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Combined Counties League Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup:

Winners: 2018–19

Combined Counties League Division One Cup:

Runners-up: 2008–09

Middlesex County League Premier Division

Cup: Runners-up: 2007–08

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Winners: 2016–17; Runners up: 2018–19

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Uxbridge FC

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman,

Wishing you a warm SCR welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports centre for this evenings Isthmian South Central fixture.

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

We would also like to welcome our match officials, referee Mr Elliott Spencer and his assistants, Mr Nigel Owen and Mr Ronald Albert, again we trust they enjoy their brief stay with us this evening.

WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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Tonight's opponents currently sit a place and a point above us in the table, albeit with two games in hand. They have been in mixed form of late in the league, with two wins and two defeats in their last four games. The wins have come against sides at either ends of the table, winning 3-0 at home against Merstham and 1-0 also at home against leaders Northwood.

Their last two league games have seen narrow defeats at Chertsey 1-0 and at home to Leatherhead 2-0.

Saturday though saw a stunning performance as they saw off mid-table Varnham South side Dover Athletic on penalties in the FA Trophy. The draw was yesterday at 3:15 which was after we went to print. Whoever they have, we wish them luck.

Two faces in their squad that you might recognise from our Combined Counties days, midfielder Jordan Ireland was often instrumental in plotting our downfall when playing for CB Hounslow Utd, whilst Mark Bitmead always seemed to find the net against us, whether for Ashford or CB.

Our recent form has been mixed. We were in excellent form last time out here when we beat highly fancied Walton & Hersham 1-0 thanks to a Shawn Lyle penalty, before heading off to Abbey Rangers in the Southern Combination Cup.

A much changed side containing seven U23's drew 4-4 with a strong Abbey Rangers in the Southern Combination Cup. Quick goals saw us lead 3-1 after 13 minutes, and we took a 4-2 lead into the break. Abbey roared back in the second half and a last gasp equaliser saw them take it to penalties. Our goals on the night were scored by Tyrese Sutherland, George Baker, Jepthe Tanga and Tobe Uzor.

Penalties went all the way, before keeper Dan Purdue, in his last game for the club fired home the winning penalty to send us through 9-8.

Last time out though we were a little off colour, and deservedly beaten at Hanworth Villa, despite a Tony Halsey goal, going down 3-1.

There has been some movement on the playing front, with both forward Javin Dougan and keeper Dan Purdue moving on, we wish them both well in their next endeavours. Keep checking Twitter and Facebook for future playing squad announcements.

Finally, the U18's were in action on Monday night and returned to winning ways with a 5-1 win over K Sports.

Enough from me, enjoy the game and get home safely.

Briggers

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

UXBRIDGE FC

FORMED: 1871

NICKNAME:
The Reds



In the late 19th century the game of "football" was growing in popularity and on the 3rd February 1871 a group of eminent local businessmen held the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Football Club. A local solicitor, Mr William Gardiner, was elected as the Club's President and the club's colours were chosen as white shirts with a light blue Maltese cross and a light blue velvet cap with silver tassel. Friendly games against local opposition were played in the early years, until the FA Cup was entered in 1873. A First Round Victory over Gitanos set-up a Second-Round tie against eventual finalists Royal Engineers, which the Engineers narrowly won 2-1. It was at this time that Uxbridge could boast amongst its ranks a Full England International. Hubert Heron played for England on two occasions whilst an Uxbridge player before he moved to Wanderers FC where he gained further international honours. His brother Francis, formerly of Uxbridge, also played for England after joining him at Wanderers FC.

The club changed its colours to Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue shirts in 1874 but they were in financial difficulties and folded later that year. The main problem for Uxbridge was the lack of a permanent home ground (a problem that was to plague them until the middle of the next century), the committee searched the town for a suitable base but were thwarted at every turn and they led a nomadic existence, moving ground every few years.

The enthusiasm for a team in Uxbridge was still prevalent and the Club was reformed in 1879. In 1886 Uxbridge FC amalgamated with another local club, Uxbridge Crescents, and played under this name in season 1886/87, before reverting to plain old Uxbridge the following season. It was at this time that the Red Shirts, which are still worn today, were adopted and the nickname "The Reds" was born. Their first trophy was won in 1889 when they lifted the West Middlesex Cup, defeating Colnbrook 1-0 in the Final. The end of the 19th century was a particularly successful period for The Reds as they won the West Middlesex Cup on three further occasions and also won the prestigious Middlesex Senior Cup twice. In 1894 they beat the 3rd Grenadier Guards 2-0 and repeated that success two years later with a 3-2 victory over local rivals Southall in a replay in front of over 5000 spectators. The outstanding achievement however was in reaching the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1898. This was the club's first season in the competition and they had to win eight ties before meeting Middlesbrough in the final at Crystal Palace.

Unfortunately, their North East rivals proved too strong for them on the day and ran out 2-0 winners. During this successful period for the club they became founder members of Division Two of the Southern League in 1894, finishing fourth in their first four seasons. However, in season 1898/99 they finished next to bottom and the dwindling crowds (averaging around 500) meant that financially the club was once again in trouble.

A decision was therefore taken to withdraw from the Southern League and join the local Middlesex League to try and stabilise the club. However, a majority of the more talented players joined other clubs and they struggled in their new surroundings, finishing bottom with only one point from their 14 games. At the end of the season the club had a deficit of £130 and with few players the club once again folded.

For two years much fund raising amongst the local community finally saw the club's debts paid and the re-formed Uxbridge FC joined the West Middlesex League for the 1902/03 season. In 1904 the Great Western Suburban League was entered and here they stayed until the outbreak of the First World War. Their best finish during this period was as Runners-up to Brentford Reserves in 1910/11. They also won the Middlesex Charity Cup on two occasions in 1908 and 1913, as they looked to re-establish themselves as a force in the football world. Following the end of hostilities Uxbridge joined the Athenian League and added "Town" to their name. An unsuccessful first Athenian League campaign saw them relegated back to the Great Western Suburban League in 1920. A successful four seasons saw them back in the Athenian League in 1924 where they remained until 1937. The Middlesex Charity Cup was won for the third time in 1935 as Finchley were beaten 4-3. Two poor seasons saw them finish bottom of the Athenian League in 1936 and 1937 and the club failed to be re-elected. They joined the Spartan League for the 1937/38 season, dropping "Town" from their name at the end of the campaign stood proudly at the summit.

Championship celebrations however were cut short when it was discovered that The Reds had played an ineligible player and were deduced six points, placing them in third position behind Champions Marlow.

Following the debacle of their one and only season in the Spartan League they resigned and joined the London League prior to the Second World War.

During the war years they continued to play and joined the newly formed Great Western Combination League before re-joining the London League in 1945, finishing as Runners-up to Edgware Town. Uxbridge were founder members of the Corinthian League in 1946 and remained in this league for the next seventeen years. Finally, in 1948, after over three quarters of a century of searching, a ground of their own was purchased. A piece of land in Cleveland Road, Cowley was bought for £5,800 by then president Mr W.S. Try. The ground was named after a large house that stood on the land and "Honeycroft" was the new home of Uxbridge Football Club. During this period, they won their only Championship to-date when they were crowned Corinthian League Champions at the end of the 1959/60 season. They also won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the third time in 1951 when they defeated Hayes 2-1.

This was a successful period in the club's history as they finished in the top five of the Corinthian League on no less than eight occasions and crowds were averaging around the thousand mark. A re-organisation of Non-League football saw the end of the Corinthian League in 1963 and club found itself once again in Division One of the Athenian League. This was a lean time for The Reds, they were relegated to Division Two in 1967 and financial problems once again beset them. They gained national publicity in 1976 when England were looking for a side to play as part of their warm-up for the forthcoming World Cup campaign. Uxbridge took on a full-strength England at Wembley, losing 8-0.

The ground problems that had blighted Uxbridge throughout their history surfaced once again and the club had to find a new home. In 1978 they moved to their current headquarters in Horton Road, Yiewsley. A former works Sports & Social Club they have developed the site to the superb standard you see today. Over the past 43 years they have added floodlights (opened by the visit of Arsenal in 1981), new stands, fencing and in more recent times a new clubhouse was opened and car park laid. On the playing front the club won the Middlesex Charity Cup for the fourth time in 1982, their first silverware for 31 years, and moved to the Isthmian League in the same year, winning promotion to Division One in 1985. The Final of the AC Delco Cup (League Cup) was reached in 1986, where they met Premier Division Champions Sutton United. The Reds failed to stop Sutton completing "The Double" though, losing 3-1 in the Final in front of over a thousand spectators at Imber Court, the home of Metropolitan Police FC. Uxbridge entered the London Challenge Cup for the first time in the 1992/93 season and hence followed a love affair between the Reds and the magnificent trophy. In the eight seasons they entered the competition they reached five finals, winning on three occasions in 1994, 1997 and 2000. They won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the fourth time in 2001, defeating Harrow Borough 3-0 in the Final held at Honeycroft. In 2004 the club were moved across the pyramid to the Southern League and have reached the Play-Offs on three occasions. In 2004/05 they lost on penalties, after leading Maldon Town in extra-time, in 2007/08 they narrowly lost 0-1 at Oxford City and in 2011/12 they lost 2-1 at Bedworth United in the Semi-Finals. In 2018 Uxbridge were moved back across the pyramid, re-joining the Isthmian League in the South Central Division.

They have won the Middlesex Charity Cup on three more occasions in the last eight years. Defeating Brentford in 2013, Wembley in 2014 and Ashford Town (Middlesex) at Hanwell Town FC in 2019.

In the summer of 2016 the Club lose one of its stalwarts when long serving President Alan Odell passed away. Alan had been associated with The Reds for over 80 years, firstly as a supporter and player in his youth, before serving in various official duties as a committee member. He is sadly missed.

In 2019 Uxbridge appointed only their sixth manager over the past 51 years. Ron Clack was in charge for 18-years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Michael Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992. In 2006 Tony Choules became the man in charge, being replaced by our current manager Danny Edwards in 2019.

Danny is a UEFA A licensed coach who spent 15 years as manager of Chalfont St Peter AFC. He steered Chalfont St Peter to Step 4 of the league system in 2011, as well as reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup on three occasions. Danny has with him a confident team which includes Fred Cummings as his Assistant Manager. Fred is well known to the followers of the Red Army as a combative centre half with 320 First Team appearances for Uxbridge in the 1980's.



SPOT THE BALL



Action from the recent U23's fixture against Frimley Green and Abz Coulibaly challenges a defender, but where is the ball?

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FROM THE GAFFER



This week we caught up with co-manager Darren Salmon and got his views on what's been going on this week.

GB: Our last two league games have seen both mixed fortunes and performances. Against Walton we were excellent, but against Hanworth Villa we turned in a fairly tepid display. As a manager can you pinpoint why we are inconsistent?

DS: Spot on Gary, honestly I think we have to be careful where we set our aspirations as Lee and I agree that we are realistically punching above our weight at times and when it clicks, we will give most teams a decent game, however consistency is hard to find at this level as players have a lot going on in the background and we only get maybe 2 hours a week with them which is really challenging.

GB: Jephthe Tanga missed Villa through suspension but is back in contention today. How much of a boost is that to the squad?

DS: Of course it's a huge boost, unfortunately we know that at any time he can be recalled so we just love having him for however long that is as he is a very talented and humble young man

GB: Midweek last week we progressed in the Southern Combination Cup away at Abbey Rangers. You fielded seven of the U23 squad and it was a case of job done and exposure to senior football for those lads. How pleased were you with what they would have got from the game?

DS: Gary it was amazing to progress against a strong experienced step 5 club with so many young guns playing. Even better was seeing them calmly dispatch their spot kicks with a lot of pressure from behind the goal from the young Abbey supporters.

GB: That game also saw the debut of Tyrese Sutherland, he looks a hell of a player and one you must be thrilled to have on board?

DS: Tyrese is a lad who has showed great attitude in training and we have seen glimpses of his ability midweek at Abbey but our job is to keep players feet firmly on the ground as it is consistency that will get us results, this win one lose one trend is hugely frustrating.
















GB: Uxbridge beat National League South side Dover in the Trophy at the weekend, what are you expecting from them tonight?

DS: Uxbridge are always a strong disciplined outfit G, but honestly great result beating Dover but like us they have also had some on paper poor results so it will defo be more about which version of us turns up tonight—

Cheers

MATCH REPORT:

WALTON & HERSHAM

Sutton Common Rovers	Saturday 12th November 2022		Walton & Hershham
<div>1</div> Endurance Johnson	Sutton Common Rovers	1	<div>1</div> Liam Allen
<div>2</div> Kevin Diomande	Shawn Lyle (21' pen)		<div>17</div> Joe Pratley-Jones 
<div>3</div> Rhamar Garrett-Dougl...	Walton & Hershham	0	<div>3</div> Dominic Ogun-Forster
<div>4</div> Matthew Surmon			<div>4</div> Arsen Ujkaj
<div>5</div> Bertie Lloyd	Isthmian League - South Central Division		<div>5</div> Charlie Nicholas
<div>6</div> Hugo Odogwu-Atkins...	Attendance: 116		<div>6</div> Joe Hicks
<div>7</div> Jephthe Tanga  	Kick-off: 3pm		<div>7</div> Devan Tanton
<div>8</div> Shawn Lyle 	Referee: Joshua Langeley-Fineing		<div>8</div> Taurean Roberts 
<div>9</div> Tony Halsey  	<div>Info</div> <div>Videos</div>		<div>9</div> Jordan Adeyemi
<div>10</div> Kyron Richards 	Match Information		<div>10</div> John Gilbert 
<div>11</div> Tyler Cox 	Full-time: Sutton Common Rovers 1-0 Walton & Hershham		<div>11</div> Finlay Lovatt
<div>12</div> Matthew Tanton 	Half-time: Sutton Common Rovers 1-0 Walton & Hershham		<div>12</div> Eddie Simon 
<div>14</div> Chibuikem Nzeh 			<div>14</div> Joshua Millo
<div>15</div> Courtney Swaby			<div>15</div> Jude Molloy
<div>16</div> Javin Dougan			<div>16</div> Maliq Morris
<div>17</div> Abdoulaye Coulibaly 			<div>2</div> Mitchal Gough

Rovers picked up their second successive home win after probably their best performance of the season against promotion chasing Walton & Hershham on Saturday.

In only the first minute a poor clearance by Liam Allen saw Rovers force a corner, from which Matt Surmon headed over the bar, and a couple of minutes later and a whipped in free kick saw Shawn Lyle head wide, as Rovers continued to dominate.

Having been on the back foot in the opening stages Walton almost opened the scoring on nine minutes when a poor back pass by skipper Rhamar Garrett-Douglas ended with Endurance Johnson slicing his clearance, forcing Bertie Lloyd into a goalline clearance. Lyle and Tony Halsey both went close for Rovers, before on the quarter hour good work by Walton saw ex SCR man Jordan Adeyemi released but he fired just wide.

Rovers took the lead on 20 minutes, a ball into the area by Garrett-Douglas was spilt by Allen and as he tried to recover he only succeeded in hauling down Lyle. The Rovers midfielder picking himself up to fire home the spot kick.

John Gilbert saw a low drive well saved by Johnson low to his left, and on 26 minutes great work by Finlay Lovatt bought another good save out of Johnson.

The visitors ended the half strongly, Arsen Ujkaj fired wide when well placed, and in stoppage time Lloyd did well to clear a dangerous Walton corner, and Rovers took a one goal lead in to the break.

Rovers started brightly in the second half, and man of the match Tyler Cox dragged an early effort wide. Walton then went close with a shot being deflected wide for a corner which Rovers cleared.

Cox was beoming more and more influential and created several Rovers chances on and around the hour mark. Firstly a whipped in cross was just too far ahead of Halsey who couldn't connect with the ball in, minutes later he fired an effort wide and then a dangerous Cox free kick was only half cleared and Lyle saw his effort well saved by Allen.

Walton pushed hard for an equaliser and a dangerous ball into the area flashed across the face of goal before being cleared by Jeph-te Tanga.

We then survived a barrage of efforts on goal, with a superb challenge from Lloyd stopping the first effort and Kevin Diomande heading the second off the line. From the counter attack Cox and Kyron Richards linked up but Cox saw his effort saved by Allen.

Lyle went close late on, and there was still time for Tanga to see red for a second yellow card, and Rovers to survive a scare as Garrett-Douglas and a Walton player collided in the area, only for play to continue.

Thanks to Ben Streeter for the whatsapp notes that allowed me to put the report together, despite having been at work for the game.

MATCH REPORT:

ROVERS 4-4 ABBEY RANGERS

(Rovers win 9-8 on pens)

A feisty and entertaining game, with each player from both teams contributing to the deciding penalty shootout.

A much changed side took to the field for Rovers, with only Kevin Diomande and Jephthe Tanga starting from Saturday's line-up. Courtney Swaby, Dan Purdue, Tobe Uzor and Matt Tanton joined them, with debuts for both Tyrese Sutherland and a first start for Franklin Nzeh. Also starting were George Baker, Aaron Hunt and Club legend Liam Holden. The bench comprised of John Erne, Luke Guest, George Owusu and Aboulaye Coulibaly from the U23s and first team skipper Rhamer Garrett-Douglas.

The game got underway with both sides keen to make an early mark. The pace was fast considering the amount of rain there had been earlier in the day – all credit to the Abbey Rangers ground staff for ensuring the surface was playable and in very good condition.

Rovers survived a scare early on. Following an Abbey corner, the ball was alleged to have crossed our goal-line, with huge appeal from the Abbey forwards. The linesman waved this away, as the keeper holding the ball at arm's length was able to prevent the goal.

From this point on, the goals came thick and fast, with four in seven minutes. On the 5th minute a great strike from Tyrese Sutherland took a slight deflection past the Abbey keeper Sam Gray for 1-0 and a minute later, a trademark floating pass from Matt Tanton, down the left flank, found Tanga in space, and he deftly crossed the ball to the incoming George Baker, for what turned out to be a straightforward tap-in, but a nicely worked goal nonetheless. Rovers now 2-0 up.

Eleven minutes in, and Abbey were back in the game. An Abbey corner was headed onto the bar, falling to ex SCR man Daryl Cooper-Smith who crashed the ball home from an acute angle, for 2-1. From the restart, Tanton takes the ball out wide and plays in Sutherland, he crossed to the ever sharp Jephthe Tanga, who calmly slid the ball past the keeper for 3-1.

Possession given away on our right side by Jephthe Tanga resulting in a foul to Abbey Rangers. The free kick was floated into the box, and flicked on by an Abbey centre back, by safely gathered by Dan Purdue. Both teams were now playing good entertaining football. Courtney Swaby broke free and wriggled past a number of players pushing the ball through the gap for Jephthe Tanga, but was given offside. A decent cross from Kevin Diomande across the face of the goal went begging.

Back at the other end, Kevin Diomande lost possession in our penalty area, and it saw Cooper-Smith side-stepping him and slotting it home. He doesn't miss from there! 3-2 Rovers and game on. The next few minutes saw Abbey applying more pressure, with shots from Charlie Postance, which Purdue was equal to, and a number of successive corners that were also well defended.

Rovers increased their lead on 35 minutes with Tobe Uzor planting home a back post header from a corner for 4-2. Diomande picked up a yellow card for time-wasting, shortly after and just before the break Tanton blocked a close range shot on the goal-line, the ball rebounding back to the same player who then hit the post with the followup. Between Tanton and Purdue the ball was smothered, but not without a physically charged reaction from the opposition. The referee saw no infringement and the game restarted after a short consultation with the linesman. Half time came with us 4-2 ahead.

After the excitement of the first half the second was naturally a little less action packed. It started with increasing pressure from Abbey Rangers, but thankfully no end product, just a few crosses flashing across the face of our goal.

We made wholesale changes on and around the hour mark, with Diomande, Aaron Hunt, Baker and Tanga all making way, with Rhamar Garrett-Douglas, Abz Coulibaly, Luke Guest and John Erne coming on (the latter two for the debuts).

On 69 minutes it was game on, as a penalty was awarded to Abbey for the slightest of infringements, up steps Cooper-Smith who slots the ball to the keeper's left for his and Abbey's third. We responded positively and from a free kick 35 yards out on the right, Courtney Swaby lofted the ball in, the Abbey keeper equal to it, punching it clear allowing Abbey to charge forward. Abbey were now keeping more possession, with shots from distance from Hendry and a Hendry free-kick just outside the Rovers penalty area, hitting the outside of our left post. Further assaults on our goal were somehow defended, but recycled quickly by Abbey keeping up the pressure. Nerves were fraying in the crowd, there can't be long to go now!

We made our final change in stoppage time with Sutherland making way for George Owusu, but with seconds left Jae Kelly latched onto to miscued clearance from Tanton at the edge of the penalty area, and drove the ball past Purdue to bring the score level. From the restart Rovers had two chances to retake the lead – both not taken, as Owusu was denied by Gray and full time came with the scores level at 4-4.

And so to penalties—after five each it was 4-4, with Rhamar Garrett-Douglas, Courtney Swaby, Abz Coulibaly and Liam Holden converting for us. After 10 each it was 8-8, with Franklin Nzeh, Luke Guest, John Erne and George Owusu all on target. It came down to the keepers, Gray missed for Abbey and Purdue converted for us to put us through.

Thanks to Jon Tanton for the match report, his first for us.

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	2022/23 Season					Career	
	Appearances		GOALS	CARDS			
	APP	SUB		YC	RC	Apps	Goals
LLOYD, Bertie	17	0	1	2	0	17	1
ODOGWU-ATKINSON, Hugo	17	0	0	5	0	17	0
GARRETT-DOUGLAS, Rhamar	15	2	0	4	1	17	0
HALSEY, Tony	15	1	3	5	0	27	7
RICHARDS, Kyron	14	2	2	2	0	16	2
LYLE, Shawn	13	3	5	3	0	70	19
SWABY, Courtney	13	1	0	2	0	14	0
JOHNSON, Endurance	13	0	0	0	0	13	0
SURMON, Matt	12	5	2	1	0	17	2
DIOMANDE, Kevin	11	1	1	6	0	12	1
COX, Tyler	8	3	0	0	0	11	0
TANGA, Jephthe	7	1	2	1	1	16	2
AKMEL, Stephane	6	1	0	1	0	11	0
SONGOLO, Kevin	6	1	0	3	0	7	0
PURDUE, Dan	6	0	0	0	0	6	0
TANTON, Matt	4	2	0	1	0	156	5
UZOR, Tobe	2	2	0	1	0	11	0
STEDMAN-HOYTE, Ryan	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
George BAKER	1	1	1	1	0	10	2
CREED, Ollie	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Franklin NZEH	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Tyrese SUTHERLAND	1	1	1	0	0	2	1
HOLDEN, Liam	1	0	0	0	0	361	106
Aaron HUNT	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
MAMPOLO, Francis	0	3	1	0	0	3	1
Abdoulaye COULIBALY	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
OWUSU, George	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
FLAVIN, Lee	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Luke GUEST	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
John ERNE	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
DOUGAN, Javin *	6	1	2	0	0	7	2
HAILE, Nebay *	3	2	0	0	0	5	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
RIDDINGTON, Jake *	1	3	0	0	0	5	0
MOORE, Bobby *	1	2	0	0	0	3	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

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	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				
26th Nov	ILSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)				
29th Nov	VT R3	A	Binfield				
3rd Dec	ILSC	H	WESTFIELD				
6th Dec	SSC	A	Egham Town				
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)				



LEAGUE TABLE (as at 20.11)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Northwood	15	11	1	3	27	14	+13	34
	2 Walton & Hersham	13	9	0	4	28	16	+12	27
	3 Marlow	14	8	3	3	26	14	+12	27
	4 Basingstoke Town	14	8	2	4	30	17	+13	26
	5 Chertsey Town	15	7	4	4	31	17	+14	25
	6 Westfield	14	7	4	3	23	12	+11	25
	7 South Park	14	8	1	5	17	18	-1	25
	8 Southall	15	6	6	3	21	14	+7	24
	9 Hanworth Villa	14	6	5	3	22	20	+2	23
	10 Binfield	12	6	2	4	23	15	+8	20
	11 Chipstead	14	5	3	6	18	21	-3	18
	12 Uxbridge	12	5	2	5	15	13	+2	17
	13 Sutton Common Rovers	14	5	1	8	18	26	-8	16
	14 Ashford Town (Middx)	13	5	1	7	14	31	-17	16
	15 Leatherhead	14	4	3	7	13	22	-9	15
	16 Thatcham Town	13	2	4	7	17	22	-5	10
	17 Guernsey	13	2	4	7	8	20	-12	10
	18 Tooting & Mitcham United	12	2	3	7	11	21	-10	9
	19 Bedfont Sports	13	1	4	8	9	21	-12	7
	20 Merstham	14	0	5	9	12	29	-17	5

LATEST RESULTS



Monday 14th November

Velocity Cup Rd 3

Carshalton Athletic 4-2 South Park (Reigate)

Surrey Cup Rd 1

Merstham 0-3 Sutton Utd

Tuesday 15th November

Isthmian League - South Central Division

Hanworth Villa 2-2 Westfield

Uxbridge 0-2 Leatherhead

Southern Combination Cup Rd 1

Abbey Rangers 4-4 Sutton Common Rovers

(SCR win 9-8 on pens)

Saturday 19th December

Isthmian League - South Central Division

Basingstoke Town 4-2 Tooting & Mitcham United

Bedfont Sports 0-2 South Park

Chipstead 2-0 Chertsey Town

Guernsey 1-2 Northwood

Hanworth Villa 3-1 Sutton Common Rovers

Leatherhead 0-2 Marlow

Southall 2-1 Binfield

Thatcham Town 1-1 Merstham

Walton & Hersham 2-1 Westfield

The Untold Game

The Maracanazo

Football in Brazil is a religion. Perhaps more so than in any other nation. In the aftermath of the Second World War, FIFA was determined to bring back a nascent World Cup that had seen just three iterations and needed somewhere to relaunch the competition, the entire sport, after the ravages of conflict. That place would have to be outside Europe, both because of the cost of hosting in a war-torn country, and because the previous two tournaments had been held in Italy and France. Brazil was the obvious place. And once they had been awarded the tournament, they began construction of a cathedral to their religion; the Maracanã. Nobody conceived that it would host what Brazilian playwright Nelson Rodrigues would describe as his nation's Hiroshima.

It's difficult to imagine a time when Brazil were not considered among the best teams in the world. But in the early years of the World Cup they had struggled, being knocked out in the first round of both the 1930 and 1934 World Cups, before improving to finish third in 1938. They were overshadowed in South America by Argentina, who developed a fierce footballing rivalry with Uruguay, who had beaten them to win the competition in 1930. Uruguay would play the role of villains in Brazil's national tragedy, shattering the dreams of a nation.

In the build up to the tournament, Argentina's FA fell out with Brazil's Federation, so refused to take part. Germany were banned from the competition because of the war. Scotland refused to take up the second Home Nations qualifying spot after losing to England. Japan, India, and Turkey all withdrew. In all, just thirteen teams made their way to South America for the tournament. A little embarrassing for FIFA, it did open the way for Brazil to win their first tournament, reducing the number of games and the number of big rivals. Things seemed to be falling into place for a heroic home victory.

The small number of teams meant a reorganisation of the tournament, which would now consist of two group stages and no knockout rounds. Four first round group winners would qualify for the second group round, and the winner of that group would lift the trophy.

Brazil started like a train, roared on by feverish home fans, beating Mexico 4-0. They drew with Switzerland, and then beat Yugoslavia to qualify from their group with ease. They were joined by Spain, Sweden, and of course, Uruguay. They saw off Spain 6-1, and then Sweden 7-1, while Uruguay slipped up. Brazil went into their final game of the tournament against their South American neighbours knowing that they just needed to avoid defeat to win the World Cup for the first time.

'These are the World Champions', declared Brazilian newspaper O Mundo before the game. Victory for the hosts was so certain that FIFA President Jules Rimet had already prepared his congratulations in Portuguese. 'Brazil was about to beat Uruguay and win it's first World Cup,' reported the Wall Street Journal. 'They knew it.' Uruguay had other ideas.

Brazil started the game brightly, but despite seventeen first half efforts they had to wait until the second period to break the deadlock. Just after half time, Friaca scored an archetypal Brazilian goal dribbling past two defender and firing in. The Maracana went berserk, and a fog of flare smoke descended onto the pitch. Uruguay captain Obdulio Varela feared that the atmosphere would drive the hosts on, so decided to remonstrate with the linesman that the goal was offside, for several minutes. This allowed his teammates to regroup, and begin to assert themselves of the game. In the 66th minute they found an equaliser, Schiaffino turning home a cross. The Maracana went from a cacophony of noise to deathly silence, in an instant. With the atmosphere sucked out of the game, there was only one side that would go on to win. In the 79th minute, Brazil goalkeeper Moacir Barbosa misjudged a long shot and it snuck in (pictured previous page). He would later burn the goalposts from that day, such was his disappointment.

The national fallout was on a level unseen before or since. A fan collapsed in his home after hearing the result. Two are reported to have committed suicide in the stadium. The Seleção could not bring themselves to play another game for two years, and didn't play at their cathedral, the Maracana, for four. It was as close as possible to a national mourning. Maracanazo, now in common use in Brazil, means the Maracana blow.

And yet, the most visible change was to the shirts. White was replaced with yellow. And then, using the tactical innovations of Hungarian Bela Guttmann, they switched to a 4-2-4 formation. By the end of the decade, they had indeed won their first World Cup. They were the last team to retain it, in 1962. They are the team we dream of when we think of O Jogo Bonito: the beautiful game.

Out of the lowest low, came the greatest of all.

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By Jon Couch

THEY'RE paid the big bucks because they make the big contributions. Top strikers are worth their weight in gold. Whether it's turning possession into points when his team is playing well to getting his manager out of jail when they're not, the value of an in-form number nine simply can not be underestimated.

Take Charnock Richard FC for example. Back in 2009, they took a punt on a young 24-year-old forward called Carl Grimshaw, who had only previously tasted action at Bolton Lads and Girls club and Eagley FC - and that to simply help with a player shortage. Now, just over 13 years on, dairy farmer Grimshaw, at the age of 38, has etched his name in club folklore by notching up an incredible 501 goals, reaching his latest milestone during the North West Counties League Premier Division club's recent defeat to Squires Gate. Indeed, in 12 out of 13 seasons at Charnock Richard he has scored over 25 goals with his record tally being a sensational 50-goal season in 2012-2013.

Naturally, his success in front of goal has brought silverware too. His goals have helped take the Mossie Park clubs from Step 7 to Step 5, collecting no fewer than four West Lancashire League Premier Division championship Winners' medals and two runner-ups. While Grimshaw will be humble enough to admit that the club's success was not solely down to his efforts, having a centre forward averaging 38 goals a season is a pretty solid platform in which to build a legacy.

Another prolific veteran on a hot streak right now is Brett Pitman.

Having forged a glittering career for himself in the Football League with the likes of AFC Bournemouth, Bristol City, Ipswich Town, Portsmouth and Swindon Town, Pitman is now enjoying a new lease of life at his local club AFC Portchester in the Wessex League. In fact, that's something of an understatement as Pitman is currently the leading marksman in the top nine tiers of English football. His four goal blast for the Royals against Alresford Town last weekend took his tally to 28 in just 18 league and cup starts in 2022-23. In all, his 14 Wessex League appearances have yielded 22 goals, scoring in ever game but one, while 14 goals have come in his last six.

Naturally, it's a tally which is sparking a right Royal waltz at the top of the Wessex Premier with the Royals having collected 40 out of a possible 42 points to lead by eight going into this week's round of matches.

Frighteningly, Pitman is still only 34 years old and given that he's never really modelled his game on blistering pace and power, he may well be still at his peak.

"He's never going to run in behind defences, his movement in the box is brilliant, that's what he does," says Royals boss Dave Carter. "His movement to pull away from defenders is fantastic.

"It's not all about Brett, a lot of other lads are playing well. A lot of Brett's goals are put on a plate for him, but what he does is score goals at important times."

The value of having a top striker is not lost on Ashton United it seems.

The NPL Premier Division side audaciously attempted to lure goal machine Erling Haaland from Manchester City with Norway not in World Cup action.

A PR stunt, a stroke of genius or the height of ridiculousness, we'll let you decide but the point remains valid, the importance of having a top-class number nine in your ranks should never be undervalued.

ISTHMIAN ROUND UP

Red Army Deliver Defeat To Dover- Whilst Woods Extend Their Lead

Uxbridge slay another giant, whilst Northwood come from behind to win. We also had victories for Stoke, Sparks, Chips, Villa, Marlow, Southall and Swans.

Uxbridge, who defeated Pitching In Isthmian Premier Wingate and Finchley in the last round, went a step higher this time around as National League South Dover Athletic travelled to Honeycroft- but the outcome was very much the same! It's less than a year since Uxbridge knocked Chippenham Town out of this competition- and lightning struck again, as despite Athletic going ahead early on the hosts levelled with nineteen minutes remaining, Jordan Ireland with the goal. Off we went to a shootout, and Uxbridge kept their heads to triumph four-two, scoring all of their penalties with keeper Henry Grad a hero.

Right, onto the Pitching In Isthmian South Central.

After taking only one point from their previous two matches, leaders Northwood bounced back in style to defeat Leatherhead last weekend and looked to increase their six point lead by prolonging Guernsey's home misery. The Green Lions were without a home win this season, but they went ahead after just nine minutes, Sam Murray opening the scoring. The five hundred and twenty eight in Footes Lane must have been hopeful of that long-awaited three points, but our leaders are made of stern stuff, and levelled just after the hour through Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway. Six minutes later they went ahead, James Gurteen getting what proved to be the winner- and the gap at the top increases to seven.

Second place at kick off, Chertsey Town were on the road to Chipstead, the Chips three unbeaten and having put four past Ashford Town last time out. The opener went to the hosts, and it went to Jonathan Hood just before the half hour, and they doubled their advantage and secured the points just before the end, Andy Kabuikusomo's fourth of the season doing the damage. The Curfews are down to fifth.

It was fourth v third as Walton and Hersham welcomed Westfield. The visitors went ahead on fifty six minutes, Emmanuel Adebisi opening the scoring, but the Swans quickly hit back, Eddie Simon continuing his rich vein of scoring form with his tenth of the campaign. Twelve minutes from time Simon got another to give his side the lead, and Westfield's nine match unbeaten run came to an end, with the Swans up to second.

Marlow, in fifth as we kicked off, travelled to take on Leatherhead at Fetcham Grove. After three impressive consecutive wins Marlow had taken their foot off the gas a little, with only one point from their last two matches, but they went ahead in this one, Dawid Rogalski converting from the spot on nineteen minutes.

On the hour it was two, Ben Mulley doubling their advantage, and that turned out to be that, seeing the visitors up to third. The Tanners last six matches have been W-L-W-L-W-L, so they'll hope to continue that at Binfield next weekend.

Basingstoke Town had a fantastic second half at Merstham last Saturday, rattling home four goals- and they had two in the first half this weekend, Brody Peart with both of them against Tooting & Mitcham United. The Terrors got one of their own between each of Peart's, Eddie Mbango with an equaliser, but the fourth goal of the game went to the home side, Brad Wilson just about making sure of the points six minutes from time. Jordan Clarke made them sweat a little, reducing the arrears three minutes before the end, but an added time James Clark penalty gave the hosts a fourth goal and three points. Town climb to fourth.

South Park knew they'd have to win at Bedfont Sports to have a chance of going back into the top five, and they went ahead with twenty minutes left, Aiden Brown with the goal. Seven minutes later Brown got another, and that was that- but other results meant they are still in seventh place, albeit level on points with the two sides ahead of them.

One point separated eighth place Southall and ninth place Binfield- at start of play- but the hosts got off to a flyer. Lewis Putnam put them ahead on eight minutes, and it was two-nil a minute later, Anthony O'Connor doubling their advantage. The Moles halved the arrears with twenty one minutes remaining, Kai Hobbs with the goal, but that was that- and Hall are only a point behind the top five.

Hanworth Villa and Sutton Common Rovers met in a mid-table battle- albeit with the Villains four points better off at start of play. The hosts were on a five match unbeaten run with three wins, two draws, and two goals scored in four of them- and they had another two goals by the midway point of the first half, Jonathan Hippolyte and Meschach Williams scoring them. Tony Halsey quickly got one back for Rovers, but the next goal went to the hosts, Williams making it three-one with eighteen minutes remaining. The Villains held on for another win.

Seventeenth welcomed twentieth as Thatcham Town played host to Merstham. The Moatsiders, still searching for their first win, went ahead with just twenty two minutes left, Bryan Zepo with the goal. Could they hold out? Sadly for those from Surrey, no- Jaime Obama Nvumba equalised right at the end, and that was followed by a red card each- Josh Edwards for the Kingfishers, Lorenzo Lewis for the visitors.

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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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