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THE EDITOR

After another fantastic FA Cup game on Saturday, we return to league action this evening and hope to get back to winning ways

Good evening everyone, welcome to Wadham Lodge for this Essex Senior League game with Southend Manor.

This evening we look to build on another excellent FA Cup win. Cockfosters had won all three of their games so far this season, so it was never going to be a walk in the park.

We dominated for large spells of the game, and Jason Beck's header on his first game back from suspension gave us a deserved lead. However, a momentary lapse in concentration allowed Cockfosters to draw level. Perhaps the Stow players were still thinking about Jason's calamitous celebration...

So we went straight to penalties, and Charlie Mann was our hero. After Fosters scored their first two, Charlie saved three penalties in a row. Helped on by three fine penalties from Charncey Dash, Sam Jeremiah and Dave Cowley, we made the first qualifying round of the FA Cup for the third time in as many seasons - quite some achievement for a step 5 side.

By the time you read these notes, we'll know who our opponents are for the next round. With the qualifying rounds of this season's competition condensed into a couple of months, our next game will be on Tuesday 22 September.

In the past, we'd have been concerned that a midweek tie might not get such a big crowd in, but given our last two midweek attendances have



averaged about 250, I don't think it would make too much difference.

Our attendances have been incredible so far this season, and I'd like to thank you all for your continued support. Only a few years ago we were averaging 30-50 for most games, so it shows how far we've come as a club in such a short space of time.

Today's opponents Southend Manor have had an up and down start to the season. They conceded five in each of their first two games, against Ware in the cup and Sawbridgeworth in the league. But they bounced back last Tuesday with a 2-1 win over Woodford Town. They've scored twice in both their league games so far, so we'll have to be strong at the back tonight.

Enjoy the game,

Andrzej

THE GAFFER

Max Mitchell has high praise for his goalkeeper, and there's news of a centre-back returning to the squad

Good evening,

It's ootball under the lights tonight and with a trip to Harwich & Parkeston in the FA Vase on the horizon, there's no better way to break up the week than another game in our ESL campaign against Southend Manor. This is our last of three consecutive home fixtures and one we're very much looking forward to. I'd like to welcome Southend Manor tonight and hope they enjoy their stay with us this evening.

It was nail-biting stuff at the weekend, but a performance that gave me a great insight into some of our players and their attitudes towards this season. They showed a lot of unity after Cockfosters clawed a goal back in what I thought was a fairly good performance. On the balance of play and chances we created, we probably deserved a little bit more, but this is FA Cup Football and it just goes to show in this competition teams will not lay down and die. Cockfosters showed why they could be a surprise package in our league next season. A special mention must go out to Charlie Mann who in all honesty didn't have the best of days at the office but showed a champion's mentality to overcome and push us through to the next round of the FA Cup with three penalty saves.

I also want to congratulate our reserves & U18s players and management teams on their first wins of the season at the weekend and no doubt will be looking to have a few players train with us over the next week as this is going to be our go to as the season goes on, as stated before we have a few really young prospects at the club.

We don't have any fresh injury concerns for today's fixture, we have Tommy Fletcher returning from holiday today so will take his place on the bench. The noise was superb on Saturday and is really making the difference in games.

Kind Regards

Max Mitchell

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THE TREE SURGEON

Charlie Ward enjoyed the FA Cup win on Saturday listening in to CW Sports Radio. He looks at some of our previous shoot-out wins

Tonight we welcome Southend Manor to Wadham Lodge and hope they have not found the journey too stressful.

I am still trying to catch my breath after the penalty shoot-out win in the FA Cup a few hours ago.

We managed to get through to the next round and claim another grand in the kitty.

Several other ESL clubs did not make it but, one notable exception was our conquerors from last Tuesday, Stansted as they defeated Basildon United from the Isthmian North, by two goals to nil.

Basildon had Jack Grosvenor in the centre of their defence - to me, that is a big step up for him, when you consider he hardly played any football at all last season.

Our own passage, as I have said, was obtained by the skin of our teeth, with Charlie Mann proving the hero on the day with three penalty saves.

It was good to see Jason Beck, back in our colours and scoring our goal in open play.

Disappointingly, we could not hold out for the final fifteen

minutes and so continued our unwanted record of not being able to keep a clean sheet, so far, this season - let's hope we can start today.

Our penalty shoot-out win continued an upward trend in the last decade, after the previous three decades saw our penalty shoot out record as good as England's used to be.

This is our fourth penalty shoot win in a row, with Wadham Lodge Eton Manor (both in the Gordon Brasted Trophy), Buckhurst Hill (in the Essex Thameside Trophy) and now Cockfosters all being beaten.

One similarity between our win on Saturday and those wins four years ago, was the fearlessness of youth.

In the two Gordon Brasted games the team was filled with nineteen and twenty year old players who missed, I believe only two of the thirteen penalties they were required to take as the nervelessly put their kicks away.

On Saturday, Sam Jeremiah, who had only been on the field for the last ten minutes of play was calmness itself as he netted his spot kick.



Jason Beck looks to out-jump Cockfosters' Carl M



ullings

To cap a very good day for us, our newly formed reserve side broke their duck with a 3-2 win against Harlow reserves and Ryan 1995 also won 2-0 - it looks like our young future stars are already getting the winning habit, more of the same lads, please.

Tonight's visitors are, sadly for them, already out of the FA Cup but, sit just a few places below us on three points from two games played.

Last season was one of turbulence, and they were on the fringes of relegation but, in reality, never looked likely to, go down, owing to the terrible showing of Sawbridgeworth who looked nailed on for bottom

spot, before the season was curtailed.

In the summer the club was embroiled in hostilities with locals about improvements needed to their ground, in order to conform with League guidelines.

As far as I am aware, all the fuss has died down, and they can continue with the work and their membership of the ESL.

So, it is all to play for tonight as both teams try to turn their encouraging start into something more promising.



Charncey Dash in action v Cockfosters





IN THE HAT

Stow's players rush to celebrate with shoot-out hero Charlie Mann, after the number 1 saved three Cockfosters penalties



ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE



STOW 1

SCORER: **BECK 79**



COCKFOSTERS 1

SCORER: **HAAG 82**

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER • WADHAM LODGE



Walthamstow progressed to the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup after beating Cockfosters in a penalty shootout after the game was level after 90-minutes.

A goal from Jason Beck was not enough as Cockfosters equalised late on to send the game to a decider.

It was Stow who started the quickest but they couldn't find the breakthrough, with the visitors keeping the Stags at bay in the first 10-minutes. Michael Osei tried to find Jon Clements but his pass was intercepted before a good run and shot from Connor Scully was fired just over the bar.

David Cowley was denied by a finger-tip save after his free-kick from the edge of the box almost crept into the top corner before a shot from Vinny Murphy was curled wide of the target.

Cockfosters came into the game more towards the end of the first half with their first real chances. A free-kick was fired straight at Charlie Mann before they were awarded a another free-kick on the edge of the box after the Stow keeper was adjudged to have handed the ball.

The free-kick was driven in but cleared well. Scully got away from his man once again on the left but overshot his cross before a header from Beck was inches wide of the target.

Right at the end of the first half, Stow had shouts for a penalty waved away after Charncey Dash's feet were taken from under him.

Walthamstow also made a strong start to the second half as they tried to break the deadlock in the first minute. Dash tried to feed the ball through to Clements but it was intercepted once again before a shot from Clements was deflected just wide.

The visitors came close to opening the scoring when Mann missed a catch but the Fosters player could only send the ball over the bar.

Stow continued to dominate as they looked for the goal that would put them ahead. Cowley had

a shot on the turn but it was tipped round the post before a good run from Osei ended with a shot into the side-netting. Scully also had a good chances when he took a ball from Osei well but the shot was matched by the save of Brad Robinson. Charlie Mann pulled off a superb save to deny Fosters before Callum Ibe couldn't quite get his cross in and Scully lifted a shot over the bar.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 78th-minute when Jason Beck headed well from a Cowley free kick, sending it past the keeper.

Despite scoring, Stow were put onto the back foot in the last 10-minutes as Cockfosters tried to find an equaliser. Mann pulled off a superb point-blank save before the visitors found their leveller.

After a bit of pin-ball in the box, it was tapped home. Ibe was denied by the feet of Robinson before his second attempt was blocked well and his third was wide of the target before Dash dragged his shot wide in the final moments. The game went straight to penalties.

Cockfosters stepped up to take the first penalty which was scored well by Harley Haag before Charncey Dash levelled the game from the spot.

Marcus Crowther was next for the visitors but he was denied by Mann before Sam Jeremiah put Stow ahead. Reece Mosanya temporarily levelled the shootout when he scored past Mann but David Cowley ensured Stow were kept ahead.

Charlie Mann saved his second of the shootout to deny Reuben Campbell before Goalscorer Jason Beck then had his penalty saved. Ryan Wade stepped up to try and keep Cockfosters alive in the cup but Charlie Mann pulled off another save, sending Walthamstow through.

SOUTHEND MANOR



CLUB INFO:

FOUNDED:

1955

FORM:

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POSITION 2020/21:

16TH

NICKNAME:

MANOR

HIGHEST LEAGUE FINISH

1ND - 1990-91 (ESSEX SENIOR)

LAST SEASON:

Southend Manor had found themselves at the wrong end of the table last season, sitting in 17th after 26 games. They had won six, drawn five and lost 15 while scoring 28 but conceding 61. Some of their results in the league saw them pick-up some big wins including beating Hashtag United and drawing with Hadley.

Manor didn't have a good run in any cup as they were eliminated at the first round in which they entered. FC Clacton beat them 3-0 to progress in the FA Vase while they lost 5-4 on penalties against Long Melford after a 3-3 draw in the FA Cup.

They had lost 2-0 to Hoddesdon Town in the Errington Challenge Cup, 3-1 to Saffron Walden Town in the Essex Senior Cup, 5-4 on penalties against Ilford in the Gordon Brasted Trophy (after a 1-1 draw) and 3-0 to Enfield in the Peter Butcher Trophy.

It's been a mixed start to the season for the seaside club; Manor currently sit 10th after two games, losing 5-2 to Sawbridgeworth Town and beating Woodford Town 2-1. They were also defeated in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round this year losing 5-1 to Ware.



KEY PLAYER

LUCA FRANKIS

FORWARD

Despite spending the majority of the last few seasons at Hullbridge Sports reserves, Frankis will still be a big threat this evening. He started his career at Billericay Town, and joined us on loan during the 2009-10 season. He only managed to score once in 17 games, but then moved to Great Wakering where he managed to find the net more consistently. A return to senior football this season shows a player looking to get back to his best.

CLUB HISTORY

Southend Manor was formed in 1955 by Gil and Doris Medcalf in Southend-on-Sea as a team of 10 and 11-year-old boys. Gil Medcalf had played for Eton Manor both before and after the Second World War, and the inclusion of 'Manor' in the club's name is believed to be a reference to Gil's career.

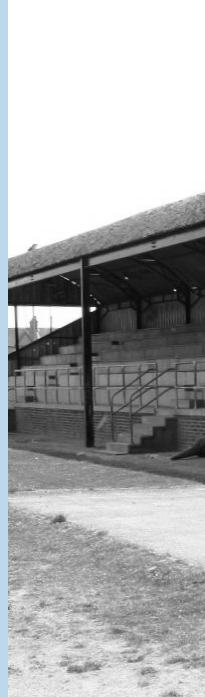
The team was accepted into the lowest division of the Southend Youth League in 1959 and promptly finished last. Steady improvement was made and when the team became too old for youth football, in 1964, Southend Manor entered Division 5 of the Southend Borough Combination. The rest of the 1960s saw a steady advance up the divisions with the Premier Division being reached in 1969.

The 1970s and early 1980s saw a domination of the Borough Combination. In twelve seasons Southend Manor were league champions six times and runners up three times.

In the early 1980s entry was gained to the newly formed Southend & District Alliance and two titles were gained in the first three years. After many years of pressure Southend Manor was allowed to use Southchurch Park, a ground more suitable for senior football.

In 1985 the club gained access to the Essex Senior League Reserve Division, while carrying out the work needed to meet senior status requirements. This status was reached in 1988 with a new clubhouse being erected. In the second season the Essex Senior League Cup was won. In season 1990-91 the Essex Senior League title was won along with the Harry Fisher Memorial Cup, while the League Cup saw us fall in the final. In 1991-92 the final of the Harry Fisher Memorial Cup was reached but the Club was narrowly defeated by a goal in the last minute of extra time. In 1992-93 Manor won the Essex Senior Trophy, and in 1995-96 they reached the final of the League Cup once more but were beaten by double winners Romford. In 1996-97 the club reached the last 32 of the FA Vase. The 2001-02 season saw the Club win the League Cup against Sawbridgeworth and the Charity

The old main stand at Sou



thend Manor. Image: Mike Floate



Shield against League Winners Brentwood.

The Club now fields teams from under 7 to the first team.

The period from 2007–11 saw positive improvements for the club both on and off the pitch. During the summer of 2007, a new all seated 'main' stand was erected replacing the ageing athletics stand. A further covered terraced stand was erected during the summer of 2009 to compliment the main stand at the Arena.

On the pitch, the first team continued to boast positive campaigns with several semi-final berths and regular progression within the national FA Vase and FA Cup competitions. A fifth-placed finish in the 2010–11 Essex Senior League confirmed a fourth consecutive top six finish for the club.

The club reached the 4th qualifying round of the 2011-12 FA Cup, the first time in their history. Since then, it's been a period of struggle, with Manor finishing consistently in the bottom half of the Essex Senior League table.



We've met before

One of our biggest wins in recent history came against Southend Manor in December 2014. It took a while to Forest to get going, but once they did, Forest dominated from start to finish. Solomon Ofori put Forest 1-0 up, then goals from Hassana Traore (2), Flaite Traore (2), Luke Ifil and two more from Ofori made it a torrid evening for Manor.

Forest would then only win one of the next seven games. In August 2017 Quyam Shakoor's side blew a two goal lead to lose 3-2 in injury time, and then later in the season Manor scored a late equaliser to deny Ryan Maxwell's relegation-battling side a vital three points.



Since then however, the records make for pretty grim reading for Manor fans. A 4-3 win on penalties in the Gordon Brasted Trophy got the ball rolling in August 2018 and since then, the goal difference reads 18-3 in favour of Walthamstow in just four games.

A 2-0 win in October 2018 was routine enough, with James Peagram and Craig Pope scoring, but the floodgates

opened on the last day of that season with Stow winning 5-2 at Southchurch Park. Kieran Bishop and Reece Conway chipped in with a goal each, but Dwade James hit a hattrick, in what would become something of a habit.

Last season, James scored three and Emiel Aiken one for a 4-1 win at Southchurch Park, but at Wadham Lodge a young Manor side were dismantled with ease, going down 7-0. Callum Ibe opened the scoring after just three minutes, and with half an hour played, it was already 5-0. James got his customary hattrick, with Emiel Aiken chipping in with two goals, and Lewis Francis coming off the bench to finish off the rout in the 82nd minute.



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Senior League round-up



With Bill Badger

Defeat was an unfortunate habit for **Sawbridgeworth Town** last season, who were firmly rooted to the bottom of the Essex Senior League before it was curtailed.

However, one more big loss in lockdown has led to a change in fortunes for the club at the start of the new season.

As Joe Wicks inspired a nation of parents to become fitness fanatics Sawbo's new centre-back Kieran Amos (pictured right, before and after) was considering his own health, having not played football for seven years after sustaining a bad ankle injury.

He didn't like what he saw in

the mirror or the bathroom scales reading 21 stone 6lbs and embarked on his first stop/start 1km.

Initially motivated to run with his brother, who was training to join the Marines, Amos soon received a further incentive from Sawbridgeworth manager Lee Mackman.

Promised a place in Mackman's first team squad if he managed to lose 5st, Amos joined pre-season training having achieved his target and a bit more.

Just getting on the pitch was achievement enough for the 24 year old but despite being a defender his goalscoring exploits have earned Amos

national headlines. It was Amos' last minute goal that completed the toppling of Romford in the Extra Preliminary round of the FA Cup and he followed that up with a hat-trick in his first league game, a 5-2 win away at today's visitors Southend Manor. Sawbo sit third in the table after two games and spent most of the week before their FA Cup Preliminary Round tie fielding media queries covering what was described as a "real Roy of The Rovers" story.

The fact that Roy Race survived a shooting, an earthquake, a terrorist attack, multiple kidnappings and the helicopter crash that eventually ended his playing career shouldn't undermine Amos' superb achievement!

How do you demonstrate respect for your opponents before a match when you're no longer allowed to shake hands? Much as I enjoyed watching Emiel Aiken bowing in front of his opponents with his hands behind his back, the Essex Senior League believe they have the answer.

ESL sides will ring the centre circle and clap for 20 seconds instead of lining up and shaking hands with each other. Echoing the ritual that was a feature of the early coronavirus lockdowns on balcony's and doorsteps across Europe, this gesture is also intended to recognise the frontline workers who do so much for us during this crisis at great personal risk to themselves. Last and not least it acknowledges those who have died during the pandemic as we take the first hopeful steps towards something resembling our normal lives.

While over half of the League's clubs were preparing for their FA Cup ties at the weekend,

Redbridge announced the departure of manager Micky Weatherall (pictured left). After 18 months in charge, a recent family bereavement and the coronavirus pandemic lead to the Motormen's boss to consider his priorities and his own mental health rightly came at the top of his list. As a result he has decided to take some time away from football.

Redbridge were third from bottom of the Essex Senior League when Weatherall left May and Baker to take over the reins at Oakside. Under his stewardship Redbridge avoided relegation and



climbed to 12th in his first four months in charge and were 8th when last season was suspended. No replacement has been announced but chairman Ricky Eaton confirmed he has received plenty of expressions of interest to succeed the man who succeeded him as manager in January 2019.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

					Cmp	Att	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sep	Tue	1	H	London Lions	FAC	292	3-2	Mann	Hammond	O'Connor	Conway	Fletcher	Murphy
	Sat	5	A	Sporting Bengal Utd	ESL	BCD	3-1	Mann	Hammond	O'Connor	Conway	Fletcher	Murphy
	Tue	8	H	Stansted	ESL	192	1-2	Mann	Hammond	O'Connor	Conway	Hosking *	Murphy
	Sat	12	H	Cockfosters (Won 3-2 pens)	FAC	272	1-1	Mann	Hammond	O'Connor	Conway	Beck 1	Murphy
	Tue	15	H	Southend Manor	ESL								
	Sat	19	A	Harwich & Parkeston	FAV								
	Tue	22			FAC								
	Fri	25	A	West Essex	ESL								
	Tue	29	H	Hashtag United	ESL								
Oct	Sat	3	A	Takeley	ESL								
	Tue	6	H	Woodford Town	ESL								
	Tue	13	A	Hoddesdon Town	ESL								
	Sat	17	H	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL								
	Tue	20	A	St Margaretsbury	ESL								
	Sat	24	A	Saffron Walden Town	ESL								
	Sat	31	H	Cockfosters	ESL								
Nov	Sat	7	A	Ilford	ESL								
	Sat	14	H	Enfield	ESL								
	Sat	21	A	Redbridge	ESL								
Dec	Sat	5	H	Sporting Bengal Utd	ESL								
	Sat	12	H	West Essex	ESL								
	Sat	19	A	Hadley	ESL								
Jan	Sat	2	H	Takeley	ESL								
	Sat	9	A	Stansted	ESL								
	Sat	16	A	Woodford Town	ESL								
	Sat	23	A	Cockfosters	ESL								
	Sat	30	H	Saffron Walden	ESL								
Feb	Sat	5	H	Redbridge	ESL								
	Sat	13	A	Enfield	ESL								
	Sat	20	H	Ilford	ESL								
Mar	Sat	6	H	Hashtag United	ESL								
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			H	Hoddesdon Town	ESL								
			A	Redbridge	ESL								
			A	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL								
			A	Southend Manor	ESL								

ESL = Essex Senior League | FAC = FA Cup | FAV = FA Vase

Please note, these fixtures are correct at the time of printing. Please check before travelling anywhere.

THE BEER HUNTER

A very warm welcome to one and all for tonight's game v Southend Manor. Always a good day out when we go down there - pre-match pint or two in Mawson's Micropub up on Southchurch Road, post-match pint or two in Chester's Bar down on the seafront with wonderful ever-changing views over the estuary. You can see why it's the mighty Wilko Johnson's favourite part of the world!

After progressing another step along the Road to Wembley last Saturday, we have another chance to do so this Saturday when we head off for another Grand Day Out on the east coast, this time to Harwich & Parkeston in the FA Vase - let's hope it turns out to be as memorable as our visit to Felixstowe a couple of years ago (though preferably not quite as nail-biting).

Harwich & Parkeston's ground is actually in Dovercourt, and sadly CAMRA's indispensable Whatpub guide (whatpub.com) lists only one pub locally which offers real ale - the good news is that it's the one nearest the ground. The Royal Oak is on Main Street (cue song by the legendary Bob Seger), and has Woodforde's Wherry as its regular beer - an excellent choice, and always a dependable pint.

Following that, we have an Away game closer to home v West Essex, which means the "delights" of an evening trip to Barking. No pubs anywhere near the ground, and the nearest real ale is up by Barking station. The Old Spotted Dog is an old wood-panelled pub with Marston's Bombardier on tap, while on the opposite corner is the Barking Dog (Wetherspoons).



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Joel Palmer looks to get up highest against Cheshunt in 2012



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THE HISTORY FILES

David Chapman shares a classic programme from Leyton v Southend Manor in the 1993-4 Essex Thameside Trophy, and we look back at some of the club's more memorable games on this day in history.

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ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY SEMI FINAL

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



CLASSIC PROGRAMME

with David Chapman

Good evening and welcome to our old friends from Southend Manor. It also gives me the pleasure of returning the compliment given to us by the Manor when, back in 1993, they reproduced one of our old programmes from the war years.

The reason for showing the programme was to highlight one of our old players, Gilbert Medcalf. A quick look at the history of Southend Manor and it all becomes a lot clearer.

Southend Manor FC were founded in 1955 by Gil and Doris Medcalf for youngsters under twelve. Gil played for Leyton during the war years along with Charlie Philips and Bill Carter, all three, Old Boys from Eton Manor – hence Southend Manor.

It was Gil giving back some of the pleasure he must have enjoyed over the old Wilderness. Even as an old Manorite myself I had never realised the connection.

This evening's programme dates from 14th April 1993 and was the semi-final tie in the Essex Thameside Trophy. The old silver galleon has to be one of the most attractive pieces of silverware in football.

In the Leyton side that evening was Alex Welsh in goal. Alex was once described as looking like 'Max Miller', but that's where the joke ended. For Alex was one of the best

goalkeepers around.

I cannot remember his age, but he may not have seen forty again. Alex went on to become goalkeeping coach at Tottenham Hotspur, where he turned Harry Kane into a striker, and the Arsenal. Also playing that night were Paul Salmon, Junior Samuels and Stuart McLean.

And up front was Leon Braithwaite, who later played for Exeter City and just about everybody else. Leon was the brother of Olympic sprinter, Darren Braithwaite, and Leon was no slouch.

It turned out to be a late night for Leyton, as the game lasted 102 minutes.

Leyton took the lead through captain Stuart McLean with a penalty in the 85th minute. Southend then equalised in the last minute of normal time, but the ref was enjoying himself and added on nearly a quarter of an hour.

This was to our advantage as Stuart got his second of the night and our winner in the 101st minute.

Leyton, as we were known then, went on to meet Rainham Town in the final. That game turned out to be one remembered for a long time.

One all at half time, and four all at full-time. The winner coming in extra time.

ON THIS DAY

We take a look back at our games from 15 September



J. Wootton in the 1903-4 team

Tuesday evening's 'On this day' feature kicked off with a 9-0 win, and today's is the same. This time, Brentwood were the poor souls on the end of a hammering. Spare a thought though for Old St Stephen's who were beaten 16-0 a week later. Leyton were off to a screamer, and it would only lose one league game on their way to the South Essex League title.

In 1903, Leyton began their London League Division 1 season with a 8-0 hammering of Wandsworth, with H Richman (pictured above) contributing three, and J Wootten two. The good form on this day couldn't go on forever though, and in 1914 Leyton were beat 9-0 by Swansea Town. It was a sign of things to come, as Leyton lost their next four league games without scoring a goal, and were kicked out of the Southern League due to non-payment of guarantees by mid-November.

In recent years, the 12th of September has played host to some 'lesser' cup competition matches. In 2000, Leyton Pennant were beaten 4-0 by



Hampton & Richmond in the Isthmian League cup, and six years later, Fleet Town were the visitors in the same competition. This time it was one goal worse for Waltham Forest, who were beaten 5-0. There was some success in 2018 though, as goals from Craig Pope, Billy Jones, Jack Leachman and Samrai Gebrai helped Walthamstow to a 4-1 Gordon Brasted Trophy win over Sporting Bengal United.

For all the lesser cup competitions though, we have played four FA Cup ties on this day. In 1953, Tilbury were beaten 2-1 in the preliminary round, but Leyton's advances were stopped by Ilford in



the next round, 1-0.

In 1987, the club now known as Leyton-Wingate drew 1-1 with Stevenage Borough. Progress was better this time around though, with Wingate winning the replay 3-2, and going as far as the 4th qualifying round, when Atherstone United needed a replay to get through to the first round proper.

Five years later, Lowestoft Town were beaten 4-2 in a run that would again end at the 4th qualifying round, this time missing out to Sutton Coldfield Town.

Our most recent FA Cup game on this day came in 2009, when Waltham Forest were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Boreham Wood.



KEY PLAYER SPENCER HARRISON

Waltham Forest's narrow defeat to Boreham Wood in 2009 was built on the back of a strong defence. The one goal conceded was only the third in seven games, a run which included five clean sheets. Harrison first came to the club in the 2008-9 season, when Tony Levoli was put in charge, having previously played for the new gaffer as a youngster at Thurrock. Harrison's maturity and leadership was far beyond his years, and he was quickly handed the captain's armband, while he could have only been about 19 or 20. He won the Waltham Forest Player of the Year, but started to become hampered by injuries, and by the time he left the club, he could never really get a run of games going at Aveley or Waltham Abbey, where he is now a coach.

ON THIS DAY IN FOOTBALL

ADEBAYOR PUTS HIS FOOT DOWN

On 12 September 2009, Emmanuel Adebayor played against Arsenal for the first time since leaving the London club for Manchester City and, in the process, earned himself a three-match ban.

The striker played at Arsenal from January 2006 to July 2009, scoring a total of 62 goals in 142 appearances across all competitions. But his last days at the club were acrimonious before his £25 million move to Manchester City.

He started well with his new club, scoring in each of his first three matches. For his fourth match, City hosted Arsenal at Eastlands for what turned out to be a contentious affair. City were leading 1-0 in the second half when Adebayor tangled with his former teammate, Robin van Persie, slashing out at the Dutchman's face with his feet.

He did not receive a booking for the altercation, but did later when, after scoring to put City up 3-1, he ran the length of the pitch to celebrate his goal in front of the visiting Arsenal supporters. City went on to win 4-2.

Afterward, the FA reviewed the incident with van Persie and issued a three-match ban to Adebayor.



ARBROATH 36-0 BON ACCORD DUNDEE HARP 35-0 ABERDEEN ROVERS

In the 1885/86 Scottish Cup, Dundee Harp recorded quite a victory in their first round tie against Aberdeen Rovers: an amazing 35-0.

The match referee had thought Harp had scored 37 goals, but the club secretary was convinced there had only been 35, and so that score was lodged with the Scottish FA, and the celebration of a world-record win began.

Harp full-back Tom O'Kane was feeling particularly pleased with himself, as it was his first match for the club since transferring from Arbroath. He decided to send a telegram to his former club to boast of Harp's amazing feat.

O'Kane considered the immediate reply he received - that Arbroath had gone one better in their tie that very same day against another hapless Aberdonian side, Bon Accord - to be a great joke.

They had indeed thrashed Bon Accord, a cricket team, by a cricket score: 36-0. It is a record for a senior match which stood until 2002 when Madagascan side AS Adema won a match 149-0, more than quadrupling the existing record - and without gaining possession between the first goal and the 149th.





The Arbroath team

Their opponents, Stade Olympique L'Emyrne, took complete control of the national league game, reducing Adema to the role of onlookers, as they deliberately plonked the ball in the back of their own net 149 times, in protest over a refereeing decision.

Harp learned of their bad luck the morning after, when O'Kane ran the 18 miles back to Dundee to inform club officials. The club regretted their decision to doctor their goal tally downwards.

But perhaps justice was done: the referee in Arbroath's game later talked of his 'regret' at 'chalking off seven goals... so rapid was Arbroath's passing that it was very doubtful they could be offside'.

Arbroath went on to beat Forfar 9-1 in the second round and Dundee East End 7-1 in the third, before losing to Hibernian 5-3 in the fourth. Queen's Park went on to win the trophy that year... but who remembers that?

LEYTON FC: BRITISH BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



The Essex Cricket Club, with George Freeman pictured first in the top row

Today, Walthamstow Football Club is solely that; a football club. However, over the years, the club has turned its hand at a number of sports and games; chess, darts, cycling, billiards, cricket and baseball, to name but a few.

This wasn't uncommon in England in the 1900s, and is not uncommon on the continent today; Paris Saint-Germain and Barcelona have handball teams, while Porto run a pro cycling team.

But today we're going to look at how Leyton were one of the forerunners of attempts to launch America's pastime to the UK.

Last year, Major League Baseball played its first games this side of the pond, with two regular season games taking place at the Olympic Stadium. However, this wasn't baseball's first game on British soil.

A form of Baseball had been played in England as early as the 18th century, but it wasn't until

the late 19th century that the more well-known American version of the game arrived on these shores. The National Baseball League of Great Britain and Ireland was founded in 1890 by Francis Ley, a Derby man who had experienced baseball on a trip to America, and Albert Goodwill Spalding, a former baseball player and businessman.

A year earlier, in March 1889, a group of American players toured Britain and Ireland; playing at The Oval, Lord's Crystal Palace and the Essex County Cricket ground in Leyton, as well as Liverpool, Manchester, Belfast and Dublin before sailing home from Queenstown. The game in Leyton started in bright sunshine for the 7,000 in attendance but by the end it was dull, cold and the spectators soon lost interest. One Sporting Life reader wrote in to express his disappointment that the "batter" missed 18 out of 20 times.

That didn't stop the pioneers of the game though, and according to Sporting Life, the first game of baseball between two club teams took place



American v Canadian baseball match at the Queen's Club in Kensington; 1916

between the Richmond and Leyton cricket clubs. George Freeman was Leyton FC's representative in the side who won 26-21 in a game cut two innings short because of a late start and the cold "stopping the ardour" of the crowd.

The first British national competition, launched in 1890 only featured three teams: Aston Villa, Preston and Stoke. They played between 24 and 27 games each, with Villa winning the competition by one game.

National competition was played on and off in the late 1890s and early 1900s, but the game was concentrated around more local exhibitions.

The British Baseball Association was established on the 9th of April 1906, predominately by football clubs who were looking for a way to make some extra money during the close season. Delegates from Millwall, Crystal Palace, Tottenham Hotspur, Clapton Orient, Woolwich Arsenal, Fulham, West Ham and Chelsea were present, but Millwall,

Chelsea and West Ham gave up before a ball was pitched in anger.

Coverage in the national press was almost non-existent, and fleeting at best in the local rags, matching the lukewarm response to the 1890s efforts. According to the Mills Commission, baseball was promoted as "a kind of glorified rounders" and some spectators were just a bit confused about what was going on out in the diamond.

The Essex County Cricket club, of whom a number of Leyton players (the Freeman brothers, Ted Russell) were also members dabbled in the game, but by 1907 Leyton FC had their own dedicated team in the baseball competition.

In 1908 Leyton came close still to winning the title, reaching the final after beating defending champions Clapton Orient 4-3 in the semi.

The Eastern Mercury, a Leyton-based paper wrote

“In seasons to come the [baseball] cup winners of 1908 will be respected as much as we nowadays respect the old winners of English [football] cup, viz: the Wanderers, Royal Engineers, Old Etonians and other ancient organizations... Turn up in your thousands and make a din and we [Leyton] will win.”

Despite this enthusiasm, no mention was made of baseball at all in the same publication the following week! Tottenham defeated Leyton 6-5 in the final but it is rather surprising, despite the defeat of ‘their’ team, that no acknowledgement that the final even took place appears within the newspaper. The next mention was not until September when a small reference was made to baseball within a report about the AGM of Leyton Football Club.

Perhaps if Leyton had won then it would be us with a 60,000 seat stadium in the Champions League and Spurs would be in the Essex Senior League!

The popularity of the game was still on the wane, with cricket proving far more favoured. Baseball’s cause wasn’t helped by American players who often chose to leave the country before the end of the season, “providing those enemies of the sport with an opportunity to further degrade baseball”.

The Eastern Mercury then wrote “The British Baseball Association would do well to follow the example of the Associations in the colonies – Australia and Cape Colony – where local and native talent is encouraged in preference to an abundance of Yankee talent.... Yankees are not welcomed [at Leyton baseball club] and they have frequently proved to account for a club’s downfall by their departure for the States at the end of July. Many of the defunct clubs have pursued the policy of securing Americans to their own detriment.”

By now Leyton were offering free baseball tickets to those who attended football matches, and the club noted that the baseball operation was running at loss, mainly because there were only four teams left playing; Clapton Orient, The Nondescripts, Woolwich Arsenal and Leyton.

Most football clubs have some strenuous historical claims in their history (ours included), but few can claim to have been champions of British baseball for 23 years.

1911 saw one final push to get baseball going in the UK. Tufnell Park and Crystal Palace joined the league, and the season was opened in May with a England v America game.

The final game took place on the 19th of August 1911 where Leyton defeated Crystal Palace 6-5, owing to their superiority in the field. Some reports suggest Leyton were the holders of the competition, but others say Brentford were the 1910 winners. Sadly the truth may be lost to the annals of time.

The competition finally ran out of steam at the end of the 1911 season, and despite attempts to start again - most notably in 1914 when a group of American ex-pats raised £3,000 to start a league - it wouldn’t be until 1934 that an organised national baseball would return.

The longest lasting legacy of the league was perhaps Derby County’s Baseball Ground, which went on to host football for over 100 years until 1997.

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FRI 25 SEPTEMBER, 7.45PM

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE

V WEST ESSEX

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5 West Essex	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
6 Hadley	2	1	0	1	6	3	3	3
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15 Enfield	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
16 Sporting Bengal United	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
17 Redbridge	2	0	1	1	4	8	-4	1
18 Woodford Town	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0

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Aiken, Emiel	0 (2)	0	20 (12)	4
Beck, Jason	1	1	6	1
Clements, Jon	3 (1)	1	3 (1)	1
Conway, Reece	4	0	42 (2)	4
Cowley, David	3	0	3	0
Dash, Charney	4	3	4	3
Fletcher, Tommy	2	0	5	0
Hammond, James	4	0	4	0
Hosking, Jon	1	0	1	0
Ibe, Callum	2 (1)	0	33 (3)	11
Jeremiah, Sam	0 (3)	1	0 (3)	1
Lutaaya, George	1 (1)	0	9 (5)	0
Mann, Charlie	4	0	8	0
Murphy, Vinny	4	0	50 (5)	1
O'Connor, Brett	4	0	4	0
Osei, Michael	3 (1)	1	7 (2)	1
Scully, Connor	3 (1)	1	8 (1)	2
Spearman, Jordan	0	0	0	0
Toner, Michael	1 (1)	0	18 (2)	1

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FIXTURES

FRIDAY

New Salamis v West Essex

SUNDAY

Hashtag United v Felixstowe & Walton Utd

SATURDAY

Harlow Town v Sporting Bengal United

Sawbridgeworth Town v St Margaretsbury

Stansted v Basildon United

Waltham Abbey FC v Woodford Town

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CLUB HONOURS



As Leyton FC (1868-1880)

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

As Matlock Swifts (1890-1895)

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

As Leyton FC (1895-1904)

Essex Senior Cup: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1, 1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0, 1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1900/1

As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1908/9

Southern League Division 2 Runners-Up: 1905/6

As Leyton FC (1919-1976)

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex Thameside Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

Essex Thameside Trophy Runners-Up: 1964/5, 1972/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

Grays & Tilbury Cup Runners-Up: 1942/3

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

London Charity Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1946/7, 1966/7, 1970/1

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1924/5, 1925/6

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

As Leyton-Wingate FC (1976-1992)

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC (1965 - 1995)

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5

SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9

SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70

SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71

SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3

London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5

London Metropolitan League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Metropolitan League Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Runners-Up: 1987/8

Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9, 1990/1

As Waltham Forest FC and Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6

Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9

Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7

Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7

London Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1996/7

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2001/2, 2003/4

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

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Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

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