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# WELCOME

*The Editor, Andrzej Perkins*

Hello all, welcome back to Wadham Lodge for our Southern League games against Ware and FC Romania.

I apologise for the double-programme for these two games. It's something I never like doing, but print and work deadlines this week left me with little option. Hopefully it's the only one this season.

Our form on the field has taken a step in the right direction over the last few games. After starting December with a 0-0 draw with Welwyn Garden City, we beat Waltham Abbey, Thame and Kempston, all away. The only problem has been that it has taken us almost two months to play those four games. This winter hasn't been especially cold, or wet; it just seems that the bad weather always falls on a Saturday. The last such period I can remember was in the winter of 2009-10, when we went a whole month without playing competitive football.

These two matches will be tough tests for our improving team. Ware are one of the favourites for promotion, and are comfortably in the play-off spots. After beating Berkhamsted at home in November, they would have no doubt looked to have made a charge at the champions-elect. But only two wins in the next seven games has come as a real shock.

FC Romania sit just four points above the automatic relegation place, and are without a win since beating Barton Rovers in mid-November. Their fourth manager of the season Chico Ramos resigned a couple of a weeks ago, and it's not clear who will be in the dugout for our game against them. But as we saw at the game at Cheshunt earlier in the season, they'll be no pushovers.

We're just over half-way through the season now, and only four points off the play-off places. Keep this good run of form together, and there's no reason why we can't be in contention come April.

Enjoy the game,  
Andrzej

# CHARLIE WARD

## THE SUPPORTER

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Today/tonight (depending upon whether you are watching the Ware or Romania game) we host Ware/Romania; and both clubs bring with them a connection to our club.

Ware are managed by Paul Halsey, who has been doing sterling work at that club for a few years now and is very good mates with our own "gaffer".

It does mean that there are probably no surprises regarding either side for either manager.

Indeed, when listening to a Sunday podcast that both appear regularly on, I believe that we beat Ware to the signing of Balil Sayoud - looks like they both have an eye for a good player.

Ware have been in our around the play-off places all season but recently have been showing inconsistent form, as their recent 4-1 defeat to Highworth can confirm.

Both managers, I think, are resigned to Berkhamsted being very strong favourites to win the League and that it is theirs to throw away.

Whilst Ware are still very much in the playoff mix, we are striving to make up ground to get in there as well and our recent form is very encouraging.

A win today, would not only enhance our chances but would also make a statement of intent and show that we have the ability

to compete with the better teams in the League.

Since our last home game, a 0-0 draw against Welwyn Garden City, we have had three games postponed and won our other three away games.

Two 3-2 wins at nearby Waltham Abbey and Kempston Rovers and a tight 1-0 win at Thame United, where we should have been out of sight by half time.

Along with the three away wins, we also had two draws before that we managed two



draws, so we are now five League games unbeaten.

We have also signed a few players.

Fabien Simms and Jared Small from Harlow Town and Duncan Culley from Shortwood Town, both Small and Culley have already opened their accounts for the club, although Small's goal, the winner at Abbey, was a subject for debate and was, in some quarters, attributed to an own goal.

As well the new arrivals, we have also seen the return of previously suspended, Balil Sayoud, who helped himself to two goals (one a penalty) at Kempston Rovers.

Moving on to FC Romania, they have a former goalkeeper coach of ours, Chico Ramos in interim charge (or at least they did when typing these notes).

They currently sit one place off the bottom of the table and of course were managed by John Mackie and Terry Spillane for a while after leaving us.

Both have now departed after a pretty inglorious spell in charge but, sadly, the change of manager has not had the positive effect that perhaps was hoped for.

We drew with them 0-0 in mid-November in not one of our better performances but since then they have been on the wrong end of some high-scoring games.

They did manage a much-needed win over bottom of the table, Barton Rovers but in their last two games have been on the receiving end of some big scores.

They lost 6-1 at Champions elect, Berkhamsted and then were involved in a truly remarkable match at Thame United.

Leading 2-0 inside the first fifteen minutes, the home side suddenly woke up and Thame led 3-2 at half time and added four more goals in the second half.

However easy it would be to underestimate the opposition, that would be a mistake - you only have to refer back to the earlier part of my notes, where Ware lost 3-0 at Highworth.

The mark of a good team is to approach the sides struggling at the bottom in the same frame of mind as those at the top and it will be interesting to see if the intensity against our second opponents is the same as it will undoubtedly be, against our first.

If it isn't, I have no doubt that Nicky Ironton will let the team know all about it.





**FOUNDED** 1892 **NICKNAME** The Blues

**STADIUM** Wodson Park **HONOURS** Isthmian Division Two 2005-6, Spartan Premier 1952-3, Spartan Division One 1951-2, Herts Senior Cup x5, Herts Charity Shield x6

The club was founded in 1892 and although first called Ware Town soon changed its name to plain Ware FC. The club has held senior status from its very beginning, entering the Herts Senior Cup for the first time in 1893, and winning the cup on the first of five occasions in 1899 with a 2-1 win over Hitchin at St Albans. By this time Ware had been instrumental in founding the East Herts League and had won its championship on two of the three times it had been competed for. The club was to win it five more times before moving on to the North Middlesex League in 1907 and then also to the Herts County League in 1908. The championship of the latter came that season in a three-way play off against St Albans City and Welwyn.

After the First World War the club gained a league and cup double with a second Herts County League Championship and a fourth Herts Senior Cup win in 1922. The scenes in Ware when the team returned with the Senior Cup tell us something about the hold that football had on local loyalties at the time. The local paper reported that "Large crowds awaited the return of the special train to Ware, everybody being in high spirits. The Cup was marched through the town in front of a cheering throng." Indeed, it was later recalled that the cup was taken through the town on subsequent nights and that stops were made outside public houses where it was charged with beer before being drained by the crowd.

Shortly after this Ware joined the Spartan League in which they were to enjoy several successes, winning the Division 2(B) Championship in 1926, Division 1 in 1951 with the highest "goals for" total ever achieved by a club in the Spartan League, and the Premier Division in 1952. In these later years the club also made significant progress in the old Amateur Cup meeting many famous sides on the way. One of these was Hendon, against whom Ware drew their largest attendance of 3,800 in the first round in January 1957.

Moving on to the Delphian League and then Athenian League, Ware enjoyed another successful period. Two promotions, two league cup wins and two reserve championships paved the way for progress in the FA Cup. In this Ware reached the first round proper for the first time in 1968 when they travelled to the then Third Division side Luton Town. The opposition had a 100% home record but the game was scoreless with 30 minutes to go before a judicious substitution broke the stalemate and left Ware beaten 6-1 at the final whistle.

In these successful circumstances it was not surprising that Ware pressed for entry to the expanding Isthmian League. This was achieved for season 1975-76 and they have maintained their place in the league ever since. This is thanks most recently to their Division 2 championship season of 2005-06 which carried them into Division 1 just before Division 2 was disbanded. Another FA Cup first round appearance in 2007 has added further distinction with a narrow home defeat against Kidderminster Harriers being watched by 2,123 people, a record for the current ground at Wodson Park.

Before that a tenth Herts Senior Cup final in 2001 and another in 2008 have emphasised the club's long history and continuity. Ware is the first of only three possible candidates to appear in this final in three separate centuries.

Ahead of the 2015-16 season, following Clevedon Town's demotion from the Southern Football League, Ware were transferred from the Isthmian League Division One North to the Southern League Division One Central but following further reorganisation by the FA Leagues Committee, 2016-17 saw them return to the Isthmian League.

Following the addition of a further division at Step 4 level of the National League System and the consequent reallocation of clubs, Ware returned to the Southern League ahead of season 2021/2.





## **THE BOSS** **PAUL HALSEY**

*In his second stint as manager having also managed Ware in 2009 before moving on as goalkeeping coach at Billericay and then management positions with Hoddesdon Town and Hertford Town.*

*Consistency was a feature of Halsey's time at Hertford, finishing 16th, 11th and then 8th in his three seasons at the helm in the Spartan League. The following season he guided Hoddesdon Town to 7th in the same division, catching the attention of step four side Ware.*

*This spell started in January 2018, when Halsey came in as joint-manager with John Dreyer, replacing Craig Edwards. Dreyer resigned in August, but Halsey stayed on, and has lead Ware to being one of the strongest teams in the division. Last season, they were defeated play-off finalists.*

*Is the brother of former Premier League referee Mark Halsey.*



## KEY PLAYER

### LIAM DULSON

*Has previously played for Ware's Under-23 side but returned to the club in 2021 after a spell at Royston Town.*

*Despite a lengthy period of injury he finished 2021/2 as the club's top scorer with 25 goals from 46 appearances.*

*Is Ware, and the division's top scorer this season with 17 goals so far.*

**Michael Bardle:** Assistant Manager. Michael was a successful defender with Ware over a 23 month period during which he made the number three shirt his own. From his first game at Tilbury on 13th January 2007 to his last at home to the same team on 13th December 2008 he made 92 appearances (including 15 from the substitutes' bench) and scored 12 goals. He is now part of our coaching team as assistant manager having previously worked with Paul Halsey at Hertford and Hoddesdon.

**Chris Arthur:** Chris made his debut in 2019/20's FA Trophy defeat at Burgess Hill. He has plenty of experience in non-league and was bringing that to bear in performances before the season was brought to a premature end by the pandemic. He scored four goals in seven appearances in that brief time. By the end of the 2021/2 season Chris had made 49 appearances and scored four goals.

**Tom Bruno:** Tom is a midfielder who joined us from Cheshunt early in 2019, making his debut from the bench in the 3-0 win at Egham on 26th January. He is known for his fitness and comes with the reputation of being willing to cover every blade of grass in his team's cause. By the end of the 2021/2 season Tom had made 110 appearances and scored nine goals.

**Richard Bryan:** Richard appeared in a couple of pre-season games in 2021 but returned to the US where he played for Detroit City. He is now back in the UK and joins us for the 2022/3 season.

**Fred Burbidge:** Fred has joined us from Hendon for whom he made 33 appearances in 2021/2. He has also been on the books of Boreham Wood and Potters Bar, and also made loan appearances for Dunstable Town and Waltham Abbey.

# WE'VE MET BEFORE

This will be the 40th time we've played Ware. From our days in the Athenian and Isthmian Leagues together, to the odd friendly,

For a relatively even spread of match outcomes (we've only won more game than Ware), it's impressive that there's a 34 goal difference in the number scored between the two. A spell in the early 1980s probably has something to do with it, when we scored 5,4,1,4,4 and 5 in consecutive games against The Blues.

The game pictured left is from October 2006, when two goals from Victor Renner gave us three points in a game which would be given a disservice by calling it 'fiery'.

It's been seven meeting since we've beaten Ware - that last one came in April 2011. It was part of a run which staved off the threat of relegation on points per game, where two goals from Billy Healey, one from Josh Bonnett and one from the evergreen Marvin Samuel secured the win.

Our last meeting was in 2014, when the two sides met in a bottom of the table clash. Ware manager Kem Kemal (who would later manage us) lead Ware to a miraculous relegation survival, at our expensne. We went 1-0 up through an Immanuel Parry goal, and played a brilliant first half. But we were awful in the second, and a goal from Kieran Bishop (who would later play for us) and a long-range effort as 90 minutes approached gave Ware the win.

**Total record: P39 W18 D4 L17 GF66 GA32**

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**Sam Chaney:** Sam joined us from Enfield Town in 2019 after National League experience with Torquay United for whom he made 56 appearances. Now recovered he returns to the first team for 2022/3.

**Rechan Esprit:** Another product of our successful youth set up. Rechan is still young but plays with a maturity that belies his age. He scored on his league debut in 2021/2 and finished with five goals from 26 appearances.

**Joel Jacobs:** Signed from Harwell Town of the Isthmian League South Central division. Joel is very experienced at this level of football having played mostly for a number of clubs in and around the south west of London.

**Marcus Milner:** Now into his second century of appearances for the club which he first joined in the 2013/4 season. He has scored 11 goals from midfield but more recently has had some excellent performances at full back. By the end of the 2021/2 season he had made 143 appearances.

**Leigh Rose:** First played for Ware on the opening day of 2011 in a 3-1 defeat at Cheshunt. After spells at other local clubs Leigh has returned to Ware and at the end of the 2021/2 season had made 171 appearances for the club and scored 45 goals.

**Louis Rose:** Brother to Leigh, Louis made his debut on the 14th August 2012 in a 1-0 Charity Cup defeat at Potters

Bar. Now the club captain Louis made 176 appearances by the end of 2021/2 and despite his role in central defence has netted 27 times.

**Dan Rumens:** Dan joined us from Enfield Town in September 2019 and has now secured his position in the central defensive berth. He is now closing in on fifty appearances for the Blues.

**James Ewington:** James joined us in December 2022 and scored on his debut in the 2-2 draw with Biggleswade. He is a striker who has played for a number of clubs at both Step 4 and 3. He played for Harrow Borough in their FA Cup run of 2021/2, netting seven goals, including a hat-trick in the Fourth Qualifying Round win against Chelmsford City.

**Joshua Steele:** Joshua has recently signed from Harlow Town FC, a tall commanding defender who has settled in well and is a welcome addition to the first team squad.

**Bertug Seyhan:** A hard working skilful midfielder who joined Ware from Maidstone United.

**Freddy Moncur:** Freddy recently joined Ware FC from Bowers & Pitsea and has had an immediate effect on the Ware team. A creative, skilful and hardworking midfield player who is a welcoming addition to the Ware FC first team.



**FOUNDED** 2006 **NICKNAME** The Wolves

**STADIUM** Cheshunt Stadium **HONOURS** Middlesex County League Cup  
Winners 2012-13

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The club was established in August 2006 by Ion Vintilă. They started in Sunday league football, initially playing in the Sunday London Weekend League.

After winning their division at the first attempt, the club switched to Saturday football, joining the Essex Business Houses League in 2008. In 2010 they joined Division One (Central and East) of the Middlesex County League. After finishing as runners-up in their first season in the division, they were promoted to the Premier Division.

In 2011–12 the club finished as runners-up in the Premier Division, but were unable to be promoted due to ground grading regulations. In 2012–13 the club entered the FA Vase for the first time, beating Tring Athletic in the first qualifying round, before losing 7–0 at Hoddesdon Town in the next round.

In the same season the club finished second in the Premier Division for a second successive season and were promoted to the Essex Senior League after a groundsharing agreement with Cheshunt allowed them to meet the ground grading regulations. The season also saw them win the Middlesex County League's Open Cup with a 3–1 win over Bratham in the final.

In 2014–15 the club entered the FA Cup for the first time, reaching the second qualifying round, where they lost to Sutton United.

Their seasons in the Essex Senior League saw them play some of the most adventurous, eye-catching football in the division, ensuring that in their six seasons, they have never finished lower than sixth. This culminated in promotion to step four at the end of the 2017-18, where they have remained for the last five seasons.

A change in ownership at the start of the 2022-23 season saw former Stow manager Ryan Maxwell take over the club.

The club originally played on Hackney Marshes, before moving to Low Hall Rec when they moved up to the Essex Business Houses League. A spell at the Leyton Sports Centre followed before groundsharing with Cheshunt.

*No player pen pics supplied by FC Romania. Image: Bill Badger*





## WE'VE MET BEFORE

FC Romania joined the Essex Senior League a season before we did, with the first competitive meeting coming in the 2014-15 season. We had, however, played a friendly at Asthon Playing Fields the season before.

The first meeting between the two teams was in 2014 when we won 1-0 at Cheshunt's Theobalds Grove ground. It was a long overdue win, with Solomon Ofori scoring the only goal after being put in by Sephen Ellery. But the performance was more about our defensive performance, which managed to contain a Romania team which featured several former Romanian internationals, including Claudiu Vițcu and Claudiu Răducanu who had both played for Steaua Bucharest.

Our best performance against FC Romania was probably in 2016 when Turgut Esendagli's side turned in breathtaking display to batter Romania - who at the time were top of the table -3-1 at Wadham Lodge. Solomon Ofori, Jose Agua and Alan Callaghan showed that when Esendagli's side were firing, they were amongst the best attacking units in the league. Unfortunately, that didn't happen as often as it should have done.

A feature of FC Romania's stay in the Essex Senior League was that they would always play attractive, expansive football, but they always had a mistake in them. That was no better in evidence than in the last game of that same 2015-16 season. Romania battered Turgut Esendagli's young side for 90 minutes, but were only 1-0 up as the game went into injury time. That's when Adrian Darabant in the FC Romania goal - totally unmarked, and with all the time in the world - went to throw the ball out across his body, only to forget to let go of the ball until it was behind him. The result was that the ball flew straight into an empty net, for one of the most bizzare own goals ever seen at Wadham Lodge. It was a big point to earn too, taking us out of the relegation places on goal difference (though in the end no team was ever going to get relegated due to teams pulling out elsewhere in the pyramid).

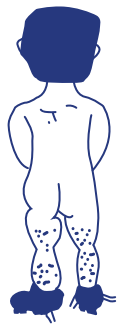
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Welcome one and all - our next Away trip is way out west to Didcot Town, where those arriving by train can immediately refresh themselves at the Prince of Wales opposite the station. This Greene King house offers IPA and Old Speckled Hen plus two changing beers - and CAMRA members get a 10% discount. Meals are also served and there's sport on TV. If you're heading straight to the ground, the Ladygrove is partway there in Cow Lane, and was refurbished only a couple of months ago. Here the beers are Marston's Pedigree and Wychwood Hobgoblin Gold, plus a guest ale. Again, meals are served, and there's also sports TV and a pool table.

If you fancy venturing into town before or after the game, CAMRA's online guide at [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com) gives several options. A short walk from the station in Old Didcot, the Queen's Arms in Manor Road has Morland's Original Bitter (brewed these days by Greene King) and offers food, traditional pub games and sports TV. Carrying on into the central area, Broadway is appropriately located in Broadway, and offers St Austell Tribute, a guest

ale and very reasonably priced food including toasties. Traditional pub games and sports TV here too. Also in Broadway, the Mulberry offers the best beer range in town, with Timothy Taylor's Landlord, Theakston's Old Peculier (perfect for a chilly day!) plus one or sometimes two guests, usually including something from LoveBeer who are based in nearby Milton Village. Once again, meals are also available. A bit further along, where Broadway becomes Wantage Road, the Wheatsheaf has gained a reputation for range and quality with four ever-changing beers (often including Loose Cannon from nearby Abingdon) plus real cider. South Oxfordshire Pub of the Season for Autumn 2022, it also offers traditional pub games and sports TV.

Finally, no piece about Didcot would be complete without a mention of the Didcot Railway Centre for an authentic flavour of the REAL Great Western Railway. We know at least one Stow fan who plans to drop in here before the game!

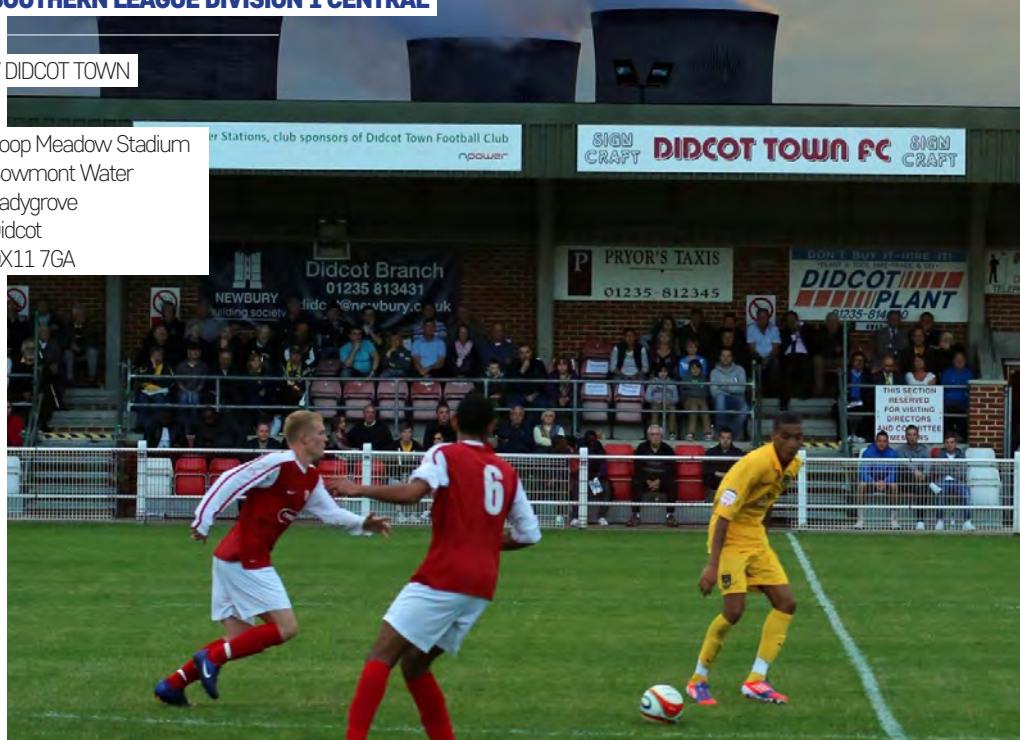
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# CLASSIC PROGRAMME

BY DAVID CHAPMAN, CLUB HISTORIAN

After what seems an eternity, we welcome Ware to Wadham Lodge.

Having no early programmes to reproduce I thought we should go for something different. As I write this it is the Third Round of the F A Challenge Cup.

So today's programme is also from the same competition but exactly one hundred and twelve years ago. In the First Round of the F A Cup we were drawn away to Chelsea played at Stamford Bridge on 14th January 1911. The conditions were dreadful with the ground covered in frost and with a thick fog prevailing. So it was hardly surprising that the game ended in a goalless draw.

Looking at the line-up for the two sides, the best-known players were actually on the Leyton side. The main man was Leyton's centre-half the Rev Kenneth Reginald Gurney Hunt, an amateur, and a really sporting gentleman.

Hunt had played for Oxford University, going on to also play for Oxford City, and Wolverhampton Wanderers where he won a F A Cup medal. His career after Leyton included Crystal Palace, New Crusaders and The Corinthians.

He won a number of caps for the England Amateur side as well as two full caps, both as a Leyton player. In 1908 he also won a Gold Medal at the Olympic Games, the equal of winning the World Cup.

During his time at Leyton, he was a schoolmaster at Highgate. He also became a well-known writer/commentator on football matters. He died just two days before Wolves

were due to meet Leicester City in the cup final of 1949.

The other Leyton player, who then virtually unknown but would shortly become captain of his country, was Leyton's young inside-right, Charles Buchan.

Despite the fog it was Buchan who caught everyone's attention resulting in Chelsea making an offer for the player. It was not enough! Several other professional clubs put in bids but he finally signed for Sunderland for what was then a world-record transfer fee.

He played nearly four hundred games for Sunderland before being transferred to Arsenal, the club he started at as a youth. He only played six times for his country, restricted due to the Great War. Although he was awarded the Military Medal.

We lost the replay by two goals to none.


**CHELSEA v. LEYTON**

ENGLISH CUP TIE—FIRST ROUND

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1911

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

**CHELSEA (Blue)**

		1 <b>MOLYNEUX</b> Goal		
	2 <b>BETTRIDGE</b> Right Back		3 <b>CAMERON</b> Left Back	
4 <b>WARREN</b> Right Half		5 <b>CALDERHEAD</b> Centre Half		6 <b>DOWNING</b> Left Half
7 <b>DOUGLAS</b> Outside Right	8 <b>WHITTINGHAM</b> Inside Right	9 <b>HILSDON</b> Centre	10 <b>FREEMAN</b> Inside Left	11 <b>MGEWAN</b> Outside Left
Referee—Mr. L. BULLIMER (Northampton)			Linesmen—Messrs. C. M. LEANING and E. N. SHARPE	
12 <b>COXON</b> Outside Left	13 <b>McLEAN</b> Inside Left	14 <b>SHANKS</b> Centre	15 <b>BUCHAN</b> Inside Right	16 <b>WEST</b> Outside Right
	17 <b>CRAY</b> Left Half	18 <b>K. R. G. HUNT</b> Centre Half		19 <b>KING</b> Right Half
	20 <b>NEWTON</b> Left Back	22 <b>WHITBOURNE</b> Goal	21 <b>BUSBY</b> Right Back	


**LEYTON (White)****CHELSEA v. TUNBRIDGE WELLS RANGERS**

SOUTH EASTERN LEAGUE MATCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1911

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

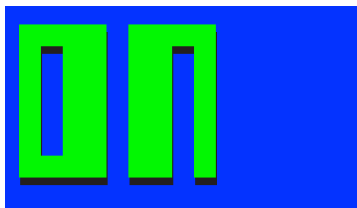
**CHELSEA (Blue)**

		1 <b>MARTIN</b> Goal		
	2 <b>MARDING</b> Right Back		3 <b>OVENS</b> Left Back	
4 <b>HORN</b> Right Half		5 <b>ORMISTON</b> Centre Half		6 <b>McKENZIE</b> Left Half
7 <b>DOLBY</b> Outside Right	8 <b>WILEMAN (H.)</b> Inside Right	9 <b>JONES</b> Centre	10 <b>COUSINS</b> Inside Left	11 <b>BRIDGEMAN</b> Outside Left
Referee—Mr. R. A. STEPHENS			Linesmen—Messrs. J. W. FRAZER & C. T. HARDWICK	
12 <b>G. CARMAN</b> Outside Left	13 <b>CLEESON</b> Inside Left	14 <b>J. T. HOLMES</b> Centre	15 <b>F. PROUT</b> Inside Right	16 <b>W. APPS</b> Outside Right
	17 <b>W. SIVERS</b> Left Half	18 <b>J. BELLINCHAM</b> Centre Half		19 <b>W. LAMBE</b> Right Half
	20 <b>KENT</b> Left Back	22 <b>W. B. KEYWOOD</b> Goal	21 <b>H. LIVESEY</b> Right Back	

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS RANGERS (Blue and Gold)****ANY ALTERATIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE BOARD**

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# STOW



- 1910** Beating New Brompton at the third attempt
- 1998** Eight goal thriller at Whyteleafe
- 2009** A win towards survival
- 2015** Pyro calamity at the Old Spotted Dog

Our first recorded game on this day came in 1874, when we beat the Philistines 2-1. The Philistines were a team based in Leytonstone.

The West Ham Charity Cup was a competition which was played from 1887 to 1930 to raise funds for West Ham Hospital. Ilford, Clapton, Thames Ironworks (now West Ham United) were all regular players in the cup, but despite playing in the competition regularly, we didn't win it until the penultimate season in 1929. In 1903, we beat South West Ham 4-1, before losing to Clapton Orient in the semi-finals. Showing how far the competition had fallen from its once heady heights, the last final was contested between our Reserves and Clapton's reserves. We won the final 1-0. That day in 1903 was quite something, as we also fielded a team which beat London Welsh 6-1 in a friendly.



In 1910 we played New Brompton (now Gillingham) in the first round of the FA Cup. It took two replays to finally get a result, when a goal from Jimmy Robertson (pictured left) saw us to victory in a game played at Tottenham Hotspur's ground.

We'd eventually make the third round proper of the FA Cup, losing 1-0 to Leicester Fosse (now City). According to *The Sportsman*, 6,000 were

present at the Spurs enclosure, with the vast majority coming from Leyton.

It's been a quarter of a century since we lost on this day. That run started with a 5-3 win over Whyteleafe (pictured below). In a tumultuous encounter, we were victorious thanks to goals from Stuart McLean, Che Stadhart, Jamie Bebbington and two from Paul Salmon.



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The 2008-9 season was a difficult one, where we narrowly avoided relegation. But a mini-run of good form in the new year helped immeasurably. Wale Ojelabi's introduction as manager sparked a six-game unbeaten run, the second of which was a 1-0 win over Witham Town. Mike Ramkin got our only goal of the game in a ridiculously tight game against a Witham side who were eventually relegated themselves.

Our last game on this day was in 2015 when we drew 1-1 with Clapton. It was the middle of a

run which saw Turgut Esendagli's talented young side rise as high as fourth in the Essex Senior League. There was a late change when Melo got lost somewhere in Westfield shopping centre. We went 1-0 up with a howitzer from Callum Holder, moments after the same player hit the crossbar. Clapton levelled from the spot thanks to a very generous penalty, but the highlight of the game was one of Clapton's Ultras setting fire to their own flag, back when they were in full pyro mode.

SEASON	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	VENUE	RESULT
1873-74	Philistines	Friendly	Home	2-1
1879-80	Grove House	Friendly	Home	?-?
1902-03	South West Ham	West Ham Charity Cup	Away	4-1
1902-03	London Welsh	Friendly	Home	6-1
1909-10	New Brompton	FA Cup	Away	1-0
1913-14	Shoeburyness Garrison	South Essex League Div 1	Home	1-3
1919-20	City of London Police	?	Home	?-?
1924-25	Walthamstow Grange	Essex Senior Cup	Away	6-1
1930-31	Clapton	Essex Senior Cup	Away	4-1
1933-34	Enfield	FA Amateur Cup	Away	3-0
1947-48	Tooting & Mitcham	Athenian League	Home	2-0
1952-53	Redhill	Athenian League	Home	1-2
1958-59	Hitchin Town	Athenian League	Away	0-3
1969-70	Edware Town	Athenian League	Home	1-1
1975-76	Alton Town	Athenian League	Away	0-1
1980-81	Uxbridge	Athenian League	Home	1-0
1983-84	Hampton	London Senior Cup	Home	1-0
1986-87	Bracknell Town	Isthmian League Div One	Away	2-3
1988-89	Bishop s Stortford	Premier Inter-League Cup	Away	2-3
1997-8	Whyteleafe	Isthmian League Divi One	Away	5-3
2003-4	Thame United	Isthmian League Div One N	Away	2-2
2008-9	Witham Town	Isthmian League Div One N	Home	1-0
2014-15	Clapton	Essex Senior League	Away	1-1

# STOV

# ON

- 1898** A slow start
- 1956** Redhill again, again
- 1956** St Albans City again, again
- 2011** A resolute three points at Sudbury

Our first recorded game on this day came in 1871 when we lost 1-0 to Eastern Counties.

A quirk of the fixture calendar meant that we played Redhill on this day twice; five years apart. Unfortunately for us, the Surrey side won both games 2-1. Redhill were mainstays of the Athenian League, and barely a season went by the post-war years where we didn't face off. But financial troubles in the late 80s saw them drop as low as division two of the Sussex League. They've

now spent seven of the last eight seasons at step four, in the Combined Counties Premier Division.

The same thing happened in 1984 and 1989, when we played St Albans City twice. Both sides were enjoying purple patches, as the first meeting was in Division Two of the Isthmian League, and the next one, five years later, was in the Premier Division. We lost the Division Two bout 2-0, but won the Premier Division one 4-2. Gary Campbell's performance that afternoon earned him a trial at top-flight West Bromwich Albion, but his professional career was cut short due to injury. Campbell had been a youngster at Arsenal, where Brian Talbot got to know him. Talbot then brought Campbell to Albion, saying "The lad has potential as a play-maker and this is his chance to prove it. I shall be very interested in how he fares". After another unsuccessful pro trial, Campbell returned to us and became a mainstay of our team under George Wakeling. He was one of a large number of players who followed Wakeling to Bromley.



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In 1995, we won 1-0 away to Heybridge Swifts (pictured) on what was described as a "porridge" pitch. Without first choice goalkeeper Dean Mann, Marc Baker took over between the sticks, and laid a claim for the number one shirt which he'd make is own in coming years. Tarkan Mustapha was also absent; he was having trials with Wimbledon, then in the Premier League.

He eventually signed for the south London club, but never played for them. He did play extensively in the Conference

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28 Jan

with Barnet, Kingstonian, Dagenham & Redbridge and Aldershot Town though. Back at Heybridge, things were getting worse; Paul Frain went off injured with just a minute. But we kept fighting, and Paul Taylor scored the only goal of the game after a mistake from the Swifts goalkeeper, who sent a clearance straight to Taylor's feet. It was a real backs against the wall performance, but we held on for a deserved three points.

Our last game on this day came in 2012, when

we defeated AFC Sudbury 2-1. It was a famous victory; Wale Ojelabi's men were able to name just one substitute due to injury, but goals from Arian Retkoceri and Manu Dagher secured the three points, despite going 1-0 down. It was the club's first victory at Sudbury's King's Marsh Stadium in six attempts. The win came at a cost though, as it effectively ended the career of forward Efe Echanomi, who had just returned after a three year absence when injury brought an end to his professional career at Leyton Orient.

SEASON	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	VENUE	RESULT
1870-71	Eastern Counties	Friendly	Home	0-1
1892-93	Northcote	Leyton & District Alliance	Away	1-0
1898-99	Manor Park	South Essex League Division 1	Home	4-0
1904-05	West Ham United	Friendly	Home	5-2
1910-11	Bristol Rovers	Southern League Division 1	Away	0-0
1921-22	Catford Southend	London League Premier Division	Home	3-5
1927-28	Grays Athletic	Essex Senior Cup	Away	5-0
1932-33	Uxbridge	Athenian League	Home	0-1
1938-39	Erith & Belvedere	London Senior Cup	Away	5-6
1949-50	Hitchin Town	Athenian League	Home	0-3
1955-56	Redhill	Athenian League	Away	1-2
1960-61	Redhill	Athenian League	Home	1-2
1966-67	Skelmersdale United	FA Amateur Cup	Away	0-3
1983-84	St Albans City	Isthmian League Division Two	Away	0-2
1988-89	St Albans City	Isthmian League Premier Div	Away	4-2
1990-91	Purfleet	Essex Thameside Trophy	Away	2-1
1994-95	Heybridge Swifts	Isthmian League Division One	Away	1-0
1996-7	Concord Rangers	Essex Thameside Trophy	Home	1-2
2005-6	Boreham Wood	Southern League Eastern Div	Away	1-6
2011-12	AFC Sudbury	Isthmian League Division One N	Away	2-1

# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS?



It's cold, isn't it? No matter how many box-to-box runs you're doing, it's still cold, and players must be just as cold as us watching the game. So why don't you see anyone on the pitch in long sleeve shirts anymore? And why are base layers the biggest scourge modern football?

For most non-league teams, the decision to wear short sleeves is an economical one. Why by two sets of kits; one for when it's warm and one for when it's cold?

But cast your eye at the professional game, where players have a fresh shirt for each *half* of football,

then the unease at seeing so many naked forearms only multiplies.

Even just a few years ago, players like David Beckham, Paul Ince, Stan Collymore or David Batty seemed to be in a perma-state of long-sleeved-ness.

And professionals in long sleeves was always the tradition. Right from football's founding days, long sleeves were the standard. Shirts made from thick, heavy cotton which would carry half the pitch's mud away with the players on an especially heavy day.

This was always the case, until those liberals on the continent started to impose their worrying fashions on the straight-laced Brits. England's 3-6 humiliation at Wembley by Hungary marked the beginning of a new era, for England's style of play, but it also changed how footballers in Britain *looked* when they played.

It reportedly inspired Umbro to produce a new, streamlined kit which was first worn by the England team in November 1954. The "Continental" style, as it was called, featured sleek V necks instead of cumbersome collars, short sleeves and lightweight, shorts cut much shorter than the traditional style worn in the UK (many European sides had been wearing light weight shorts since before the war). These modern-looking strips caught on quickly with clubs and by 1957 almost every team in England and Scotland was wearing the new-look outfits.

This was just a flirtation with the short sleeve though, as for most of the 60s Umbro returned to the long sleeve. Too hot? Shut up, roll your sleeves up and get on with it.

But as technology improved, and manufacturers realised that being hot was no fun, Umbro created the 'Airtex' shirt for the 1970 world cup, with small holes for ventilation.

"Really I think it was a style thing," says kit historian and author of *True Colours* John Devlin.

Some players always wore long, other tough types stayed resolutely short, many changed depending on conditions. This was the natural way of things until about 10 years ago. Devlin says Rooney was the trailblazer for the move towards base layers.

"He was one of the pioneers, he was known for wearing the base layer," he says. His adoption of the style fit a broader trend. "From the 2000s, the emphasis went from design, aesthetics, to

fabrics. The sportswear firms became obsessed with performance, so lightweight shirts, moisture wicking, and every shirt was 25 per cent lighter than the previous one... You do question some of these stats"

There's a under-celebrated marketing genius out there somewhere who realised that if you stopped



calling clothes things like *long johns* and *thermal undergarments*, and referred to them as *base layers* or *Underarmour*, then impressionable young men would be far more willing to wear them.

Base layers are promoted as effective for absorbing sweat from the skin. Their tightness is supposedly good for preventing muscular injury. A skin-tight shirt is going to be harder to grab hold of when jostling during a corner than a baggy old-style long-sleeve.

Still, some wonder if football is really following the science. "Were the sports scientists paid off by what I'm calling 'big base layer'?" asks Doug Bierton, somewhat mischievously.

Bierton is the co-founder of enormous shirt marketplace *Classic Football Shirts*. "Kids want exactly what the players are wearing," he says. "If Messi and Neymar are wearing base layers then the kids will want base layers. And that's more profit than people buying long sleeve shirts."



According to Middlesbrough kit man Peter Darke, the base layer revolution took hold a little around 2017/18. “The shirts used to be XL, one size for everybody. You look back at the history of Middlesbrough, you go back to Juninho when he was here and you see the size of the shirt that used to be on him, it was unbelievable.

“Players are so much more cared for and looked after now. Shinpads have changed dramatically, boots have changed dramatically, the technology that goes into a shirts has changed dramatically in the past 10 years.”

The current generation of young players have grown up with base layers as standard so are unlikely to consider a change of habits.

And according to the Everton kit man Jimmy Martin, this is just another example of overpaid prima donna footballers getting whatever they want.

“They feel better in it, you’ve got to have it these days. It’s not like years ago, if they’d come to me and said ‘I want that’ I’d just tell them to get lost.

“I wouldn’t have had any players in under-layers, hats or gloves. Or coaches, but it’s all changed now.”

One hold out at Everton was James Rodriguez, but according to Martin; “He just wears it because he’s

cold, he still has an under-layer underneath”.

But a few faithfuls aside, it seems the long sleeve shirt’s days are numbered. Several English clubs don’t even bother making replicas any more. You can buy Manchester United’s home shirt with long sleeves, but not their dazzle ship third strip. Liverpool only sell short sleeves. This scarcity means long sleeved versions will remain collectible.

The traditionalists have an uphill struggle. For many years Arsenal had a rule. The kit man and captain decided whether it was a day for long or short sleeves and the rest of the team followed suit.

“When you look at that you realise how great it is when the team looks uniform,” says Devlin. “The clue’s in the word.

“The players should look good and when you’ve got base layers, especially when you’ve got teams like Blackburn Rovers who have different colour sleeves it’s you start to think, well where does the base layer come in?

“Celtic, do they have hoops on their base layer? They don’t. Should they have?

“It starts to look messy.”

The Arsenal sleeve tradition has fallen by the wayside in recent years. Now their players wear a mish-mash. All had short sleeves on, some were braving the cold, others went for a base layer. Most will be happy that Kieran Tierney probably won’t ever be Arsenal captain; the tough Scot would question why not just paint the shirt on our bare torsos? The lunatic.



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# LOCAL ROUND-UP

ESSEX SENIOR

EASTERN COUNTIES SOUTH

ESSEX ALLIANCE



## ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE

Enfield's stroll towards the title has continued in recent weeks. They're now ten points clear at the top, with a game in hand on second-placed Redbridge.

There's few surprises in the table. Redbridge, Clacton and Little Oakley have all continued their good form, and are eyeing up one of the promotion or play-off places for the second-placed teams with the best points per game across the country.

The division's best-supported club Saffron Walden need to be wary of earning a tag as perennial underachievers. They're now 10th, 24 points from the top of the table. Former Stow manager Terry Spillane took over in November last year, and together with Michael Toner, will look to regroup and give things a real crack next year when Enfield have left the division.

Athletic Newham, who showed so much talent last season are also struggling; they're 13th with 25

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points from 17 games. Forward Richard Kone, who attracted so much attention last season, 'only' has 18 goals from 17 games this time around.

The two clubs relegated from step four at the end of last season, Barking and Romford are both struggling; they're 8th and 14th respectively. After a period at Bowers & Pitsea, our former captain Adalberto Pinto is now wearing the armband at Romford, but hasn't been able to drive them up the table so far.

At the other end of the table, Southend Manor's woes continue. They're now through another manager, and have just two points from 22 games. The ESL's worst ever points tally was East Ham's three in 1996, but that was from just 28 games.

## EASTERN COUNTIES SOUTH

The 'Thurlow Nunn' or Eastern Counties League Division One South feeds directly into the Essex Senior, and is currently lead by Frenford, who have three games in hand and two points on second-placed Stanway Pegasus.

Third are Wormley Rovers, who have been on a superb run of form since former Stow forward Ryan Wade took over as manager. Former Stow players George Beattie, Charncey Dash, Brad Empson, Jordan Spearman, Reece Mosanya and Wade himself are all in Wormley's current squad.

## ESSEX ALLIANCE

Looking to play against more senior opposition, rather than a slew of reserve and development sides, our own reserves swapped the ESL Reserves Division Two for the Senior Division of the Essex Alliance, which sits at step seven of the non-league pyramid.

There's little to separate the top five; Jolof Sports, Brimsdown, FC Baresi, Sporting Hackney and Woodford East are split by just four points. Brimsdown, FC Baresi and Woodford East have all applied for promotion to step six.

Stansted finished on two points from a 16 game season in 1971, and a few teams have finished on five, six or seven points, but all in very short seasons. The 2021-22 vintage of Southend Manor are on course to be the ESL's worst-ever team; a real shame considering how good an away-day Manor is, and the owner's clear attempts to do things right off the field. Unfortunately, it's the decisions on the field which have left a lot to be desired.

Clapton occupy the other relegation spot, nine points head of Manor. There's then a seven point gap to Sawbridgeworth Town, who, along with Stanway, Halstead and White Ensign, will be confident of avoiding being dragged into a relegation battle.

After years of struggle, Sporting Bengal look to be turning things around, and currently sit seventh, four points away from the play-offs. With Steve Carvell and Sheri Artmaeladze pulling the strings in midfield, they're playing some incredibly attractive football. The return of forward Jay Knight will no doubt keep them in the running for those top five positions.

Coggeshall United, led by forward Khris Oti who spent pre-season with us are currently bottom, with 13 points from 23 games.

Stow's reserves are having an up and down season; a 3-2 win over top side Jolof Sports was impressive, but they were brought back down to earth with 6-1 and 7-1 defeats to FC Petrocub in three days in league and cup competition. They currently sit tenth with 16 points from 15 games.

Bottom two Rapid Chingford and Blue Marlin have conceded 128 goals between them in their 30 games. Ouch.

# LOCAL MATTERS

Looking at the maps, and the mileage, our place in the Southern League makes perfect sense. But we're the most easterly club in its two divisions at step four, and while there's a fair number of local games for us in the Division One Central, the huge footprint of the Southern League can make us feel slightly out of place.

The league's footprint stretches almost from Lands End to pas Birmingham in the north. It certainly makes for an interesting mix of accents at the league AGM. And when the Southern League committee suggested an open draw for the Southern League League Cup (meaning we could have drawn a midweek away trip to pretty much anywhere west of the A10) there were audible gasps in the room. In the end, the committee put running the competition to a vote, and the clubs decided - overwhelmingly - to bin the competition off this season.

And while we're thoroughly enjoying our time in the Southern League, it would only take the promotion or relegation of one club more westernly than us to bump us back into the Isthmian League, where we spent the 30-odd years before our time in the Essex Senior.

So it's perhaps not the worst idea to take a look at what is going on in the Isthmian league.

In the **Premier**, Our FA Cup conquerors for the two previous seasons, Hornchurch, look like they're going to be tough to stop. While they're level on points with second-placed Cray Wanderers, they've got four games in hand. Having said that, I saw them play against a Charlie Edwards-inspired Canvey Island a couple of weeks ago, and Hornchurch looked very poor in a 3-1 defeat.



Canvey are going great guns, having been promoted at the end of last season, winning the Division 1 North play-off.

If the rumours are to be believed, Hastings United's days at Pilot Field are numbered. It's a fantastic non-league ground, with a huge wooden grandstand and massive banks of terracing behind one goal. If you have the opportunity to make a visit this season, do. It could be your last chance.

At the other end of the table, Brightlingsea Regent look in real trouble, having won just three games all season. They're managed by Brett Munyard, who was in charge of White Ensign in the Essex Senior last season, and have two former Stow players; Harrison Carnegie and Ryan Kirwan in their squad. Adalberto Pinto was there for a couple of games, then had a couple at Bowers & Pitsea (also in the relegation zone) and is now at Romford in the ESL.

Like Charlie Edwards, Eman Okunja couldn't

force his way into the Stow midfield last season. Now he's bossing things at Hashtag United who are looking to push AFC Sudbury all the way in **Division 1 North**. When we played them in pre-season, it was clear that they were a very good side, and it's no surprise to see them so high up.

The usual suspects Grays, Lowestoft and Heybridge Swifts are fighting it out for the play-offs, hotly chased by Stowmarket Town (with Ollie Sotoyinbo leading the line) and Felixstowe & Walton.

New Salamis have continued their excellent form from the end of last season, and will be delighted to be sitting eighth in their first season at step four.

Towards the bottom, Hullbridge Sports, Great Wakering Rovers and Gorleston have all struggled in recent seasons, but it is something of a surprise to see Coggeshall Town so low down. They're now managed by former Saffron Walden Town manager Jason Maher, and have Michael Osei in midfield. Maher did also bring Jason Hallett with him to Coggeshall - the front man scoring on his debut, before apparently hanging his boots up for good. They're without a win all season, and ten points off safety from a relegation play-off.

There's a few other surprises in the division too; Bury Town, Brentwood Town, Maldon & Tiptree and Tilbury are all clubs normally seen challenging for a play-off position. It just goes to show that taking your eye off the ball, if only for a short period, can have long-lasting effects in football.

## ISTHMIAN PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Hornchurch	23	14	4	5	54	27	27	46
2 Cray Wanderers	27	12	10	5	50	31	19	46
3 Bishop's Stortford	23	13	5	5	33	21	12	44
4 Enfield Town	23	12	6	5	44	24	20	42
5 Carvey Island	25	12	6	7	39	27	12	42
5 Aveley	26	12	6	8	41	31	10	42
7 Billericay Town	26	12	5	9	45	37	8	41
8 Carshalton Athletic	24	12	5	7	31	25	6	41
9 Folkestone Invicta	25	12	3	10	46	40	6	39
10 Hastings United	23	11	5	7	31	20	11	38
11 Lewes	23	10	8	5	41	31	10	38
12 Potters Bar Town	23	12	2	9	39	41	-2	38
13 Horsham	24	10	7	7	44	32	12	37
14 Haringey Borough	25	8	7	10	38	43	-5	31
15 Bognor Regis Town	22	6	7	9	35	40	-5	25
16 Margate	23	6	6	11	29	41	-12	24
17 Kingstonian	23	5	7	11	24	36	-12	22
18 Wingate & Finchley	23	4	9	10	24	32	-8	21
19 Corinthian-Casuals	25	5	3	17	25	54	-29	18
20 Bowers & Pitsea	24	3	8	13	24	45	-21	17
21 Herne Bay	23	4	5	14	32	54	-22	17
22 Brightlingsea Regent	23	3	6	14	24	61	-37	15

## ISTHMIAN 1 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 AFC Sudbury	22	19	2	1	56	20	36	59
2 Hashtag United	22	18	1	3	57	21	36	55
3 Grays Athletic	22	14	2	6	40	23	17	44
4 Lowestoft Town	20	13	3	4	47	21	26	42
5 Heybridge Swifts	23	12	6	5	39	22	17	42
5 Stowmarket Town	20	12	4	4	39	21	18	40
7 Felixstowe & Walton	19	12	3	4	43	22	21	39
8 New Salamis	21	9	6	6	41	39	2	33
9 East Thurrock United	21	10	3	8	30	33	-3	33
10 Bury Town	20	8	6	6	22	17	5	30
11 Brentwood Town	20	8	2	10	28	31	-3	26
12 Wroxham	21	6	7	8	28	35	-7	25
13 Basildon United	20	5	6	9	20	33	-13	21
14 Maldon & Tiptree	21	6	2	13	23	36	-13	20
15 Tilbury	20	4	4	12	21	39	-18	16
16 Witham Town	20	5	1	14	26	47	-21	16
17 Hullbridge Sports	20	4	3	13	21	39	-18	15
18 Great Wakering Rovers	21	3	3	15	28	50	-22	12
19 Gorleston	20	3	2	15	22	51	-29	11
20 Coggeshall Town	21	0	6	15	9	40	-31	6

HERTFORDSHIRE'S  
PREMIER VENUE



## DECO LOUNGE

BAR OPENS 8PM | 2-4-1 COCKTAILS | CLUB OPEN 10PM - 2AM

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Ryan FC are a Charter Standard club in the Chingford and Waltham Forest area currently running over thirty teams ranging from under 6s through to Senior teams. They are the winners of 16 county cups. For more information, visit ryanfc.net.

### RESERVES

#### ESSEX ALLIANCE SENIOR

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
10	15	5	1	9	29	36	-7	16

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
19/11/22	Brimmsdown	H	2-3
26/11/22	Sporting Hackney	A	3-2
3/12/22	Crookz United	A	1-2
7/1/23	FC Baresi	A	3-2
12/1/23	FC Petrocub	H	

### U18

#### EJA RED DIVISION

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
7	8	0	1	7	10	36	-26	1

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
4/12/22	Cheshunt	A	0-2
11/12/22	Takeley	A	2-7
15/1/23	Harpenden Town	A	

### U16

#### EJA GREEN DIVISION

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
4	7	5	0	2	22	12	10	15

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
4/12/22	Harrow Town	A	1-2
11/12/22	Pro Soccer (Cup)	H	2-1
13/1/23	Leighton Town	A	

### U14

#### EJA YELLOW DIVISION

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
9	6	2	0	4	13	12	1	6

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
11/12/22	Leigh Ramblers (Cup)	A	3-4
8/1/23	St Margaretsbury	H	1-2
15/1/23	Hashtag United (Cup)	H	

### U13

#### EJA BROWN DIVISION

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	10	7	2	1	36	13	26	23

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
27/11/22	Heybridge Swifts	H	5-2
11/12/22	Cambridge City	H	3-2
15/1/23	East Thurrock United	H	

### U14 (Saturday)

#### HACKNEY MARSHES LEAGUE

POS	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	9	8	0	1	63	13	50	24

DATE	OPP	VENUE	SCORE
26/11/22	Red Star Walthamstow	H	9-1
3/12/22	Footstepz	H	5-1
14/1/23	Hackney Borough	A	



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Berkhamsted	20	16	2	2	57	15	42	50
2 Biggleswade	23	12	7	4	42	30	12	43
3 Ware	21	13	3	5	44	27	17	42
4 Didcot Town	21	12	3	6	37	28	9	39
5 Cirencester Town	21	10	4	7	42	23	19	34
5 AFC Dunstable	19	9	6	4	32	20	12	33
7 Kidlington	21	10	3	8	33	32	1	33
8 Waltham Abbey	20	9	3	8	34	26	8	30
9 Welwyn Garden City	20	9	3	8	31	39	-8	30
10 Kempston Rovers	21	8	5	8	35	36	-1	29
11 <b>Walthamstow</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>29</b>
12 Hadley	19	8	2	9	34	28	6	26
13 Biggleswade Town	18	6	7	5	32	27	5	25
14 Hertford Town	22	5	6	11	44	47	-3	21
15 Thame United	22	5	6	11	31	36	-5	21
16 Highworth Town	19	4	4	11	26	52	-26	16
17 Aylesbury United	19	4	3	12	22	43	-21	15
18 FC Romania	21	4	3	14	23	52	-29	15
19 Barton Rovers	21	2	5	14	20	54	-34	11



## WEEKEND RESULTS

Cirencester Town 3-1 Biggleswade  
Hertford Town 1-2 Kempston Rovers



## FIXTURES 24 JANUARY

Didcot Town v Kempston Rovers      Walthamstow v Ware



## FIXTURES 28 JANUARY

Aylesbury United v Cirencester Town      Kempston Rovers v AFC Dunstable  
Barton Rovers v Biggleswade Town      Thame United v Didcot Town  
Biggleswade v Welwyn Garden City      Waltham Abbey v Hertford Town  
Hadley v Berkhamsted      Walthamstow v FC Romania  
Highworth Town v Kidlington

	Apps	Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals
Amgbaduba, Tamas	2 (3)	0	2 (3)	0
Anderson, Alex	3	0	3	0
Anyadike, Demaray	19 (3)	5	19 (3)	5
Boxer, Panayiotis	6 (1)	0	6 (1)	0
Brock, Dan	6 (7)	1	6 (7)	1
Bihmoutine, Samir	5	0	27 (5)	2
Campbell, Ruben	1	0	1	0
Campbell-Mhlope, Matt	5 (3)	1	5 (3)	1
Cathline, Kieron	7	1	18 (1)	1
Carrington, Brodie	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Charles-Armstrong, Mekhi	1 (4)	0	1 (4)	0
Cleland-Knight, Scott	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0
Culley, Duncan	2	1	2	1
Davis, Kai	15	0	15	0
Dillon, James	6	0	6	0
Fletcher, Tommy	5	0	51 (2)	4
Green, Danny	4 (3)	0	4 (3)	0
Green, Jack	15	0	15	0
Ibe, Callum	18 (3)	4	91 (14)	35
Ironton, George	7 (4)	1	7 (4)	1
Joseph-Johnson, Lamar	1	0	3	0
Joseph, Shawn	3	0	3	0
Kirwan, Ryan	6	0	6	0
Kissi, Fofana	4 (2)	0	4 (2)	0
Maja, Jeremiah	4	1	4	1
Mensah, Carl	12	1	12	1
McLeod-Urquhart, Josh	3	0	3	0
Miles, Ollie	2	0	2	0
Mubiayi, Junior	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
Osei, Michael	2 (2)	0	57 (11)	1
Pinto, Adalberto	7	0	50	7
Platt, Richard	14 (3)	0	14 (3)	0
Robinson, Bradley	16	0	16	0
Sayoud, Bilal	7 (2)	4	7 (2)	4
Sansom, Connor	1	0	12	0
Scully, Connor	0 (2)	1	58 (14)	16
Schreiber, Lucas	3 (1)	1	3 (1)	1
Simms, Fabian	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	0
Small, Jared	1 (1)	1	1 (1)	1
Spillane, Tommy	5	0	53 (3)	1
Turner, Kieran	2 (2)	0	2 (2)	0
Walsh, Matt	3 (4)	1	3 (4)	1
Ward-Cochrane, Ben	4	1	4	1
Watson, Jordan	10 (2)	2	10 (2)	2
Wihongi, Te	12	0	12	0
Wilkes, Kian	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	0
Wynter, Alex	1	0	1	0

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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 Winners: 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

## As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

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

## 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 T'side Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

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

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

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

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

## 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 Met League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Met League Int. Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan League Winners: 1990/1

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

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

## As Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2003)

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

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2001/2

## As Waltham Forest FC (2003-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2003/4

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

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

## As Walthamstow FC (2018-Present)

Len Cordell Trophy Plate Winners: 2020/1

Essex Senior League Winners: 2021/2

## Recent Youth Teams

EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6

Essex Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

EJA Under 15s League Cup Winners: 2021/2

JPL Under 15s National Cup Winners: 2021/2

## Awards

Essex County FA Website of the Year: 2012

Essex Senior League Programme of the Year: 2017/8, 2021/2

Soccer Swap Shop ESL Programme of the Year: 2018/9, 2020/1, 2021/2 (Runner-up 2019/20)



## WALTHAMSTOW

## WARE

SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL  
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023

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**MANAGER:**

NICKY IRONTON

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**MANAGER:**

PAUL HALSEY

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Tamas Amgbaduba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theo Alexandrou
Demaray Anyadike	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christopher Arthur
Daniel Brock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Bruno
Duncan Culley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Bryan
Kai Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fred Burbidge
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Jack Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Liam Dulson
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Richard Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marcus Milner
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Fabion Simms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Louis Rose
Jared Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leigh Rose
Kieran Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Rumens
Jordan Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Steele
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**REFEREE**

REECE PINCHBACK

**ASSISTANT REFEREES**

ALPHIE IBRAHIM AND DAVID BARNETT

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**NEXT MATCHES**

Didcot Town (A)  
4.2.23 // 3PM

AFC Dunstable (H)  
11.2.23 // 3PM

Kempston Rovers  
18.2.23 // 3PM