeats. The 2012/13 season started with a rebuilt side and expectations of consolidation, however a 20 game unbeaten run propelled us into runners up spot, and a much coveted promotion back to the Premier Division.

.2013/14 started brightly, but went to the last game, and a point saw survival. It was the same the following season, and although we lost (at home to Guildford City 2-0) we still managed to survive. For the 2015/16 season, there was a change of name to Sutton Common Rovers, and after much hard work by the Salmons, a return to Sutton, and a ground share with Sutton Utd.

2016/17 saw a 12th place league finish and the capture of the Southern Combination Cup

The following season, 2017/18 we recorded our highest ever placing, finishing 3rd in the Premier Division, and reached the semi final of both the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup.

2018/19 was our best ever season, finishing runners up in the Premier division behind the powerful Chertsey Town side, winning the Premier Challenge Cup and finishing runners up in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup

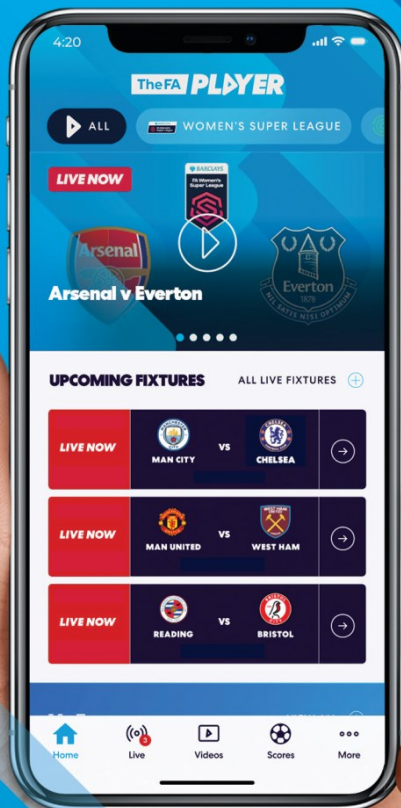
2019/20 saw the side a little off the pace in the league, when it was called to a halt, but with games in hand a place in the top 5 was possible.

It was in the national cup competitions that new records were set, with the side reaching the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time (after wins over Molesey 1-0, after a 1-1 draw; and Eastbourne Town 3-0), the FA Vase saw further success, with wins over Snodland Town 5-1, Raynes Park Vale 4-0, Lancing 1-0 (after a 3-3 draw); and Christchurch 2-1 taking us to the fifth round, where we bowed out to Western League AFC Bitton 2-1, after a disappointing performance down in Bristol.

At the end of another curtailed season and following an FA restructure the club was moved up to Step 4 and the Isthmian South Central division .Our first season in the Isthmian League saw a 17th place finish, on goal difference behind both Westfield and Tooting & Mitcham Utd, and avoidance of the relegation play offs. We also made our debut in the FA Trophy, albeit briefly, losing our only fixture away at Ramsgate.

We reached the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time, thanks to wins over Steyning Town and a shock win at Isthmian Premier Cray Wanderers, before losing after a replay to Jersey Bulls.





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