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From The Chairman

Welcome to the Mayplace Ground as we host Holmesdale FC for a midweek SCEFL fixture under the lights.

After our FA Vase exit on the weekend we have the opportunity to bounce back quickly as we come up against Holmesdale for the first time ever.

Our last league action came last week on Wednesday as we played out an entertaining 3-3 draw with Lordswood.

3 further points today would see Tower Hamlets climb out of the relegation zone whilst also having a game in hand over Punjab United.

Holmesdale convincingly beat AFC Croydon 4-0 in the FA Vase second qualifying round last week and they now head into the official first round.

Their previous two league games saw them pick up a total of 1 point as they came up against Canterbury and Fisher at home. They are also sitting 8th in the table tallying 13 points out of 10 games.

We wish all those in attendance an entertaining evening and a safe journey home.



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.

In 2020 our First Team switched leagues to the Southern Counties East and are playing our home games at Phoenix Sports Mayplace Road Ground.

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

Holmesdale FC

A Brief History

Holmesdale Football Club is a football club originally based in South Norwood, London. Affiliated to the Kent County F.A they are currently members of the Southern Counties East Football League Division One and play at Oakley Road in Bromley.

The original club was established as Holmesdale Baptists in the early 1920s and was affiliated with the Baptist Church on Holmesdale Road; players were church members and had to attend bible classes. They joined the Excelsior League, where they played for two seasons before joining Division Three of the Thornton Heath & District League for the 1922–23 season. Although they were Division Three runners-up in their first season, the club folded in 1923. The club was reformed in 1956 by the 3rd East Surrey Boys Brigade Company and rejoined the Thornton Heath & District League in Division Six. They went on to win the division at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division Five. Another promotion in 1957–58 saw the club move up to Division Four, although they had to recruit players from another church club, which led to them dropping the word "Baptists" from the name. By 1960 the club had been promoted to Division Three.

In 1960–61 Holmesdale were Division Three runners-up, earning promotion to Division Two. They following season the club were Division Two champions and were promoted to Division One. The 1971–72 season saw the club win the Division title. In 1986–87 they were Premier Division champions, and were promoted to the Surrey Intermediate League. They were runners-up in Premier Division B in 1989–90, before winning the Surrey South Eastern Combination in 1992–93. The club were subsequently promoted to the Surrey Premier League. They won the league's Charity Cup in 1993–94. In 2000 the club relocated to Bromley and switched to the Kent County League, joining Division One West.

In 2005–06 Holmesdale were Division One West champions, earning promotion to the Premier Division. The following season saw them win the Premier Division title, resulting in promotion to the Kent League. The League was renamed the Southern Counties East League in 2013, and in 2015-16 the club finished bottom of the league, resulting in relegation to the newly-formed First Division. 2016-17 saw Holmesdale finish in 6th place in the First Division and a Season later they ended in seventh place under the management of Tony Beckingham and Lee Roots. 2018/19 saw a few changes of management and a creditable 6th placed finish before Lee Roots returned for the 2019/20 campaign.

The 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons were disrupted due to Coronavirus but not before our displays on the pitch put us in a promotion position.

Fortunately with the Non League Restructure still taking place we were rewarded for our hard work with a place in the Premier Division, where we now look forward to playing in the 2021/22 campaign. The club played at Oaks Road in Shirley during their time in the Surrey Premier League, but were unable to install floodlights as the ground was owned by Croydon Council. As a result, they moved to Oakley Road in Bromley to gain promotion to the senior leagues, although three teams continued playing at Oaks Road, later breaking away to form Real Holmesdale Football Club in 2001.



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“The Southern Counties East Football League supports the ‘Swearing – Let’s Tackle It’ campaign and strongly condemns the use of foul and abusive language at football matches.”

Match Filming



Tower Hamlets are proud to be working with VEO who will be recording our games during the 2021/22 Season

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THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

WHAT would football look like if heading didn't exist? Last Sunday we found out at Spennymoor Town's Brewery Field.

The National League North club hosted the first adult football match without heading to raise money and continue the conversation about the safety of players.

The fixture, organised by charity Head for Change, only allowed headers in the penalty area for the first half and then restricted all heading during the second.

Professor Willie Stewart from Glasgow University published research showing that footballers are up to five times more likely to suffer from dementia than the general population.

He believes that neurodegenerative brain disease is linked to heading after further studies showed that defenders were more at risk than goalkeepers, who rarely head the ball.

Dr Judith Gates, co-founder of Head for Change, set up the charity after her husband Bill, who played for Middlesbrough and Spennymoor, was diagnosed with dementia in 2014. Bill, 77, was forced to retire aged 29 after regularly suffering migraines.

"I want people to come away from today with knowledge and the facts that the dangers of heading in football is not a myth," said Judith, who saw her husband kick-off the special match. "We are not proposing to ban heading but there needs to be a discussion about how to protect people who are playing football.

"The time for action is now, the weight of evidence from the studies in this country and the USA means we can no longer ignore this. There are too many former players who are no longer with us because of neurodegenerative disease.

"My husband Bill is here today, but he will not remember it tomorrow. We have to protect the players of the future."

The unique match, which ended 5-5, featured ex-Spennymoor and Middlesbrough players and ex-professionals, some with Premier League and international experience, representing the two teams, Head for Change and The Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust.

Team Solan won on penalties in front of 390 people, who witnessed potentially the start of the biggest change the game will have ever seen.

Heading is a fundamental part of football but it is without doubt damaging to the human brain and that's why options are being explored to lessen it.

Being only allowed to head the ball in the penalty area, during the first-half of the fixture, meant there was still a goal threat from crosses and set pieces and long balls could be played forward.

Ironically, James Marwood, the former Gateshead and Forest Green Rovers striker, scored the opener with his head after Gavin Cogdon had hit a post with a diving header at the other end.

There was just one incident when the rules were forgotten and a defender nodded down a long ball forward resulting in a free-kick awarded to the opposition.

When heading was removed entirely from the match in the second half, the change was evident, played more like a 5-a-side game with shorter passing and where aerial duels don't exist.

But this was why the match was an important practical experiment to discover how football would be affected and to keep the conversation going.

TOWER HAMLETS

Fixtures and Results

League	Canterbury City (A)	L 1-2
League	Erith & Belvedere (H)	L 1-5
FA CUP	Sheppey United (H)	L 1-4
League	Rusthall (A)	L 0-1
League	Hollands & Blair (A)	W 3-0
League	Fisher (A)	L 0-2
League	Glebe (H)	L 0-4
FA VASE	Balham (A)	W 2-1
League	Erith Town (A)	L 1-3
League	Lordswood (H)	D 3-3
FA VASE	Crawley DG (H)	L1-3
League	Holmesdale (H)	29/09
League	K Sports (A)	02/10



Premier Division Fixtures

Wednesday 29th September

Rusthall v K Sports

Tower Hamlets v Holmesdale

Saturday 2nd October

Bearsted v Erith & Belvedere

Canterbury City v Erith Town

Deal Town v Glebe

Fisher v Chatham Town

Hollands & Blair v Crowborough Ath

Holmesdale v Lordswood

K Sports v Tower Hamlets

Rusthall v Kennington

Tunbridge Wells v Punjab United

Welling Town v Sheppey United

Tuesday 5th October

Crowborough Athletic v Erith & Belvedere

Deal Town v K Sports

Glebe v Rusthall

Kennington v Hollands & Blair

Lordswood v Chatham Town

Punjab United v Tower Hamlets

Tunbridge Wells v Bearsted

Welling Town v Erith Town

Southern Counties East Football League



Premier Division Results

Wednesday 15th September

Erith Town 3-1 Tower Hamlets

Holmesdale 1-1 Fisher

Rusthall 1-3 Welling Town

Saturday 18th September

Deal Town 2-1 Erith & Belvedere

Glebe 1-0 Hollands & Blair

Holmesdale 0-2 Canterbury City

Kennington 5-2 Welling Town

Punjab United 1-5 K Sports

Tunbridge Wells 4-1 Crowborough Athletic

Wednesday 22nd September

Tower Hamlets 3-3 Lordswood

Saturday 25th September

Chatham Town 3-1 Kennington

Premier Division

SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Glebe	W D W W W	8	7	1	0	24	6	18	22
2	 Sheppey United	W W W W W	7	6	1	0	18	7	11	19
3	 Deal Town	L W W W W	8	6	0	2	16	6	10	18
4	 Erith Town	L W W W W	8	6	0	2	15	12	3	18
5	 Erith & Belvedere	W W W W L	6	5	0	1	16	5	11	15
6	 Chatham Town	W L W W W	6	5	0	1	15	5	10	15
7	 Tunbridge Wells	L W W L W	8	4	1	3	17	10	7	13
8	 Holmesdale	L W L D L	10	4	1	5	13	14	-1	13
9	 Kennington	D D L W L	9	3	3	3	19	19	0	12
10	 K Sports	L W L D W	7	3	2	2	13	12	1	11
11	 Canterbury City	L L W D W	8	3	2	3	10	12	-2	11
12	 Fisher	L D W L D	8	2	3	3	14	12	2	9
13	 Bearsted	W L D L W	8	2	2	4	10	15	-5	8
14	 Hollands & Blair	L L W L L	9	2	1	6	9	15	-6	7
15	 Crowborough Ath	L D W L L	7	1	3	3	9	13	-4	6
16	 Welling Town	D L L W L	6	1	2	3	9	14	-5	5
17	 Lordswood	L D W L D	7	1	2	4	9	19	-10	5
18	 Punjab United	D L L L L	10	1	2	7	15	28	-13	5
19	 Tower Hamlets	W L L L D	8	1	1	6	9	20	-11	4
20	 Rusthall	L D L L L	8	1	1	6	6	22	-16	4

Up to and including 28th September

Player Sponsors



Tower Hamlets are welcoming Player Sponsors for our 2021/22 Season in the Southern Counties East Football League.

Those sponsoring a player will have a season long mention in this matchday programme, receive Social Media mentions and feel the warm glow of helping support their local football club.

For more details or to sponsor one of the lads for just £50 please contact the Chairman or email us at info@towerhamletsfc.co.uk

SportBlogs

Gabriel Magalhaes

Gabriel Magalhaes. What a bargain this has proven to be for the Gunners. The Brazilian wall.

Seriously becoming one of the best young centre-backs in the league. Only 23 and already conquered London! From his humble beginnings in Brazil to making a name for himself in France for the Lille team.

They said Arsenal over paid when they sealed the £27mill deal for the Brazilian centre back but has this young tantalizing man proven them wrong.

Standing at 6ft 3 inches Gabriel has definitely stamped this authority in the Premier League thus far. Could this finally be Tony Adam's successor, Sol Campbells eventual predecessor?

Time will tell but one thing is for sure is regardless of Arsenal's woes over the last couple of seasons this man's presence and success so far has been nothing but a positive mark.

What a player! If you haven't already start respecting him!



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