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**Combined Counties League Premier Division:**

Runners-up: 2018–19

**Combined Counties League Division One:**

Champions 2009–10; Runners-up: 2012–13

### 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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**Hanworth Villa  
FC**

## WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman, wishing you a warm SCR welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports centre for this todays Isthmian South Central fixture.

We would like to welcome the players, committee and supporters of Hanworth Villa FC, we hope they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

We would also like to welcome today's match officials, referee Mr Stephen Hawkes and his assistants, Mr Jamaal Horne and Mr Robert Alderton, again we trust they enjoy their brief stay with us this afternoon.



# WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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Today's opponents come to us currently sitting in 10th spot in the table, with 31 points from 20 games. Amongst their most impressive results have been a 2-1 win away at promotion chasing Walton & Hersham and a thumping 4-1 win away at then league leaders Northwood.

They have picked up seven points from their last three games - after the Northwood win they drew 2-2 away at Uxbridge, before beating South Park Reigate 2-1 last weekend.

When the two sides met at Rectory Meadows back in November, two goals in the first 25 minutes put Villa on their way to a victory, and although Tony Halsey pulled one back for us, another goal 15 minutes from time gave Villa a 3-1 win.

That result was the first of what has now turned out to be a twelve game losing run in the league.

Our last game here saw us put to the sword by Basingstoke Town, a result which saw the "Stoke" move to the top of the table, and as of this week they have established a seven point league at the top.

In fairness, and admittedly due to work I have seen every game, Basingstoke were an absolute class above any side I have seen this season. They looked every bit a step 3 side, and will, should they go on to win the league, do well next season.

We followed that with a disappointing 2-0 defeat away at another promotion chaser in Walton & Hersham. Whilst the hosts had the lions share of possession we were well in the game, but we switched off just after the hour to go 1-0 down and were still reeling a minute later when Walton repeated the goal, an almost identical move, to go 2-0 up.

We had chances, but could not find away through a well marshalled Walton backline and made it 12 defeats on the spin.

You will also notice three further departures from the club with Shawn Lyle, Matt Surmon and Endurance Johnson all moving on, and we wish them all well for the future..

It has been a disappointing time for both our development sides over the last two weeks. The 23's slipped to a surprising 2-0 defeat away at CB Hounslow in the John Bennett Development Division Cup, whilst a below strength 18's went down 2-0 to Tonbridge Angels, throwing their league title hopes onto the back foot, and needing a win against Cray Valley PM to give themselves a chance of retaining the title.

Enough from me, enjoy the game, have safe trips home, and see you next week at Uxbridge.

**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.

The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships. The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985.

From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation.

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.



# HANWORTH VILLA



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 Shrivensham, Bedford 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.

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, 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.



## FAMOUS EX'S:

England, Arsenal and punditry legend **Paul Merson** made two appearances for the Villains back in the 2019-20 season.

Such was his affinity and love for the club that two of his sons, Sam and Ben are heavily involved with the club.

Sam was the top goalscorer in last seasons Combined Counties North championship winning side, whilst Ben has played for the club, and is now on the coaching staff.

A less well known ex, but still a current professional footballer Bryant Bilongo who made 10 appearances for Villa in the 20-21 season before moving onto Kingstonian, and ultimately onto Middlesbrough.

## Honours

### 2002/03:

Middlesex County League Champions  
Middlesex Federation League Cup Winners  
Alec Smith Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Winners

### 2004/05:

Middlesex County League Champions

### 2006/07:

Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners

### 2007/08:

Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners

### 2011/12

Southern Combination Cup Winners

### 2013/14

Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup Winners  
Southern Combination Cup Winners

### 2015/16

Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners

### 2017/18

Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners

### 2021/22

Combined Counties League Premier Division North Champions





# TODAY'S OPPONENTS

## THE MANAGER & KEY FIGURES



### The Manager

#### Hanworth Villa - 'The Villains'



As a youngster Simon was a talented football player. He was identified at a young age and was picked up by Crystal Palace, where he spent 6 years before being released. Simon was selected to play for Middlesex County; he went on to captain the team, playing alongside the likes of Peter Crouch, Stephen Reid, and Sam Parkin.

After dropping out of the academy set up Simon spent some time playing non-League football, making appearances for Southall, Chertsey Town, Yeading, and Staines Town. before deciding to concentrate on developing his business.

#### Simon Haughney

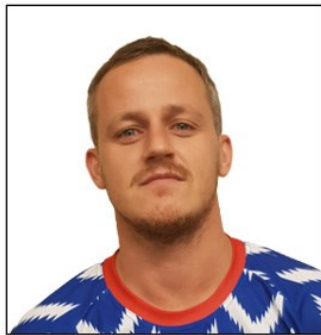
In 2000 he established 'Onside Football Coaching' with an affiliation to National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough FC's academy, coaching all twenty-five youth teams and working with over 350 members on a weekly basis. 'Onside' also run coaching sessions in schools, numerous after school clubs, PPA sessions, multi skills clubs and breakfast clubs. Simon is a very experienced UEFA B Licenced coach. He has previously managed at Fleet Town and Walton & Hersham



Tom Bender - Club Captain  
2022 - 2023



Sam Merson - Leading Goalscorer  
2021 - 2022



Terry Buss - Record Appearances  
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Action from the Basingstoke Town game, as we force a rare corner, but where is the ball...

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# FROM THE GAFFER



We caught up with Darren Salmon as he looks back on the last week.

GB: Unfortunately the losing run continued last weekend away at Walton & Hersham, but the performance was much better and probably warranted more. Where do you think the game slipped away from us?

DS: Hi G, this has more than a touch of ground hog day about it, except that genuinely it was 2 mistakes that cost us a valuable point against very strong, disciplined opposition

GB: We have lost three players since the last home game with Shawn Lyle, Matt Surmon and Endurance Johnson all moving on. How have you replaced them?

DS: We have and I thank them and wish them well, in regards to replacing I think for now its more a case of review and re-structure. Obviously reintroducing experienced keeper James Dillon has been a huge bonus, but outfield we are just catching our breath as the wrong intro's now could be worse than doing nothing G.

GB: We have played more games than anyone else in the division, and are still in that tricky predicament of desperately needing wins. Dare I ask, has the R word entered into your thinking yet?

DS: Of course, anyone in our position would be lying if they said it hadn't, but there is a lot of mins to play and as most seasons I am sure this will be no different with more twists and turns pal.

GB: Finally, Hanworth Villa have made big strides this season, their first in the division, they beat us 3-1 at their place earlier in the season, what are you expecting from them today?

DS: Another tough game!

Hopefully we will get some of that luck soon that everyone says levels itself out over a season— Enjoy the game cheers

# MATCH REPORT:

## BASINGSTOKE TOWN

Sutton Common Rovers		Saturday 21st January 2023		Basingstoke Town		
1	Daniel O'Donovan	Sutton Common Rovers	0	1	Paul Strudley	
2	Danny Divine			2	Ben Mason	
3	Malachi Robinson	Basingstoke Town	5	3	Callum Winchcombe	
4	Matthew Surmon			4	Michael Atkinson	
5	Alexandre Stingelin	Bradley Wilson (5') Sam Argent (39') Nathan Smart (74') Bradley Wilson (75') Dandre Brown (83')		5	Nathan Smart	
6	Bertie Lloyd	Isthmian League - South Central Division		6	Scott Armsworth	
7	Tyler Cox	Attendance: 135		7	Bradley Wilson	
8	Liam Holden	Kick-off: 3pm		8	Simon Dunn	
9	Marcus Marku	<a href="#">Info</a> <a href="#">Videos</a>		14	Marcio Magalmaes-...	
10	Zaid Ouaret Sorr	Match Information		19	Sam Argent	
11	Shakeel Morris	Full-time: Sutton Common Rovers 0-5 Basingstoke Town		11	George Reid	
12	Matthew Tanton	Half-time: Sutton Common Rovers 0-2 Basingstoke Town		9	Benjamin Cook	
14	Siao Blackwood			10	Dandre Brown	
15	Stephen Gbopo			20	Mark Scott	
16	George Owusu			12	Marcus Johnson-Sc...	
20	Endurance Johnson			15	Billy Upton	

Rovers crashed to their eleventh straight defeat on Saturday when Basingstoke Town showed their class and moved to the top of the table with a comprehensive 5-0 win.

The visitors took the lead in only the fourth minute, a ball down the left found Callum Winchcombe, his cross was half headed clear by Alexandre Stingelin but dropped kindly to Bradley Wilson and he took a touch and crashed the ball beyond Dan O'Donovan.

Basingstoke continued to dominate, and on ten minutes George Reid curled an effort wide of the right hand post. Rovers were working manfully to keep Basingstoke at bay, without offering much of a threat going forward, and on 17 minutes, Sam Argent cut inside but fired an effort wide of the post.

Rovers first real goal threat came on 19 minutes, skipper Tyler Cox did superbly to rob Wilson and find Matt Surmon, his ball into Markus Marku set the forward away but good defending by Nathan Smart saw the ball out for a corner, which came to nothing.



Bertie Lloyd and O'Donovan combined to see off another Basingstoke attack midway through the half, as the visitors looked for the second goal that would give them breathing space and ensure they moved into top spot.

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Argent latched onto a low Reid cross on 25 minutes and fired home, but Rovers were saved by the eagle-eyed assistant who had spotted an offside in the move. And just after the half hour Argent put a free header from a corner over the bar.

It was 2-0 five minutes before the break, O'Donovan saved well low down to his left from a fizzed effort from the edge of the area, but Basingstoke regained possession and from a low cross from the right Argent was on hand to poke the ball home, despite the best efforts of the young Rovers keeper and the visitors went into the interval two goals to the good.

Rovers started the second half much better than they had the first, and after an early Cox effort had drifted just wide, great work by Shakeel Morris saw him force an error out of Smart, with the ball going out for a corner. From the delivery by Zaid Ouaret Sorr, Liam Holden volleyed over the crossbar.

Scott Armsworth headed over on 67 minutes and shortly after neat interplay by Cox, Malachi Robinson and Morris was well defended by Basingstoke and from the quick break, they forced a corner.

Nathan Smart made it 3-0 on 74 minutes and a minute later Wilson added his second and the fourth for the visitors.

Scoring was completed with just over five minutes remaining, when Danny Divine was left with a difficult ball to deal with, and as it was pinched off him, a break down the left saw the ball find Dandre Brown and his fierce effort slipped under O'Donovan to seal the 5-0 win.

It has to be said, Basingstoke were a class above, and admittedly I haven't seen every game this season or in fact every opponent, but they were head and shoulders above any side I have seen us play this season.

# MATCH PICS: BASINGSTOKE



Top: Tyler Cox once again giving a captain's knock;

Inset: Alexandre Stingelin and goalkeeper Dan O'Donovan;

Below: Liam Holden with a spectacular clearance





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# MATCH REPORT:

## WALTON & HERSHAM

Walton & Hershham		Saturday 28th January 2023		Sutton Common Rovers	
1	Liam Allen	Walton & Hershham	2	1	James Dillon
2	Harry Mills	Harry Mills (61')		2	Danny Divine
3	Darryl Siaw	John Gilbert (63')		3	Matthew Tanton
4	Arsen Ujkaj			4	Courtney Swaby
5	Mitchal Gough	Sutton Common Rovers	0	5	Onome Emovon
6	Joe Hicks			6	Joshua Okpolokpo
7	Palace Francis	Isthmian League - South Central Division		7	Tyler Cox
8	Alex Kelly	Attendance: 342		8	Zaid Ouaret Sorr
9	Eddie Simon	Kick-off: 3pm		9	Conan Torpey
10	John Gilbert	Referee: Matthew Fletcher		10	Marcus Marku
11	Taurean Roberts	Venue: Elmbridge Xcel Sports Hub		11	Shakeel Morris
12	Dominic Ogun-Fors...			12	Liam Holden
14	Jordan Adeyemi			14	Malachi Robinson
15	Brian Garzon			15	Siao Blackwood
16	Jonathan Gjoshe			16	Hermann Tehe
17	Joe Pratley-Jones			17	Josh Uzon

Rovers get the game underway, commencing 45mins of evenly matched football, with Walton just edging possession and number of chances created. After 5mins, while playing out from the back, a pass from keeper James Dillon was intercepted by John Gilbert, whose shot was narrowly outside of the right hand post. Probing runs from Harry Mills continued to put our defence under pressure, but the back line were equal to it, keeping the game nicely balanced, and enjoyable to watch.

After a series of attacks in the Walton area and with an open goal begging, the ball is turned away for a corner. In the attempts to clear the ball a tussle between Conan Torpey and the Walton captain resulted in a yellow card for Torpey. With only 13mins on the clock, the young striker will need to be careful from now on.

Walton continued to pile on the pressure, with the Walton no7 Palace Francis having far too much possession, but unable to make it count. On 22mins it was Rovers' turn to wage an attack with Matt Tanton, playing in Courtney Swaby who dazzled his way to the Walton penalty area, but his final pass went to the wrong side of Tyler Cox, who was unable to latch onto it.

The game swung either way for the remainder of the half, Walton winning most of the aerial battle in midfield, but Rovers' capitalising on the infrequent loose ball. On 25mins Shakeel Morris was first to the ball, and from distance took a speculative shot. A brilliant acrobatic flick-on by Torpey in the middle of the park sets Cox away on our left, with two defenders left in his wake. His shot was firmly struck, but didn't force the keeper to move from his spot, and was comfortably gathered to his chest. A golden opportunity.



The next period saw fine defending from Joshua Okpolokpo in the Rovers' back line to thwart Walton's chances and a great save from Dillon, who palmed away an explosive strike from Taurean Roberts from outside the box. On 33mins a difficult ball looped into our 18yard box, struck Dillon's arm and the ball fell dangerously to a Walton striker. Again, Okpolokpo was on hand to block a nailed on chance.

The final action of the first half went Rovers' way with Swaby advancing with pace toward the Walton penalty area, unleashing a sweet strike, but the keeper was able to scramble it away. Minutes later a free kick for rovers on the right, about 20 yards out, Swaby steps up and curls a lovely ball over the wall, but the keeper gets a hand to it and turns it away. From the corner, our challenge on the keeper judged to be a foul. On 45mins Morris crossed from our right, deep in Walton's half to find Cox, whose shot was smothered by the keeper.

So, the first half finished goalless, but with a great deal to be positive about.

Early in the second half, Walton's Mitchal Gough was issued a yellow for a rash challenge on Swaby, who then floated an enticing free kick into Walton's area. The ball was headed away, but only as far as Okpolokpo, whose shot was narrowly wide of the post.

Good effort from Marcus Marku on the left flank forces a corner to Rovers, which Swaby takes but the challenge on the keeper was judged a foul. Cox receiving a yellow card. With the game swinging from end to end, Dillon punches clear from a Walton free kick and Francis picks up a yellow for the home side. Zaid Ouaret-Sorr then broke clear but his shot was deflected clear for a corner

On the hour, a surreal period descended on the away side's half of the Xcel stadium. For a team that had defended so well for what turned out to be most of the game, two moments of madness occurred. In the 61st minute Walton lobbed over our central defence, and the keeper, showing the briefest hesitation, allowed Harry Mills to nip in and stroke the ball home.

With the away spectators still blinking with incredulity as to what just happened, and the home supporter's chants still resounding round the stadium, what happened next felt like déjà vu. Again, a ball lofted over our backline, and the rapid John Gilbert burst through the defence executing a fierce strike, which our keeper could do nothing about. It took a while for Rovers' to come to terms with going down by 2 in as many minutes.

Rovers were seeking an opportunity to pull one back, as the clock runs down. A typically Swaby run into the penalty area bought enough space to pass the ball out to Morris, whose shot was not on target. Walton now attacking from the goal kick, forcing a brilliant block from Liam Holden.

Within the 5mins added time, a foul on Tehe gives Rovers a free kick, which Swaby takes, floating a ball over the defensive line, but Okpolokpo heads wide.

Two pivotal moments in what otherwise would have been a good team effort. From a spectator's point of view it was a far more balanced and considered performance, with just those two moments showing a chink in Rovers' defensive armour. But this shouldn't define the game, as we should also have been more clinical in front of goal.

# CAREER RECORDS

2022/23 Season						Career	
	Appearances		GOALS	CARDS			
	APP	SUB		YC	RC	Apps	Goals
LLOYD, Bertie	25	1	2	2	0	26	2
COX, Tyler	22	3	0	2	0	25	0
SWABY, Courtney	18	3	0	3	1	21	0
HALSEY, Tony	16	1	3	5	0	28	7
HOLDEN, Liam	10	2	1	3	0	372	107
SUTHERLAND, Tyrese	6	6	2	0	0	12	2
TANTON, Matt	6	4	0	1	1	160	5
MORRIS, Shakeel	6	0	2	0	0	6	2
OUARET SORR, Zaid	6	0	1	1	0	6	1
STEDMAN-HOYTE, Ryan	5	2	0	2	0	10	0
ROBINSON, Malachi	4	0	0	0	0	96	3
DIVINE, Danny	4	0	0	1	0	4	0
MARKU, Markus	4	0	0	1	0	4	0
BLACKWOOD, Siao	3	4	0	1	0	7	0
FRENCH, Connor	3	0	0	0	0	12	5
UZOR, Tobe	2	3	0	1	0	12	0
CREED, Ollie	2	1	0	0	0	3	0
STINGELIN, Alexandre	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
O'DONOVAN, Daniel	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
OKPOLOKPO, Joshua	2	0	0	1	1	2	0
BAKER, George	1	2	1	1	0	11	2
ETUMNU, Charles	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
COOPER-SMITH, Daryl	1	0	0	0	0	102	62
DILLON, James	1	0	0	0	0	10	0
HUNT, Aaron	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
EMOVON, Onome	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
TORPEY, Conan	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
MACFOY-JOHNSTON, Dion	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OWOEYE, Deji	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
OWUSU, George	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
COULIBALY, Abdoulaye	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
TEHE, Hermann	0	1	0	0	0	9	0
GBOPO, Stephen	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
GUEST, Luke	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
ERNE, John	0	1	0	0	0	1	0



# LATEST RESULTS



## **SATURDAY 28th JANUARY**

### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

Basingstoke Town 3-1 Merstham

Bedfont Sports 1-2 Binfield

Chipstead 1-2 Ashford Town (Middx)

Guernsey 2-3 Marlow

Hanworth Villa 2-1 South Park (Reigate)

Leatherhead 2-0 Northwood

Southall 1-1 Westfield

Thatcham Town 2-0 Tooting & Mitcham United

Uxbridge 2-0 Chertsey Town

Walton & Hersham 2-0 **Sutton Common Rovers**

## **TUESDAY 31st JANUARY**

### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

Binfield 0-1 Basingstoke Town

Northwood 1-2 Bedfont Sports

Westfield 1-0 Ashford Town (Middx)

## **BERKS AND BUCKS COUNTY CUP 22-23 - ROUND 2**

Maidenhead P-P Marlow

*(Maidenhead have withdrawn from the competition)*

## **MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUP 22-23 - QUARTER FINALS**

Hayes & Yeading United 3-0 Southall

## **SURREY COUNTY CUP 22-23 - ROUND 2**

Leatherhead 1-1 Chertsey Town

*(Leatherhead win 8-7 on pens)*

Sutton United P-P Walton & Hersham

*(Walton have withdrawn from the competition)*

# LEAGUE TABLE (as at 1.2.23)

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Basingstoke Town	23	16	2	5	57	21	36	50
2.	Walton & Hersham	22	14	1	7	50	29	21	43
3.	Northwood	23	14	1	8	38	29	9	43
4.	Marlow	22	12	5	5	39	25	14	41
5.	Chertsey Town	22	11	5	6	45	23	22	38
6.	Binfield	20	11	4	5	39	23	16	37
7.	South Park (Reigate)	24	11	3	10	28	32	-4	36
8.	Westfield	22	9	7	6	32	25	7	34
9.	Southall	21	8	8	5	33	25	8	32
10.	Hanworth Villa	20	8	7	5	32	33	-1	31
11.	Uxbridge	21	8	5	8	29	26	3	29
12.	Chipstead	20	8	5	7	31	29	2	29
13.	Thatcham Town	22	8	5	9	32	31	1	29
14.	Leatherhead	22	8	5	9	26	31	-5	29
15.	Ashford Town (Middx)	20	7	2	11	21	43	-22	23
16.	Bedfont Sports	23	5	7	11	27	38	-11	22
17.	Guernsey	21	4	5	12	13	40	-27	17
18.	Sutton Common Rovers	25	5	1	19	24	56	-32	16
19.	Merstham	22	2	9	11	27	44	-17	15
20.	Tooting & Mitcham United	21	3	5	13	18	38	-20	14

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Ashford Town (Middx) v Uxbridge  
 Binfield v Southall  
 Chertsey Town v Chipstead  
 Marlow v Leatherhead  
 Merstham v Thatcham Town  
 Northwood v Guernsey  
 South Park (Reigate) v Bedfont Sports  
 Tooting & Mitcham United v Basingstoke Town  
 Westfield v Walton & Hersham

# Rovers Round-Up (Fixtures & Results)



DATE	COMP	H/A	OPPONENTS	H/T	F/T	SCORER(S)	ATT
2022							
6th Aug	FAC EP	A	Fisher	0	0 0	0	168
10th Aug	FAC EP Rep	H	FISHER	0	0 0	1	114
13th Aug	ILSC	A	Chipstead	3	2 4	3 Lyle 2 (1p), Lloyd, Richards	115
27th AUG	ILSC	H	CHERTSEY TOWN	0	1 0	5	78
29th Aug	ILSC	A	Marlow	2	0 2	1 Halsey 2	190
3rd Sep	ILSC	H	GUERNSEY	0	0 0	1	68
10th Sep	FAT	A	East Thurrock Utd	0	0 1	3 Diomande	185
21st Sep	ILSC	H	BEDFONT SPORTS	0	1 0	3	64
24th Apr	ILSC	A	Northwood	0	2 1	2 Mampolo	162
1st Oct	ILSC	H	SOUTHALL	1	1 1	1 Lyle (p)	47
4th Oct	ILSC	A	Binfield	1	2 2	3 Dougan, OG	104
8th Oct	ILSC	A	South Park (Reigate)	0	0 0	1	137
15th Oct	ILSC	A	Thatcham Town	1	0 2	1 OG, Lyle	116
18th Oct	VT R2	A	Three Bridges	1	1 2	2 Dougan, Surmon (SCR win 4-3 on pens)	65
22nd Oct	ILSC	H	TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD	2	0 3	0 Richards, OG, Tanga	96
5th Nov	ILSC	A	Basingstoke Town	1	1 1	2 Surmon	402
12th Nov	ILSC	H	WALTON & HERSHAM	1	0 1	0 Lyle (p)	114
15th Nov	SCC	A	Abbey Rangers	4	2 4	4 Sutherland, Baker, Tanga, Uzor (SCR 9-8 on pens)	
19th Nov	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa	1	2 1	3 Halsey	122
23rd Nov	ILSC	H	UXBRIDGE	0	1 0	2	81
26th Nov	ILSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)	0	0 1	2 Lloyd	67
29th Nov	VT R3	A	Binfield	0	0 1	0 Sutherland	92
3rd Dec	ILSC	H	WESTFIELD	0	2 0	2	56
6th Dec	SSC	A	Egham Town	0	1 0	3	
10th Dec	ILSC	H	NORTHWOOD	0	1 1	5 Testolin	65
21st Dec	VT R4	H	LEATHERHEAD	1	2 2	2 Holden, Testolin (L win 4-3 on pens)	84
28th Dec	ILSC	H	MARLOW	1	0 1	3 Morris	101
2023							
2nd Jan	ILSC	A	Leatherhead	2	1 3	4 Sorr, Morris, Diomande	365
7th Jan	ILSC	H	CHIPSTEAD	0	0 0	1	82
9th Jan	ILSC	A	Merstham	0	2 0	3	222
14th Jan	ILSC	A	Guernsey	0	1 0	1	489
21st Jan	ILSC	H	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	0	2 0	5	135
28th Jan	ILSC	A	Walton & Hersham	0	0 0	2	342
4th Feb	ILSC	H	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				
1st Apr	ILSC	H	MERSTHAM				
10th Apr	ILSC	H	LEATHERHEAD				
15th Apr	ILSC	A	Westfield				
22nd Apr	ILSC	H	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)				





# NEWS OF THE EX-ROVERS

We have had a large turnover of players this season, some who were popular with the fans, others less so, but lets have a quick recap as to where some of the lads ended up once they left us.

**RHAMAR GARRETT-DOUGLAS**, skippered the side for much of his time with us, and after a very brief spell at Braintree Town, he is now turning out for Isthmian North side Tilbury, alongside another ex Rover, in **BRIAN TESTOLIN**.

Goalkeeper **ENDURANCE JOHNSON** only left last week, and was recalled to his parent club Hampton & Richmond Borough, where he will be fighting out to become number 2 behind the experienced Alan Julian.

**MATT SURMON** is another recent departure, but he quickly found himself another club and turned out for Combined Counties Premier Division Farnham Town last weekend, before skippering the side and scoring in their win at Horley Town on Tuesday.

At the start of the season **DAN PURDUE** came down to try out for the number one spot, up against **FILIP CHALUPNICZAK**, unfortunately both these lads moved on, and have been turning out for relegation rivals. Dan has now signed for Tooting & Mitcham Utd, whilst Filip is at Merstham, and for me was one of the more unfortunate departures. His concussion ruling him out at a time when Dan was away meaning we had to get another keeper on board.

Another couple of lads have made their way to fellow Isthmian South Central rivals Southall, defender **KEVIN DIOMANDE**, and another **KEVIN SONGOLO** played for the "All" last weekend.

Young wideman **KYRON RICHARDS** has made a step up having left us, and has signed for Southern League Premier South side Met Police. However despite being an attacking midfielder/wideman for us, he is now plying his trade as a right back.

Striker **JAVIN DOUGAN**, who started on fire for us, and looked to be a real find has now ended up moving to another Isthmian South Central side, this time in the shape of Ashford Town.

**KELVIN MANUEL MASSONGO** only got a handful of minutes for us, but he too has moved on to an Isthmian South Central side, and one fairly local to us, in the shape of South Park Reigate

On loan Leyton Orient academy star, **JEPHTE TANGA**, after his loan spell ended with us, he moved to Isthmian Premier Division side Cray Wanderers.

There have been others, of course, including Hugo Odogwu-Atkinson, but unfortunately I cannot find any info on them.

# DEVELOPMENT TABLES



## John Bennett Development Division

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sutton Common Rovers	6	4	1	1	11	13
2	Molesey	6	4	1	1	8	13
3	Frimley Green	7	4	0	3	4	12
4	Spelthorne Sports	7	2	2	3	-4	8
5	Redhill	5	2	0	3	-3	6
6	CB Hounslow United	5	0	0	5	-16	0

## John Bennett Development Division Challenge Cup

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	CB Hounslow United	3	2	0	1	1	6
2	Molesey	2	1	1	0	2	4
3	Frimley Green	2	0	1	1	-1	1
4	Redhill	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Spelthorne Sports	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sutton Common Rovers	1	0	0	1	-2	0

## Youth East Table

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Sutton Common Rovers	10	8	0	2	35	18	17	24
2.	Cray Valley PM	8	6	1	1	30	7	23	19
3.	Sheppey United	9	6	1	2	27	9	18	19
4.	Corinthians	11	4	3	4	19	22	-3	15
5.	Tonbridge Angels	9	4	2	3	20	15	5	14
6.	Chatham Town	11	4	2	5	18	30	-12	14
7.	Maidstone United	7	3	1	3	25	14	11	10
8.	Glebe	6	1	1	4	10	26	-16	4
9.	K Sports	9	1	1	7	8	33	-25	4
10.	Ashford United	8	1	0	7	10	28	-18	3

# The Untold Game

## The Man in the White Scarf

Sometimes, a national hero is found in an unlikely place. When Croatia tried to use football as a symbol of their national identity in the aftermath of the Balkan Wars, it was a mammoth task. They needed an icon, who could lead the team to success as well and represent them. They turned to a controversial, chain-smoking Bosnian, known for tactical innovation and the ubiquitous white scarf he wore in the dugout: Miroslav Blažević. It was an inspired choice.

Ironically born in Bosnia rather than Croatia, Blažević understood how potent a force nationalism could be in lifting a football team. An average player, he spent most of his professional career in his adopted land, moving between Dinamo Zagreb, Lokomotiv Zagreb and NK Rijeka before a swansong in the West, joining Swiss sides Sion and the Moutier before retiring. He was 31, and having accepted his limitations as a player, he was eager to make his mark as a manager.

A decade in the Swiss league saw him return to Sion, where his fatherly presence helped guide them to a Swiss Cup, but he left them to take interim charge of the Swiss national side in 1976, before returning to Yugoslavia.

Back in his homeland, Blažević forged a reputation for success and controversy. He led Rijeka to a uninspiring 10th placed finish, but reached the final of the Balkans Cup and reached the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners Cup, losing to Juventus. It attracted the attention of Dinamo Zagreb, one of Yugoslavia's 'big four'.

In Croatia, the idea of a 'big four' was not altogether accepted. The Yugoslavian Federation was based in Serbia, staffed by Serbians, and there was a feeling that the bias helped Serbians, meaning that really there was just a big two. Over the 47 years of the Yugoslavian Championship, Red Star Belgrade won nineteen titles, Partizan Belgrade eleven. Hajduk managed seven, and Dinamo, when Blažević took charge, had managed just three.

The Bosnian claims to have invented the 3-5-2. It's a bold claim, and not entirely backed up by the facts, Carlos Bilardo of Argentina has also claimed that honour (Blažević is on record calling him a 'prick' for doing so). Regardless, his influence on Balkan football is undeniable. The national side kept the formation right up to 2006, and in the Croatian league it was a mainstay for a decade more.

At Dinamo, it was revolutionary, and Zlatko Kranjcar inspired the team to their first league title in 24 years. But Blažević was unable to repeat the success the following season, and with the trigger-happy nature of Croatian football, he was soon out of a job again.



He spent the 1980s on a jaunt across Europe, managing Dinamo twice more along with stints in Greece and France, before war came. Sportspeople were exempted from military service, the national government believing they could draw attention to the conflict, and it just so happened that the football team had made up most of the Yugoslavia World Youth Champions in 1987.

Blažević became Croatia's first ever manager.

They qualified for their first tournament at the first attempt, Euro 96, but by 1998 they were really singing. Not that the football world paid much attention. Brazil, France, Argentina, the Netherlands. Even England. There was surely too much storied talent there for the Balkan upstarts to make a real mark. Blažević used

their apathy, creating a siege mentality to add to the nascent nationalism. Along with the likes of Slaven Bilic, Robert Prosinecki and Davor Suker, of course.



Suker scored in both of Croatia's group stage wins as Blažević and his system set the world alight and secured early qualification. Another goal in a win against Romania brought them up against Germany, one of the giants of European football. Unfazed by reputations, Croatia threw them off the park. Suker had another in a 3-0 win, which didn't surprise Blažević. "I convinced my players we were the best in the world and they accepted it... We destroyed the German machine and we showed them how Croatians play football."

Sadly for Blažević and his team, they came up against an altogether different prospect in the semi-finals. Robert Prosinecki wasn't fully fit, and missed out. Blažević considers it the worst mistake of his career not to risk the Ballon d'Or contender. Nevertheless, Croatia showed their best against France, taking a lead and coming close to an upset, before the hosts proved too much for them. But they beat the Netherlands in the third place playoff before they went home. It was an exceptional performance from a nation making their world cup debut, and Blažević was the hero behind it.

Twenty years later, Croatia would go one better, reaching the final but suffering another defeat to France. Returning to a heroes welcome, Luka Modric heralded the 1998 team as their inspiration. And the inspiration behind the 1998 team: Miroslav Blažević, the man in the white scarf.

**Enjoy the game.**

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# ISTHMIAN ROUND UP

## A Four Point Lead For Stoke

Swans up to second, Woods slip to third, Marlow and Binfield keep up their challenge, and we've wins for Villa, Uxbridge, Thatcham, Tanners and Ashford.

After almost an entire season writing 'our leaders, Northwood' it seemed rather strange to see the name at the top change, but **BASINGSTOKE TOWN** had got there on merit- and they stayed there on merit, too. Stoke hit **MERSTHAM** for five in November, but we speculated that this one might be closer as the Moatsiders have improved since then. It seemed, however, that Stoke hadn't read that script. Brad Wilson opened the scoring for the hosts on eleven minutes, and two goals in two minutes either side of the break- George Reid and Wilson again- gave them a three-nil advantage. Noe Vendrells got a goal back on his Merstham debut with fourteen minutes left, but that was that, and the five hundred and eighty watching on seeing their side go four points clear. Image courtesy of Basingstoke Town.

**NORTHWOOD** travelled around the M25 to **LEATHERHEAD** as they attempted to climb back to the summit, but their inconsistent form continued. Omarr Lawson put the Tanners ahead on the half hour, Keane Anderson made it two nine minutes after the break, and Woods then made their own task more difficult as Brandon Kalu saw red. That was that, and they dropped to third- the Tanners fourteenth.

**WALTON & HERSHAM**, with so many postponements of late that we'd been thinking about renaming them Walton and Hersham P-P (although given all of the games called off had been away from home, perhaps P-P Walton & Hersham would be more appropriate), got back into action as **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS** came to call. It took sixty one minutes for a goal to arrive, Harry Mills with it for the hosts, but we had two almost immediately, John Gilbert doubling home advantage. The Swans are up to second.

**CHERTSEY TOWN** had climbed to fourth place prior to their match with **UXBRIDGE**, but their good form seemed to have left them as they fell two goals behind, Anthony Mendy opening the scoring and Eitel Goueth making it two at half time. That was that, and the Curfews slip to fifth.

**MARLOW** were on the road- and the plane- as they headed to the Channel Island to take on **GUERNSEY**. The Green Lions had finally learned how to win at home, and courtesy of two one-nil wins had managed it twice in quick succession- but they couldn't make it three in a row as the visitors came from behind to take all three points despite a red card. Naheer-Omar Nawaf opened the scoring for the visitors on twenty five minutes, but Ross Allen and Sam Murray had turned the match on its head by the break. A penalty converted by Junaid Bell drew the visitors level on the hour, and although Curtis Ujah was soon dismissed another penalty was awarded eleven minutes from time, Thomas Soares converting what turned out to be the winner as his side ended the day in fourth.

**SOUTH PARK REIGATE** travelled to **HANWORTH VILLA**. The Sparks hadn't really been on fire of late, indeed they'd won only one of their last six- and they fell behind midway through the first half, Sam Merson scoring for the Villains. Two minutes after the restart Kyen Nicholas made it two, but the Sparks then decided to make a game of it, Nathan Hogan quickly pulling a goal back. The equaliser didn't arrive, however, and we had a double for Villa, who are tenth.

**BINFIELD** were on the road to **BEDFONT SPORTS**, their hosts two points clear of the bottom four and having lost their last two after an earlier six match unbeaten run. Harvey Harry opened the scoring for the Moles on twenty five minutes, only for Kofi Anoyke-Boadi to level before the break. Harry struck again for the visitors with twenty five minutes left, and they held on to close to within a point of the top five with three games in hand. Win those and they'd be a point behind the leaders.

We'd eighth v ninth as **SOUTHALL** welcomed **WESTFIELD**. The two sides had already met twice this season, a Velocity Cup win for Southall and a goalless draw the outcomes, and they were level at half time, Anthony O'Connor opening the scoring for the hosts six minutes before the break only for a Troy Walters spot kick to level things up. That was that, and the sides remain eighth and ninth.

**CHIPSTEAD** looked to build on their superb nine match unbeaten run as they got back to action for the first time since January 7th. The Chips welcomed **ASHFORD TOWN** to the High Road, and went ahead on twenty one minutes, Jerry O'Sullivan with the opener. The Tangerines had only one win from their previous nine but were quickly level, Ben Peden with the equaliser- and were ahead before the break, Dan Brown creating his own inferno on forty four minutes. The equaliser didn't arrive, and the Tangerines opened a six point gap on the bottom four.

**THATCHAM TOWN** have been in fine form, a run of only two defeats from ten matches giving them a nine point cushion over the bottom four- and perhaps they can start looking at the top five rather than behind them after another victory. The visitors, bottom side **TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD**, fell behind just before the hour, Muhamadou Ceesay with the opener, and the same player made it two ten minutes later. The Terrors had earlier gone down to ten men, Raees Bangura-Williams seeing red- and the Kingfishers are only nine points away from the play off places.

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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

DID YOU see the video of former Cardiff City manager Mark Hudson on social media recently?

The first part shows him telling his sons he has been appointed assistant and their pride is clear to see. In the second part, he is telling them he is out of a job and they will be moving again, but not to worry: "That's football".

That is indeed and unfortunately we're probably all a bit guilty of forgetting the human side of it. Away from the pitch there is a reality we don't always see. Occasionally we get little glimpses into it, like with Hudson's video.

As football fans on the outside, it's easy to see everything as black and white, winning and losing. If a player doesn't play very well, it's because he's not up to it. More often than not, we don't stop to consider what else might be going on. In this role I've come to learn there are often deeply personal reasons why a player might not be performing – or why a manager might not be able to get the results despite the fact they're putting in all the hours they can.

Hereford manager Josh Gowling saw Hudson's video and it resonated. In Sunday's NLP he took on the subject in his column to give us a unique insight into what it is like as a Non-League gaffer.

He wrote: "When we lose a game, my missus will message me: Are you ok? I have a four-hour drive home after the majority of our games. That's a lot of time to go over things in my head. "When I get home I will get a nice cuddle from her and my kids, but she knows I won't be in a good place.

"Look, I've chosen to do this so it's not an excuse, but it can take you away from your family in an emotional sense. "When you're with your kids but your team is on a three-game losing streak, you're not fully present.

"I'm sure many other managers will say the same. This is your life. When it's not working, your life doesn't work." The majority of managers say the same. Football is a unique 24/7 world, where there is very little time to switch off.

You certainly need to be a certain character to take on the job and deal with your week's work being played out in full view of the public. Even at Non-League level.

"Everything is out there to see," Gowling wrote. "It's on social media, in the news, if kids go to school in the area you manage, they might get some stick. There is no escape from the game."

That's partly why they all do it. Football gets under all our skin. However you interact with the game, it's because we love it. Gowling also says being a manager is the best job in the world. And that is probably why so many come back to try again after they disappointments. That's football...



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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.



# SPOT THE BALL ANSWER



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