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Southern Counties East Football League

Saturday 31st October



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Welcome Message from The Chairman

Hi everyone!

Welcome to today's match between Tower Hamlets and Canterbury City.

Tower Hamlets put their first point on the board in our last home game and were unlucky not to add to our total in the matches at Deal Town and Glebe.

A win for Canterbury City pulled them away from the bottom of the table leaving K Sports and Lordswood as the teams nearest to our position. We aim to narrow that gap to them today.

It is sure to be another tough test for us but we are ready for this challenge and looking forward to another exciting match.

Please stay safe and enjoy the game and your day.



Tower Hamlets

A Brief History

Tower Hamlets Football Club is an English football club based in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The club are currently members of the Essex Senior League and play at the Mile End Stadium. Up until July 2013 the club was playing under the name Bethnal Green United. The club was established in 2000 by Mohammed Nurul Hoque and Akhtar Ahmed as a community club. The club played in several leagues, including the Canary Wharf Summer League, the Inner London Football League and the London Intermediate League, before joining the Middlesex County League. They were granted Senior status after winning the league's Premier Division in 2009, and were promoted to the Essex Senior League. In the 2009–10 season they finished fifth in the ESL and won both cups operated by the Essex Senior League, beating Burnham Ramblers 4–1 in the final of the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy.

Club Honours

FA Vase – Last 16 – 2011/ 2012 season
Eastern Junior Alliance U18 League Cup Champions - 2010/ 11
Essex Senior League Cup - 2009/10
Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Champions - 2009/10
Middlesex County 'Premier Division Champions - 2008/09
Middlesex County Open Cup Winners - 2008/09
Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Runners up - 2008/09
Echo League U16 'A 'Division Champions - 2008/09

Canterbury City

A Brief History

Canterbury City was revived in 2007 after folding in 2000-01. They were the first football club in the country to be formed as a Community Interest Company and won promotion from the Kent County League Division II (East) in their first season.

They followed this by securing promotion to the Premier Division in 2010/11 season after an unbeaten run and winning the Les Leckie Cup.

As a community based club, we run several sides including Youths, Girls', Disability and Walking Football. Although for some fifty years there were various versions of a City club, it was not until 1947 that a truly representative one came about. For many years they played in the Kent League, the Southern League, and the Metropolitan League which they joined in 1958, finishing third and guaranteeing promotion to the Southern League Division One.

During the 1960s City twice reached the first round of the FA Cup. In 1963-64 they lost 6-0 at home to Torquay United before a club record crowd of 3,001 and in 1968-69 they went to Swindon and, by all accounts, were unlucky to lose 1-0.

During the early 1970s they struggled in the Southern Division and by the early 1990s they were also in financial trouble. They returned to the Kent League and although initially doing well, they finally finished bottom in two consecutive seasons and folded. Under the management of Ben Smith/Ada Gower, and coach Darren Beale, City's 2015/16 season produced their best league position finish since reforming, 8th, and also had their longest ever run in the FA Vase.

In 2016/17, Tim Dixon joined the management team as Assistant to Ben Smith, and Darren continued as coach. A disappointing start to the season was turned around by much better form including an unbeaten run of 12 games, scoring 33 and conceding only 8. City finished 9th with 58 points, and had the 4th best defensive record in the League. Their home ground of Kingsmead Stadium has now been re-developed for housing but the Canterbury City Council is working with the club to provide a brand new "Football Hub" in the City which it is hoped will become the football club's home. For the 2017-18 season they played home games at Deal Town FC and finished mid-table in 10th place.

For 2018-19 the club played at Faversham whilst a location for a home ground continued to be worked on behind the scenes. Ben Smith led the side to a 9th placed finish but the huge positive of the campaign was a stunning FA Vase run that only ended at the semi-final stage when coming up just short to Cray Valley PM.

The 2019/20 was a turbulent one with Management changes followed by the Coronavirus Pandemic which declared the season null and void with just a few weeks to go.

We go again in 2020/21 looking to continue to push the club forward.

Match Filming



Tower Hamlets are proud to be working with VEO who will be recording our games during the 2020/21 Season

If any opposition or spectators are looking to also film or use professional photography at our home games please politely inform us at info@towerhamletsfc.co.uk

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

A JOURNALIST is only as good as their contacts book, as they say – so we at The Non-League Paper reckon we're onto a pretty good thing.

Printing a weekly paper throughout lockdown, without a ball being kicked, wasn't easy. In fact, it was only made possible by the 'fraternity' – the chairmen and women, managers, players and supporters of football clubs across the land.

We're pretty lucky at The NLP. We have a loyal following and an enviable understanding with the people we represent.

Yes, of course, we realise that having a relationship with the Press is in their interests but it goes beyond that. A great number of players and managers can be counted as friends and we are very proud of that.

A conversation I had with a Step 3 manager the other day reminded me of a very special relationship I struck up with a manager as a young reporter, working on my local paper in Aldershot.

George Borg arrived at the Recreation Ground with a high profile and a no-nonsense nature. If he wanted, he could have spat out a young whippersnapper like me.

Instead, we became very close and, although he doesn't know it, it was he who lit the flame for my love affair with the Non-League game.

On one occasion, I remember my back page lead story falling through, leaving me high and dry an hour before deadline.

In desperation, I gave George a call and explained my dilemma, asking him if he could confirm any transfer speculation to help fill the void.

What he gave me was a stronger exclusive than I had originally which became a popular talking point on the terraces.

As in most walks of life, a working relationship requires an 'I'll-scratch-your-back-if-you-scratch-mine' thesis. George was a big advocate of this.

I remember waiting outside the dressing room door for the Shots boss among a posse of TV crews and national journalists following a FA Cup tie with Brighton & Hove Albion in November 2000.

Accepting I would probably only get a fraction of his time, I did contemplate easing his burden by slipping off and calling him later.

Just as I did though one of the players came to the door and asked specifically for myself and my counterpart from the Farnham Herald to come through and speak to George in the managers' room at the back.

The face of the national guys was a picture as the two of us hustled our way through the crowd but when we got to the manager's changing area, there he was sat on the bench with only a small hand towel to protect his modesty! It was probably the strangest interview I had ever carried out! To this day, I always keep an eye out on how George's Braintree Town side fare come 5pm on a Saturday.

It's a relationship which taught me so much and one I will always treasure.

By Jon Couch

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SCEFL Premier Fixtures

Saturday 31st October

Balham v Bearsted

Beckenham Town v Lordswood

Chatham Town v Hollands & Blair

Corinthian v Deal Town

Erith Town v Tunbridge Wells

K Sports v Glebe

Punjab Utd v Crowborough Ath

Tower Hamlets v Canterbury City

Wednesday 4th November

Welling Town v AFC Croydon

Saturday 7th November

AFC Croydon v Hollands & Blair

Bearsted v Punjab Utd

Canterbury City v Erith Town

Corinthian v Chatham Town

Deal Town v Crowborough Ath

Glebe v Erith & Belvedere

K Sports v Beckenham Town

Lordswood v Fisher

Tunbridge Wells v Sheppey United

Welling Town v Tower Hamlets



TOWER HAMLETS

Results

Cup	Langney Wanderers (A)	L 2-3
League	Bearsted (A)	L 1-2
League	Welling Town (H)	L 2-3
League	Crowborough Ath (H)	L 2-5
League	Fisher (A)	L 1-3
Cup	Enfield Borough (A)	L 2-3
League	Chatham Town (A)	L 1-6
League	Beckenham Town (A)	L 0-3
League	Hollands & Blair (H)	L 1-3
League	Corinthian (A)	L 2-6
League	Erith Town (A)	L 0-5
League	Punjab United (H)	D 1-1
League	Deal Town (A)	L 1-2
League	Glebe (A)	L 0-2



SCEFL Round-Up

Saturday 24th October

It's as you were at the top of the Premier Division table as the first 4 all won to create a gap on the rest while at the bottom Tower Hamlets are now distant as wins for those that were nearest means the new boys are now well adrift.

Chatham Town are still top and still scoring for fun as they added a further 6 to an already impressive tally making it 54 goals for the season so far. Erith Town were on the receiving end today but very much held their own before eventually going down 6-3 at home in an entertaining and well attended match. There were 9 different scorers at the Erith Stadium including Dan Bradshaw and Jack Evans, with the prolific pairing now clear of the rest in the individual scorers charts.

Corinthian remain level on points with the Chats after returning from the Mayfield Stadium with their 9th win of this young season. There were 6 different scorers in this one with Josh Stirman getting the first and Louie Clarke notching the last in a 4-2 win for the Hoops. A third defeat in a row for AFC Croydon drops them to 17th place while Corinthian are in second.

Tunbridge Wells are third, but only just as they needed a late winner to edge out Glebe. Early goals from Euan Sahadow and Jamie Philpot were added to in the final minute by Richard Atkins giving Wells a narrow win that keeps them among the leading pack.

Sheppey United are among that bunch too and still have their unbeaten record intact as they came out best in a 5-goal thriller with Beckenham Town. Once again it was a goal near the end that earned Sheppey the points with Billy Bennett getting the winner that keeps them in 4th. Hollands & Blair conceded a rare goal but scored 2 themselves to remain in the promotion conversation thanks to a win over K Sports. Following a Tom Loynes opener for the hosts and Michael-Frazier Osunkoya leveller Matt Gething won the game with his 78th minute decider keeping Blair inside the Top 6. It is now 10 without a win for the Paperboys and they drop to 20th.

Erith & Belvedere distanced themselves from trouble with a 3-1 win at Crowbrough Athletic. A first half Jamie Humphris hat-trick gave the Deres their second win of the campaign bumping them up several places to 15th.

Canterbury City are also on the rise after they recovered from 2-0 down to win at home to Punjab United. Luke Adams and Rohan Badbhangi had given the visitors a good advantage inside just 15 minutes long before the second half comeback commenced. Goals from Danny Rumble and Danny Keyte drew the game level before an injury time winner, and first goal for the Club, from Dale Horton gave City the points, however unlikely that seemed just a short time earlier.

Bearsted completed back-to-back victories with a 4-1 victory at Welling Town. Harrison Hatful netted a double for the Bears alongside goals from Jordan Ababio and Tom Penfold as they handed their hosts a 6th successive loss. Despite this being a high-scoring season we have also had our fair share of 0-0's and we had 2 more today to bring the Division total up to 10.

Fisher v Deal Town and Lordswood v Balham were both goalless showing that defences not just attacks can have their moment in the sun.

After a blank midweek the Premier Division returns next Saturday with another 8 exciting fixtures!

Southern Counties East Football League Premier Division Results

Tuesday 20th October

AFC Croydon 2-3 Fisher

Bearsted 1-0 Crowborough Ath

Beckenham Town 3-0 Tunbridge Wells

Deal Town 0-0 Hollands & Blair

Erith & Belvedere 1-5 Corinthian

Glebe 2-0 Tower Hamlets

Sheppey United 1-0 Lordswood

Wednesday 21st October

Canterbury City 2-7 Chatham Town

Punjab United 5-0 K Sports

Welling Town 1-2 Erith Town

Saturday 24th October

AFC Croydon 2-4 Corinthian

Canterbury City 3-2 Punjab Utd

Crowborough Ath 1-3 Erith & Belvedere

Erith Town 3-6 Chatham Town

Fisher 0-0 Deal Town

Hollands & Blair 2-1 K Sports

Lordswood 0-0 Balham

Sheppey United 3-2 Beckenham Town

Tunbridge Wells 2-1 Glebe

Welling Town 1-4 Bearsted



Premier Division Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Chatham Town	10	9	0	1	54	18	36	27
2	Corinthian	10	9	0	1	36	15	21	27
3	Tunbridge Wells	11	8	2	1	24	10	14	26
4	Sheppey United	9	8	1	0	28	14	14	25
5	Beckenham Town	12	6	3	3	30	18	12	21
6	Hollands & Blair	10	6	3	1	15	6	9	21
7	Balham	11	5	3	3	13	11	2	18
8	Erith Town	11	5	2	4	22	20	2	17
9	Glebe	12	5	2	5	23	22	1	17
10	Deal Town	10	4	4	2	13	9	4	16
11	Bearsted	12	5	1	6	26	34	-8	16
12	Fisher	11	4	3	4	15	15	0	15
13	Welling Town	11	4	1	6	18	25	-7	13
14	Punjab United	11	4	1	6	20	28	-8	13
15	Erith & Belvedere	11	2	3	6	18	23	-5	9
16	Crowborough Ath	10	2	3	5	13	20	-7	9
17	AFC Croydon Ath	12	2	3	7	14	27	-13	9
18	Canterbury City	11	3	0	8	12	29	-17	9
19	Lordswood	12	2	2	8	13	26	-13	8
20	K Sports	11	1	4	6	10	18	-8	7
21	Tower Hamlets	12	0	1	11	12	41	-29	1



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