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OUR HONOURS

LEAGUE HONOURS

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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Club officials & management committee are elected annually at the clubs AGM.



Pitching In
Isthmian League
South Central Division

**Sutton Common
Rovers F.C**

Vs



Pitching In
Isthmian League
South Central Division

**Tooting &
Mitcham Utd FC**

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman, welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports Arena for this Isthmian South Central fixture.

We would like to welcome the players, committee and supporters of Tooting & Mitcham Utd FC and hope that they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

We would also like to welcome today's match officials, referee Mr Jonathan Bolland and his assistants, Mr Scott Hamilton and Mr Stephen Williams. We hope they enjoy their stay with us this afternoon.

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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It was said on Twitter this week, somewhat tongue in cheek, that today's game is a relegation six pointer, and whilst I cannot quite go along with that, after all we are not even a third of the way through the season, it is understandable why you would reach that conclusion. Both sides were in the lower reaches last season, in fact only goal difference separated us (we both had 36 points, with Tooting having a -14 goal difference, compared to our -36) - and we have both had sticky starts to this campaign.

Tooting & Mitcham currently sit in 16th spot in the table, four points behind ourselves, but with two games in hand. They have picked up one win (away at Guernsey 2-0) and three draws (0-0 at home to Merstham, 1-1 at home to South Park and 1-1 at Southall), with four defeats.

Like ourselves they are better on their travels, picking up five of their points on the road. They don't score too many, with just six goals in the league, but with only eleven conceded they have a fairly tight defence).

Our own form has been mixed, two weeks ago we slumped to a 1-0 defeat against ten men South Park, in a game which if we were still playing now we probably wouldn't have scored, it was just one of those games. Credit to South Park, they dug in and probably deserved the win—just a shame about the antics of a certain member of their management team—not the first time though to be fair.

Last weekend we picked up our first win in eight games when we saw off Thatcham Town 2-1. It was a game not in keeping with our recent performances—you know the ones, where we play lots of pretty football but have no luck in front of goal. This one was full of heart, passion and a bit of up and at em. Two decent goals though, a lovely move to set up the first, neatly finished by a Thatcham defender, although Courtney Swaby was poised to fire home, and a glorious header by Shawn Lyle late on (fortunately he was better at finding the target than he was finding the ground! - unfortunately he still couldn't find the photographer—can't have everything I guess).

Tuesday we were in action away at Three Bridges, in the Velocity Trophy, and took the opportunity to give youngsters Ollie Creed, Toby Uzor and Bobby Moore some much need senior game time.

Wednesday night the 23's were in action against CB Hounslow Utd, and picked up a superb 7-3 win, with goals from George Owusu 3, Abz Coulibaly 2 and George Baker 2.

As usual, click on the QR codes scattered throughout the programme to find out more or see more images.

There is no game for the first team next week, so we will see you at Basingstoke Town on the 5th.

Briggers

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

TOOTING & MITCHAM FC



FORMED: 1932

NICKNAME:
The Terrors

FA CUP GLORY

Tooting and Mitcham F.C. were formed in 1932 when two clubs who were local rivals decided to amalgamate, the idea being discussed for the first time at a Christmas London League match in 1930. Originally playing in white shirts, in 1956 the broad black and white stripes were adopted.

The club has reached the FA Cup proper on 10 occasions, the last time being the 2009–10 season. It has also won the Isthmian League twice, in 1958 and 1960. Other honours include the Surrey Senior Cup which the club has won nine times and the London Senior Cup which the club has won six times.

Perhaps the most famous FA Cup run was in 1959, when the club reached the third round; drawn at home to First Division Nottingham Forest, on a frozen pitch they went into a 2-goal lead with goals from Grainger and Murphy before Forest fought back with the aid of a Murphy own goal and a penalty.

Forest won the replay 3–0 in front of a crowd of 42,362 and went on to win the trophy that year. A British Pathe newsreel features this game.

Tooting continued to have success in the FA Cup, and in the 1975/76 season they reached the Fourth Round proper, having beaten Swindon Town 2-1 in a replay, before bowing out to Bradford City, and they reached the competition proper again in 1976/77 losing 1-0 at Kettering in the 2nd Round and the following year a first round exit against Northampton Town, 2-1.

They last reached the first round in 2009/10 losing 5-0 to Stockport County.

LEAGUE TITLES

Isthmian League

Champions: 1957–58, 1959–60

South Division Winners: 2016-17

Second Division Champions: 2000-1

Athenian League

Champions: 1949–1950, 1954–55

Famous ex's

Over their long and illustrious history, Tooting & Mitcham have had some well known and popular players, including:

Alex Stepney (Millwall, Chelsea, Manchester Utd and England)

Michail Antonio (Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday, Notts Forest, West Ham and Jamaica)

Carlton Fairweather (Wimbledon)

Nathan Ellington (Bristol Rovers, Wigan Athletic, West Brom, Watford and others)

There are many more, too many to list in fact...

Did you know...

In the film Johnny English Reborn, Agent Tucker lives in Tooting.

The BBC comedy series Citizen Smith (1977–80) was set in Tooting and popularised the cry "Freedom for Tooting!". The lead character in the series, Wolfie Smith (Robert Lindsay), was the founder of a fictional revolutionary socialist political organisation, the Tooting Popular Front.

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan was born in Tooting.

Other famous people from Tooting include actor George Cole (Minder), snooker player Tony Meo, musician Snakefinger and Busted co-singer Matt Willis



THE GROUND

Imperial Fields has a capacity of 3,500 (including 612 seats) and is located in Morden. There are two adjoining artificial 3G multi-purpose pitches, used primarily for training but also games of various sporting activities. The stadium was selected as a 2012 Olympics Torch bearer change-over point, the torch was carried in by BBC Sport commentator and presenter, Sue Barker.

The club moved to Imperial Fields in 2002 from their previous historic ground at Sandy Lane in Mitcham. The new stadium had previously been the site of a former Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Brentford training pitch and is adjacent to the River Wandle. The stadium was chosen to host the 2007 and 2011 finals of the London Senior Cup.



**More information on
Tooting & Mitcham Utd can be
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SPOT THE BALL



Action from our trip to South Park, as we exert late pressure on the hosts goal, but where is the ball

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FROM THE GAFFER

Good afternoon Lee, and thanks for taking the time to talk to me.

GB: After seven games without a win, it must have been a huge relief to you and the boys to get all three points at Thatcham last Saturday. What made the difference at the weekend?

LF: It's always nice getting a win after so many missed opportunities over the passed few games. We have a good group here that enables us to rejig the shape when needed. On Saturday we set up slightly differently, but the hard work is done on the pitch and the boys worked hard to the final whistle. There is still loads to work on and I feel there is a lot more to come from this group.

GB: We have to talk about the equalising goal, an uncharacteristic mistake by Endurance, who had been superb up to that point. It would have been very easy for the lads to have faded after that, but you must have been delighted with their response.

LF: Endy is a great young lad who has put in some top performances this season. You are never happy conceding a goal as a team but especially in that manner it can be hard to stomach. For me it is always how do we improve off the mistake so that it doesn't happen again. We spoke about it, it is something we put behind us, and is out of our minds now. This group is only going to grow its young its new and it's starting to show character.

GB: Shawn Lyle arrived late, forcing a change, but it must have been pleasing was it to see him pop up with the winner? He is certainly turning into one of the key players in the line up this season, after maybe being a bit "in and out" last year.

LF: Shawn is a great asset to us when focused. When I came in here last season I said to Darren he is going to be my project and honestly he has been top draw to work with. Consistency is important and he is willing and prepared to do the ugly things and at this level that is huge if you get it right.

GB: Finally, we took on Three Bridges in the Velocity Cup on Tuesday, and you took the opportunity to take a look at some of the younger lads, Ollie Creed, Tobe Uzor and Bobby Moore. How do you think they did?



LF: It's always great to give the young boys a opportunity, they'll definitely continue to grow with the additional minutes we have started to give them off the bench/loans and playing youth team still but they've all done very well and it's something we would like to continue to do is progress the youngsters through to the first team.

- We currently have a good bunch growing under Vinny in the u23s so hopefully a few more will follow the foot steps.



MATCH REPORT:

SOUTH PARK

South Park	Today's Result		Sutton Common Rovers
<div><div>1</div><div>Zak Basey</div></div>	South Park	1	<div><div>1</div><div>Endurance Johnson</div></div>
<div><div>2</div><div>Tom Drinkwater</div></div>	Aiden Brown (72')		<div><div>2</div><div>Kevin Diomande</div></div>
<div><div>3</div><div>Noe Vendrells</div></div>	Sutton Common Rovers	0	<div><div>3</div><div>Rhamar Garrett-Dougl...</div></div>
<div><div>4</div><div>Seanan McKillop</div></div>	Isthmian League - South Central Division		<div><div>4</div><div>Shawn Lyle</div></div>
<div><div>5</div><div>Seth Owens</div></div>	Attendance: 137		<div><div>5</div><div>Bertie Lloyd</div></div>
<div><div>6</div><div>Joe Bell</div></div>	Kick-off: 3pm		<div><div>6</div><div>Hugo Odogwu-Atkins...</div></div>
<div><div>7</div><div>James McElligott</div></div>	Venue: Whitehall Lane		<div><div>7</div><div>Jephthe Tanga</div></div>
<div><div>8</div><div>Ryan Healy</div></div>	<div>InfoVideos</div>		<div><div>8</div><div>Kevin Songolo</div></div>
<div><div>9</div><div>Aiden Brown</div></div>	Match Information		<div><div>9</div><div>Javin Dougan</div></div>
<div><div>10</div><div>Brendan Murphy-M...</div></div>	Full-time: South Park 1-0 Sutton Common Rovers		<div><div>10</div><div>Courtney Swaby</div></div>
<div><div>11</div><div>Ethan Ford</div></div>	Half-time: South Park 0-0 Sutton Common Rovers		<div><div>17</div><div>Kyron Richards</div></div>
<div><div>12</div><div>Sam King</div></div>			<div><div>12</div><div>Matthew Tanton</div></div>
<div><div>14</div><div>Nathan Hogan</div></div>			<div><div>14</div><div>Matthew Surmon</div></div>
<div><div>15</div><div>Craig McGee</div></div>			<div><div>15</div><div>Brian Testolin</div></div>
<div><div>16</div><div>Matthew Faithorn</div></div>			<div><div>16</div><div>Nebay Haile</div></div>
<div><div>17</div><div>Marcell Campbell</div></div>			<div><div>20</div><div>Daniel Purdue</div></div>

Rovers slumped to a disappointing defeat away at ten man South Park on Saturday.

The management made a couple of changes from the side that had lost at Binfield last time out, Endurance Johnson, Kyron Richards and Shawn Lyle all came into the line up with Dan Purdue and Matt Surmon dropping to the bench, and Tyler Cox out through injury.

Rovers had the first chance on three minutes, when a Javin Dougan shot was comfortably gathered by Zac Basey in the South Park goal, and on ten minutes the lively ex-Rovers man Aidan Brown was hauled down by Bert Lloyd and another ex-Rovers man Brendan Murphy-McVey fired the resulting free kick straight at Johnson.

Fourteen minutes in and Rovers had a decent shout for a penalty, with Dougan chasing a Kevin Songolo ball into the area, he appeared to be clipped by Joshua Edwards but a corner was the outcome, and although Basey made a hash of his attempted punch no Rovers man could take advantage.



Brown linked up well with Ryan Healy and Murphy-McVey, before they released Ethan Ford, and his low shot was blocked behind for a corner by Hugo Odogwu-Atkinson. Rovers had two glorious chances approaching the half hour, firstly a Courtney Swaby free kick caused Basey all sorts of problems before it was headed behind from a corner, and from the delivery again no Rovers man was able to force the ball home.

The hosts were reduced to ten men just after the hour, a surge through the heart of the defence by Richards saw him hauled back by Seth Owens who saw a straight red. This incident rather than lift Rovers had the opposite effect, and the heart and desire shown by the South Park side was ultimately to give them their rewards.

As the half drew to a close South Park forced a succession of corners, however despite some less than convincing Rovers defending they were unable to force the ball home. James McElligott saw a shot deflected behind by Lyle, and Dougan saw his clipped effort over Basey well cleared by Joe Bell and the sides went in level at the break.

Odogwu-Atkinson headed over the bar from an early second half corner as Rovers looked to make use of the man advantage. Ford drilled an effort into the box shortly after and South Park had a decent shout for a penalty as the ball appeared to strike Lloyd's arm.

Richards had the ball in the net on the hour, after a forward run by Kevin Diomande but the flag was up for offside, and the effort ruled out. McElligott then jinked passed a couple of Rovers defenders only to see his shot blocked behind by Richards for a corner.

Rovers made a double change with 25 minutes remaining, with Dougan and Swaby making way for Brian Testolin and Nebay Haile. The ever dangerous Brown did superbly to set up Seanan McKillop, and his low drive was inches wide of the Rovers right hand post. South Park took the lead with fifteen minutes remaining, a hopeful ball into a channel forced Diomande into a reckless challenge on Brown and from the free kick, the defence parted to allow Brown a tap in from four yards.

McElligott saw an effort saved by Johnson as South Park looked to seal what had seemed an unlikely victory after 30 minutes. Noe Vendrells then drifted passed four or five Rovers players before firing over the bar.

Scores should have been level five minutes from time, Lyle did superbly on the left, beating several players and cutting the ball back from the dead-ball line to Testolin, only for his effort to squirm agonisingly wide of the left hand post. Lyle then saw a prodded effort gathered by Basey, and that was pretty much it.

SOUTH PARK PICTURES:



Top: Kyron Richards;
Inset: Jephthe Tanga and Matt
Surmon;
Below: Javin Dougan





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MATCH REPORT:

THATCHAM TOWN

Thatcham Town	Saturday 15th October 2022	Sutton Common Rovers
<div>1 Morgan Campbell</div> <div>2 Joshua Adjei</div> <div>3 Ramarni Medford-Smi...</div> <div>4 Anton Miller</div> <div>5 Joshua Edwards</div> <div>6 Oliver Bourne</div> <div>7 Muhamadou Ceesay</div> <div>8 Nathan Jones</div> <div>9 David Nyarko</div> <div>10 McKoy Palmer</div> <div>11 Cameron Rohaet-Br...</div> <div>12 Rob Gerrard</div> <div>14 Jamal Branker</div> <div>15 Jordan Kyezu</div> <div>16 Alex Miller</div> <div>17 Jaime Obama N...</div>	<div>Thatcham Town 1</div> <div>David Nyarko (68')</div> <div>Sutton Common Rovers 2</div> <div>Joshua Adjei (3' og)</div> <div>Kyron Richards (82')</div> <div>Isthmian League - South Central Division</div> <div>Attendance: 116</div> <div>Kick-off: 3pm</div> <div>Referee: Oliver Kaya</div> <div>Info Videos</div> <div>Match Information</div> <div>Full-time: Thatcham Town 1-2 Sutton Common Rovers</div> <div>Half-time: Thatcham Town 0-1 Sutton Common Rovers</div>	<div>Endurance Johnson</div> <div>Kevin Diomande</div> <div>Rhamar Garrett-Dougl...</div> <div>Matthew Surmon</div> <div>Bertie Lloyd</div> <div>Hugo Odogwu-Atkins...</div> <div>Jephte Tanga</div> <div>Kevin Songolo</div> <div>Javin Dougan</div> <div>Courtney Swaby</div> <div>Kyron Richards</div> <div>Matthew Tanton</div> <div>Shawn Lyle</div> <div>Lee Flavin</div> <div>Tony Halsey</div> <div>Daniel Purdue</div>

Rovers picked up their first win in eight games when a glorious late header from Shawn Lyle gave them all three points away at Thatcham Town on Saturday.

The line up saw one change from the side that had lost at South Park last time out, with Matt Surmon replacing Shawn Lyle. Rovers were off to a blistering start, a neat turn and through ball by Jephte Tanga on three minutes set Kevin Diomande away on the right and his low cross was turned into his own net by Joshua Adjei to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

After the quick start the game settled down into a scappy midfield affair, and it wasn't until the 11th minute that the next chance came. A couple of crosses into the Rovers box were cleared, and at the third attempt Cameron Rohaet-Brown headed straight into the hands of Endurance Johnson. Midway through the half and it should have been 2-0, a deep free kick by Rhamar Garrett-Douglas found Hugo Odogwu-Atkinson but he could only guide his header just into the side-netting.

A minute later and Thatcham should have levelled things up, a tremendous ball from the left found Rohaet-Brown, he drove beyond Garrett-Douglas, but dragged his effort wide of the right hand post. Swaby fired an effort high over the bar on 32 minutes, and with just over five minutes to go to the break, Johnson got down superbly to turn a low McKoy Palmer free kick wide. A minute later and this time Palmer curled his effort inches over the bar, and Rovers survived a major scare.

Just before the break and Rovers almost capitalised on a poor clearance by Thatcham keeper Morgan Campbell, but Kyron Richards saw his effort fly harmlessly over the bar, and Rovers went into the interval one goal up.

Thatcham started the second half brightly, and after a good build up on the left, the ball was switched quickly out to the right and Adjei fired an effort wide of the right hand post. Swaby fired over a free kick three minutes into the half, but Bertie Lloyd could only direct his header wide of the left hand post.

Palmeer fired a shot straight down Johnson's throat ten minutes into the half, and Rovers made a double change with Kevin Songolo and Javin Dougan making way for Tony Halsey, and eventual matchwinner Lyle. Oliver Bourne headed over for Thatcham on the hour, and a couple of minutes later Swaby saw an effort deflected into Campbell's arms.

Scores were level on 68 minutes in bizarre fashion, Johnson sliced a goal kick straight to David Nyarko who was left with the simple task of tapping the ball into an empty net, for his sixth goal in three games. Rovers were clearly rocked by both losing the lead and the nature of the goal and Thatcham sensed an unlikely three points. They chased and harried Rovers players into mistake, but were unable to test Johnson much more and with eight minutes remaining Rovers snatched the lead again. A Halsey throw was met by Lyle, who powered his header beyond Campbell for 2-1.

Into stoppage time and Thatcham almost grabbed a point, as Muhamadou Ceasay volleyed an effort inches over the crossbar, but Rovers held firm to secure all three points.

Not enough space in the programme, but if you want to read our match report from the 1-1 draw with Southall, scan the QR code below, and for the full album, scan the other code

REPORT



ALBUM



THATCHAM TOWN SNAPS:



Top: Courtney Swaby;
Inset: Jephte Tanga and
Hugo Atkinson;
Below: attacking the goal























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						
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						
1st Apr	ILSC	H	MERSTHAM						
10th Apr	ILSC	H	LEATHERHEAD						
15th Apr	ILSC	A	Westfield						
22nd Apr	ILSC	H	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)						
TBC	ILSC	H	UXBRIDGE						
TBC	VT R3	A	Binfield						



LEAGUE TABLE (as at 17.10)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Northwood	10	8	0	2	20	11	+9	24
	2 Marlow	9	5	2	2	15	8	+7	17
	3 Binfield	7	5	1	1	16	6	+10	16
	4 South Park	8	5	1	2	10	10	0	16
	5 Ashford Town (Middx)	9	5	1	3	11	14	-3	16
	6 Chertsey Town	10	4	3	3	21	13	+8	15
	7 Walton & Hersham	6	5	0	1	16	9	+7	15
	8 Basingstoke Town	9	4	2	3	15	7	+8	14
	9 Southall	10	3	5	2	16	12	+4	14
	10 Westfield	7	3	2	2	12	5	+7	11
	11 Uxbridge	7	3	2	2	10	8	+2	11
	12 Chipstead	9	3	1	5	10	17	-7	10
	13 Sutton Common Rovers	10	3	1	6	12	21	-9	10
	14 Hanworth Villa	7	2	3	2	10	11	-1	9
	15 Thatcham Town	9	1	3	5	12	17	-5	6
	16 Tooting & Mitcham United	8	1	3	4	6	11	-5	6
	17 Bedfont Sports	8	1	3	4	5	11	-6	6
	18 Leatherhead	8	1	3	4	5	12	-7	6
	19 Guernsey	9	1	3	5	4	15	-11	6
	20 Merstham	8	0	3	5	8	16	-8	3

LATEST RESULTS



MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

SOUTH-CENTRAL

Merstham 2-2 Guernsey

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

VELOCITY TROPHY - RD2

Chertsey Tn 0-2 Felixstowe & Walton Utd

Westfield 1-2 Southall

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP - RD 1

Harefield Utd 1-6 Hanworth Villa

Northwood 1-0 Ashford Town (Middx)

Uxbridge 4-1 Spelthorne Sports

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

SOUTH-CENTRAL

Ashford Town (Middx) 3-2 Merstham

Basingstoke Town 0-1 Northwood

Bedfont Sports 1-4 Southall

Hanworth Villa 1-2 Marlow

Leatherhead 2-3 Chipstead

South Park (Reigate) 3-1 Binfield

Thatcham Town 1-2 **Sutton Common Rvs**

Tooting & Mitcham United 0-2 Westfield

Walton & Hersham 3-2 Chertsey Town

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

SOUTH-CENTRAL

Guernsey 0-2 Uxbridge

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

VELOCITY TROPHY - RD2

Basingstoke Town 0-2 Binfield

East Grinstead Utd 1-1 Leatherhead
(L win 6-5 on pens)

South Park (Reigate) 3-2 Ashford
Town (Middx)

Three Bridges 2-2 Sutton Common
Rvs
(SCR win 4-3 on pens)

Walton & Hersham 1-0 Northwood

*(All cup results are South Central
sides only)*

Black History Month

“The fleet-footed dark girl”

Emma Clarke’s story is one that, for over a century, was forgotten, and her name, important as it is to the history of football, was lost. She should be heralded among the pioneers of the game, alongside Arthur Wharton and Lily Parr, but it wasn’t until 2017 that her story was uncovered, more than 120 years after he debut. Without some determined digging by historian Stuart Gibbs, and a stroke of photographic luck, it’s possible that she would have gone unremembered forever.

Bootle has a habit of producing footballers. The Merseyside town has been the childhood home of Jamie Carragher, Steve McManaman, Roy Evans, Alvin Martin, and in recent years, Manchester United and England player Alex Greenwood. All of them were preceded, however, by Clarke, who was born there in 1876 to William and Wilhelmina. Like her more famous counterparts, she started her footballing career on the streets, kicking about with neighbours and friends, before being apprenticed to a confectioner at 15. She didn’t allow her sporting dreams to end there, however.

In 1795, another footballing pioneer by the name of Nettie Honeyball decided to do something against the derision that women had received in the previous decade. The first ever women’s match had been in 1881, and had ended with spectators storming the pitch in anger and the players barely making their escape. Honeyball was a pseudonym that the woman in question – probably Mary Hutson – used to protect herself from that kind of abuse, but nevertheless, she was determined to make her point, and founded the British Ladies Football Club. At the age of twenty, Clarke joined, becoming the first black female player in the game.

Clarke’s career for the BLFC is difficult to track, owing to the number of pseudonyms being used and changed throughout the infancy of woman’s football, and how many of those pseudonyms happen to have been Clarke. But a photograph was taken of the BLFC’s first exhibition match, a North v South game which took place in Crouch End, London, in 1895, which proves that she was part of this pioneering event.

10,000 people turned out to watch the spectacle, in which Clarke played (unexpectedly, given her home town) for the South side.

It was here that a South Wales newspaper picked her out as “the fleet-footed dark girl on the wing”, but in also referring to her as “a coloured lady of Dutch build”, who played in goal, causing the confusion as to her identity and a century of her being misidentified as Carrie Bousted. But for the evidence found in the photograph, that would still be the story we believed today.

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Her side was on the receiving end of a 7-1 battering, and the comment after the game was not complimentary about womens football in general, suggesting that once the novelty of the spectacle had worn off it was doubtful that there would be much interest in watching the fairer sex compete. But the novelty certainly lasted for a little while, and the BLFC toured the country playing exhibition matches and raising money for charitable causes, playing in front of tens of thousands, and at grounds as impressive as Upton Park and Portman Road.

By 1897, the exertion of travelling in this way had taken its toll on the team and the BLFC stopped playing matches, but the impact had been made and womens football was here to stay. Clarke joined Mrs Graham's XI, a side named for the famous suffragist Helen Graham Matthew, who had played in the North v South match and set up her own team. Clarke continued to play until her late twenties, disappearing from the playing record in 1903.

Sadly, she also disappears from the census in 1905, leading Gibb to speculate that she died sometime before her 30th birthday. As with most working-class people in the historical record, the details of her life are not recorded and difficult to discover. But Emma Clarke definitely made her mark on history, and helped open up the way for both female and black footballers to ply their trade in the twentieth century and beyond. Forgotten for so long, it's important that these stories are kept alive.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green,

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

CAREER RECORDS

	2022/23 Season					Career	
	Appearances		GOALS	CARDS			
	APP	SUB		YC	RC	Apps	Goals
LLOYD, Bertie	13	0	1	2	0	13	1
ODOGWU-ATKINSON, Hugo	13	0	0	4	0	13	0
HALSEY, Tony	11	1	2	1	0	23	6
GARRETT-DOUGLAS, Rhamar	11	1	0	2	1	12	0
RICHARDS, Kyron	10	2	1	2	0	12	1
LYLE, Shawn	9	3	4	3	0	66	18
SWABY, Courtney	9	1	0	1	0	10	0
JOHNSON, Endurance	9	0	0	0	0	9	0
SURMON, Matt	8	5	1	0	0	13	1
DIOMANDE, Kevin	7	1	1	4	0	8	1
AKMEL, Stephane	6	1	0	1	0	11	0
COX, Tyler	6	1	0	0	0	7	0
SONGOLO, Kevin	6	0	0	3	0	6	0
PURDUE, Dan	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
DOUGAN, Javin	5	0	2	0	0	5	2
TANGA, Jephthe	4	0	0	0	0	12	0
HAILE, Nebay	3	2	0	0	0	5	0
TANTON, Matt	3	0	0	1	0	153	5
STEDMAN-HOYTE, Ryan	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
RIDDINGTON, Jake	1	3	0	0	0	5	0
UZOR, Tobe	1	2	0	1	0	10	0
MOORE, Bobby	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
CREED, Ollie	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
MAMPOLO, Francis	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
FLAVIN, Lee	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
OWUSU, George	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
RUMBLE, Jake *	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
AJVAJI, Melos *	2	1	0	0	0	3	0
DACRES-SMITH, Ryan *	2	0	0	1	0	61	5
TESTOLIN, Brian *	1	4	0	0	0	5	0
MARAGH, Geneiro *	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OLADEJO, Temi *	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GBOLOHAN, Ade *	0	2	0	0	0	5	0
OWOEYE, Deji *	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
BRIMAH, Jamahl *	0	1	0	0	0	4	0

Some notable landmarks for the last two games. A first goal for the club for Matt Surmon; first starts for Bobby Moore and Ollie Creed, and a debut for Lee Flavin.

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U18's 3-1 SHEPPEY UTD

The U18's continued their good league form last night when they came from behind to see off a very good Sheppey Utd side.

Rovers started brightly and George Vincent almost blocked a goalkeeper clearance on three minutes, but the visitors started to grow into the game and their pacy wingers were causing us a few problems.

Harry Hogben headed a corner wide on ten minutes, and Matt Hill and George Vincent combined to set up Abdul Sbaiti but he fired wide as we continued to dominate. Sheppey though we a more than useful side, and after a foul on the edge of our area a free kick was curled just wide of our left hand post. Sbaiti and Bobby Moore then combined to set up Vincent but he put his effort just wide of the right hand post.

It was somewhat against the run of play that Sheppey opened the scoring on 19 minutes. A ball down the right was met with a decent cross, which eluded our central defenders, and the forward finished neatly for 1-0. The scores were level five minutes later, a defence splitting ball by Matty Hill found Abdul Sbaiti, and his subtle lob beat the keeper to make it 1-1.

Vincent bought a good save out of the keeper midway through the half, and shortly after another Sbaiti effort drifted just wide. We hit the front for the first time just after the half hour, a corner was swung in from the left, a header hit the post and Harry Hogben was on hand to force the ball home from close range. Just before the break we went close to increasing our lead, Moore found Vincent and he forced a superb save out of the keeper and we went in 2-1 up at the break.

We continued our good form early in the second half and both Vincent and Hill went close early on. Ten minutes in and a dynamic run by Saville saw him drift beyond a couple of players and bringing another good save out of the keeper. It was all us in the early stages, although we did have to be wary of the Sheppey pace on the wings. A spectacular overhead kick by Vincent went just wide of the post, before we increased our lead on 70 minutes. A glorious ball down the left flank set George Vincent away, and having squared up his marker, he set the ball back to Hill, he calmly fired into the bottom right corner to ease us clear.

The young Rovers were controlling the game, and with Hogben marshalling the backline Sheppey chances were few and far between. Substitute Xavi Obi almost got through on a couple of occasions, but sharp keeping kept him at bay. The visitors were reduced to ten men late on after two silly fouls in quick succession by their central midfielder.

There was no further scoring and we eased to a 3-1 win.

SHEPPEY UTD PICTURES:



Top: George Vincent;

Inset: Bobby Moore &
Harry Hogben;

Below: Matty Hill



THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER®



By Matthew Badcock

THERE'S just something about the FA Cup first round proper draw – you dare not miss it.

Growing up, the hazy memory is listening on the radio but now it's a prime time live TV event, usually beamed from a clubhouse of one of the lucky Non-League teams to have got through.

Despite the wider national interest being piqued at this stage, we of course all know what goes into reaching even this round

If the FA Cup fourth round qualifying at the feeling of the first round proper draw, then Monday night's first round was a blockbuster.

Recency bias perhaps, but it's hard to remember one in recent seasons that has pulled out so many mega ties – it will be hard for the TV execs to make their live pics that's for sure.

Bracknell Town drew League One title chasers Ipswich Town, Hereford are at home to Portsmouth, the winners of the reply between Torquay and Hampton & Richmond host Derby County, Coalville – who stunned Notts County – are off to Charlton Athletic, Alvechurch at Cheltenham Town, South Shields welcome Forest Green, Woking have a home date with Oxford United, Curzon Ashton take on Cambridge United, first round debutants Needham Market travel to Burton Albion...the list goes on and on.

I've written here before about the annual FA Cup-bashing that will start in January, frustration with the elite clubs who want to cancel all replays because of so-called fixture congestions as if it's the solution and the bad wrap the competition, at times, receives.

But on Monday we could see in full swing how good the FA Cup is. How much it means. From a packed-Alvechurch clubhouse – where the draw was held – oohing and ahing every time a ball close to theirs was drawn. To the scenes of the Bracknell squad jumping around when they drew Ipswich, or Coalville players celebrating their pairing with former Premier League outfit Charlton – there just can't be a competition in the world quite like it.

Every fan and club dreams of having that special run. One that you can dine out on for years. Heroes are made in the FA Cup. And the exciting thing for the players still in this year's cup, they still have that chance to make it them this time.

Some clubs will have less high-profile first round draws but they are often the winnable ties that lead to bigger days further down the line.

The limelight will fall on many over the next few weeks. For some it will shine even brighter as they have to ready their grounds for big crowds, television cameras and all the circus that comes with it.

There will be hundreds of hours put in at Bracknell, for example, as they prepare their intimate Bottom Meadow – home of Sandhurst Town – for the might of Ipswich Town. Only in the FA Cup. There's just something about it.

ROVERS AWAY DAYS

Our next fixture is away to Basingstoke Town, so another trek down the delightful M3. Pop the postcode below into your SATNAV to get to the car park.



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ISTHMIAN ROUND UP

Woods Extend Their Lead

Northwood delivered another fine victory, Marlow go second, Sparks stun Moles and Chips beat Tanners

Northwood are having a magnificent season, and got the better of another of the promotion candidates when winning one-nil at Basingstoke Town. Sydney Ibie got the all important goal, from the spot on fifty minutes, his eleventh goal of the season- and it took his side seven points clear.

Binfield saw their unbeaten run come to an end at South Park Reigate, the Sparks moving up to fourth, level on points with their third place visitors. The Moles weren't helped by picking up two first half red cards; Brad Pagliaroli went off involuntarily on thirty three minutes and Sean Moore joined him on forty five. By the time of that second dismissal all the goals had already be scored, the Sparks three-one up. Moore gave the Moles the lead midway through the half, but in the three minutes prior to the break the home side turned the match entirely on its head- Nathan Hogan, Aiden Brown and Hogan again sealing victory. Hogan had been on the pitch for less than a quarter of an hour when he scored his first goal, coming on as a substitute for Ethan Ford, and at half time the substitute was himself substituted. To play seventeen minutes and win the game is some record!

A late winner saw Marlow climb to second place, after hosts Hanworth Villa must have thought they'd picked up a point. Curtis Ujah have the visitors a sixth minute lead, but the Villains equalised on sixty five, Sam Merson with the goal, and that looked to be that until Louis Rogers popped up right at the end to clinch a Marlow victory- although they still had to save a Hanworth penalty!

Ashford Town came from behind to go fifth, ensuring that Merstham's wait for a first win continues. It looked as if the Moatsiders were well on their way to that victory when Bryan Zepo scored from the spot on three minutes and added another on thirty two, but after that the world was orange- well, Tangerine- as Clyde Ondo got one back before the break, Ikpem Yakubu levelled on the hour, and Luke Maguire got the winner with eleven minutes left.

Walton & Hersham came from behind to win a five goal thriller against Chertsey Town. The Swans went ahead early on, Harry Mills with his sixth of the season, but the Curfews were level on twenty five minutes, William Montague with the equaliser, and went ahead with only twenty two minutes left, Scott Day with their second.

The Swans were stirred, Jordan Adeyemi equalising four minutes later, and a minute from time Josh Milo delivered a home winner. The Swans are a point outside the top five and nine points behind the leaders- with four games in hand.

Southall delivered a fine win at Bedfont Sports, who look a shadow of last season's side. Luke Heneghan put the visitors ahead on twenty three minutes, but the hosts were level by the break, Michael Goddard with the equaliser. The second half was all one way, Heneghan, Anthony O'Connor and Leonard Farhall adding three more goals for the visitors, who are ninth- only two points behind the top five.

Two second half goals saw Westfield get back to winning ways at Tooting & Mitcham United. John Adebisi and Troy Walters were the scorers, and Field ended the day in tenth, the Terrors in sixteenth.

It was new era, same result for Leatherhead. The Tanners welcomed new boss Hayden Bird and a collection of new players, and the home supporters would have been delighted as their side went two up in the sixteen minutes after the break, Dave Tarpey and Reise Allassani with the goals. That woke visitors Chipstead, and how! Michael Dixon immediately got one back, and they on seventy two minutes Andy Kabuikusomo's equaliser spread panic in home ranks, which Jonathan Hood capitalised on three minutes later to score the winner. The Chips climb to eleventh, the Tanners remain third from bottom and still have only one win.

Sutton Common Rovers are just behind the Chips, in twelfth place, after picking up three points at Thatcham Town. An own goal gave the visitors a very early lead, but David Nyarko has been in fine form for the Kingfishers and levelled with his sixth goal in three matches on sixty eight minutes. With both sides looking for a winner it was the visitors who got it, Kyron Richards finding the back of the Thatcham net eight minutes from time.

On Tuesday, along with ourselves, Binfield, Leatherhead, South Park and Walton & Hersham all progressed in the Velocity Cup, reaching the third round.

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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.

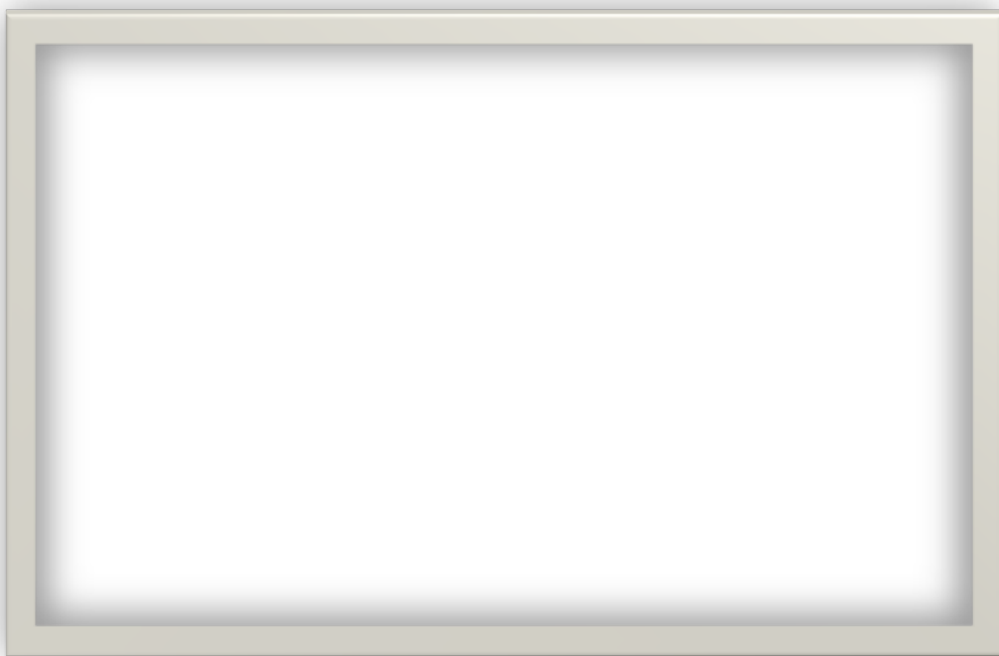
There has been some success in the FA Vase, with the 5th Round reached in the 2019/20 season, but it ended in disappointment away at Western League Bitton AFC when we lost 2-1.

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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