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From The Chairman

Welcome to the Mayplace Ground as we host Crowborough Athletic in a SCEFL League game.

There are 2 points separating both clubs as we head into a serious battle for 3 points.

Crowborough come into the fixture sitting in 17th place after losing to Kennington in a 4-1 defeat in their most recent game.

After our 0-4 loss to high flying Deal Town we are currently bottom however a win in this intriguing fixture will take us out of the relegation zone.

Big game. Big 3 points up for grabs!



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

Crowborough Athletic FC

A Brief History

Crowborough Athletic FC were formed in 1894 and played in various leagues around the area for many years. However, not much is known about how the club did in those by-gone days as the records seem to have disappeared during the course of time. The club did have some photo's which show that the Crows were successful in some of the seasons but these were only a snap shot in time and it's a shame more comprehensive records no longer seem to exist. The club also had a few "homes" it would seem during it's lifetime before settling at the Alderbrook Recreation Ground sometime in the early 1950's.

As for the club's recent history there are records which can be seen which shows the club being elected to the Sussex County Football League (SCFL), Division 2 for season 1974/75 having been playing in the Tunbridge Wells League and, it is believed, the Southern Counties Championship for quite a few seasons.

It is assumed that the request to join the SCFL was driven by ambition and the fact that the club was finding life too easy in the league they were playing in previously. The first season in the SCFL, Division 2 saw the club finish in fourth position, which is not bad in an inaugural season, with a record of played 22, won 9, drew 7 and lost 6, scoring 38, conceding 36 for a points total of 25. In those days, of course, you only got 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.

Some of the sides the club played in that first season were Burgess Hill Town, who won the division, Rye United who finished runners-up, Hastings & St. Leonards, who became Hastings Town later on and Peacehaven & Telscombe all of whom, apart from Rye United, are now playing in higher leagues.

For the 2016/17 the Crows found themselves with stronger squad than the season before, it had plenty of experience and talent and the competition for places in the starting eleven was fierce indeed. With the players brought in, added to the ability already there, the club had a great season, doing well in all cup competitions, had a 32 game unbeaten run and finished runners up to SCEFL winners, Ashford United, therefore, promotion was missed by just two points, Crows with 90, Ashford with 92.

Another frustratingly close Season was to come in 2017-18 as Crowborough finished in 3rd place with the top two teams both getting promoted!

Behind the scenes their were many hurdles to overcome in the 2018/19 Season but the club were never in danger before sealing a mid-table finish while in the following seasons their was no finishing position due to the Coronovirus Pandemic.

The Crows are now ready for another exciting campaign in the SCEFL Premier Division.



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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

ONE OF my football bugbears centres around the FA Cup. More specifically, about The Magic of the Cup (TM). In a few months time, the Premier League and Championship clubs will enter at the third round proper stage and The Magic of the Cup (TM), will be raised. When did it go? Where did it go? Why has it gone? Remember when the FA Cup used to have magic? There will be lower league clubs who do well, held up as the poster boys with lines such as...“think the FA Cup has lost its magic, tell that to (insert club here)...”

But, from what I see every season, there is plenty of the sparkling dust flying around and there always has been.

We'll see it this weekend, with a brilliant fourth round qualifying draw — the follow-up reaction could have filled the whole paper itself last week.

While a lot of the national attention won't turn to the competition until the first round proper, here in Non-League we all know the romance has been burning bright since the start of August.

Shocks have been served up, record cup runs achieved, big Non-League names have fallen and dreams are still alive.

In the case of Kettering Town, records have been reclaimed. The Poppies are back on top of the competition's goal charts following last week's 2-0 win over Leamington. That made it 901 FA Cup goals throughout their history and inched them back in front of Premier League Tottenham Hotspur.

Poppies boss Paul Cox knows a thing or two about the romance of the FA Cup — he had the trophy at his wedding just a few days before his Mansfield side played Liverpool, then featuring a striker called Luis Suarez. Wonder what happened to him!

Of course, Marine played Spurs in last year's third round proper. Residents fortunate enough to have gardens that back onto the Marine Travel Arena were able to peer over their fences to get a glimpse of Jose Mourinho's side. They were the lucky ones, with the game behind closed doors because of the Covid-19 situation at the time.

Not that Neil Young's side are settling for one run. They upset Step 3 Atherton Collieries in their replay to set-up a home date with National League big-spenders Wrexham. The Mariners' crowds are booming – I spoke to manager Neil Young last week and he explained the place is booming, with last year's FA Cup run a big catalyst. It catapulted the club into the living rooms of people — and seems to have inspired many to get along to a game.

Creating memories and lasting legacy is what the FA Cup is all about.

This weekend's fourth round qualifying will have all the feel of those magical first round occasions.

Bromsgrove Sporting hosting National League leaders Grimsby Town. Chertsey Town off to the club Grimsby dropped out of the EFL with, Southend United.

Marske United hosting a north-east derby with Gateshead. Pontefract Collieries hosting high-flying FC Halifax Town. Former League side Kidderminster Harriers take a trip to Step 4 Bedfont Sports, while Stamford are off to Stockport County.

There are plenty of other intriguing ties across the country, with the first round proper at stake and the entry of some of the most famous names in English football like Sheffield Wednesday, Sunderland, Portsmouth and Ipswich Town.

No doubt in the coming months, we will see top flight managers using the FA Cup to rotate their squads and complain about the number of matches they have to play. It's the same every year.

But, just as it is each season, the FA Cup will produce some lifelong memories. And that's pretty magical in my book.

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)	L 1-3
League	Holmesdale (H)	L 1-3
League	K Sports (A)	L 2-3
League	Punjab United (A)	L 4-5
League	Deal Town (H)	L 0-4
League	Crowborough Athletic (H)	16/10
LONDON	Cray Valley PM (H)	20/10



Premier Division Fixtures

Tuesday 19th October

Crowborough Ath v Chatham Town

Saturday 23rd October

Bearsted v Erith Town

Crowborough Ath v Canterbury City

Welling Town v Hollands & Blair

Tuesday 26th October

Bearsted v Deal Town

Hollands & Blair v Chatham Town

Sheppey United v Kennington

Saturday 30th October

Chatham Town v Glebe

Erith Town v Sheppey United

Fisher v Deal Town

Hollands & Blair v Holmesdale

Kennington v Erith & Belvedere

Punjab United v Crowborough Ath

Rusthall v Lordswood

Tower Hamlets v Bearsted

Welling Town v K Sports



Southern Counties East Football League



Premier Division Results

Wednesday 6th October

Canterbury City 1-7 Sheppey United

Saturday 9th October

Chatham Town 5-1 Tunbridge Wells

Erith & Belvedere 3-2 Welling Town

Erith Town 3-0 Hollands & Blair

Fisher 1-0 Punjab United

K Sports 2-3 Bearsted

Kennington 4-1 Crowborough Athletic

Lordswood 0-6 Glebe

Rusthall 2-1 Canterbury City

Sheppey United 1-0 Holmesdale

Tower Hamlets 0-4 Deal Town

Wednesday 13th October

Canterbury City 3-0 Lordswood

Erith Town 3-1 Fisher

Holmesdale 4-0 Welling Town



Premier Division SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Glebe	W W L W W >	11	9	1	1	35	10	25	28
2	 Sheppey United	W W W W W >	10	9	1	0	29	10	19	28
3	 Erith Town	W D W W W >	12	9	1	2	25	15	10	28
4	 Deal Town	W W W W W >	11	9	0	2	26	6	20	27
5	 Chatham Town	W W W W W >	9	8	0	1	26	7	19	24
6	 Erith & Belvedere	W L D W W >	9	7	1	1	25	10	15	22
7	 Holmesdale	L W W L W >	14	7	1	6	23	16	7	22
8	 Kennington	W L W D W >	12	5	4	3	31	26	5	19
9	 K Sports	W W W L L >	11	5	2	4	21	22	-1	17
10	 Tunbridge Wells	W L W W L >	10	5	1	4	23	17	6	16
11	 Canterbury City	W D L L W >	12	4	3	5	17	23	-6	15
12	 Fisher	L D L W L >	11	3	3	5	16	16	0	12
13	 Bearsted	L W D L W >	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
14	 Hollands & Blair	L L W D L >	12	3	2	7	16	22	-6	11
15	 Punjab United	L L L W L >	12	2	2	8	20	33	-13	8
16	 Rusthall	L L L L W >	12	2	1	9	14	36	-22	7
17	 Crowborough Ath	L L L L L >	10	1	3	6	12	25	-13	6
18	 Welling Town	L L L L L >	10	1	2	7	13	26	-13	5
19	 Lordswood	D L L L L >	11	1	2	8	10	36	-26	5
20	 Tower Hamlets	D L L L L >	12	1	1	10	16	35	-19	4

Up to and including 15th October

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SportBlogs

Ruben Carvalho

The Portuguese wonder kid.

From his humble beginnings in Portugal to shining and taking centre stage in the English academy footballing system. A story which has only just begun!

Ruben would grow up Reboleira which is located in the country of Portugal. His passion for football would be seen and witnessed from a young age having started off his journey early on. His talent was clear. This would be rewarded through being given the opportunity to showcase his talent for the prestigious Portuguese professional clubs Sporting Lisbon and Benfica. Great clubs which enabled the young man to enhance his education on the game.

At the slender age of 7 Ruben would make the move abroad to England. A huge decision but one that was required as part of the journey.

On his arrival to England it wouldn't be long till the clubs were chasing after him. To briefly put it Ruben absolutely teared up the academy game. 5 years at Chelsea, a year with Charlton and also stints with West ham and Watford.

None would materialize into a professional contract however the education taken was priceless. Showboating his skills and talent to the game. The English academy Neymar?

Wherever he went he showed his class and proved why he was so highly rated.

As he grew older the chances became limited in the younger age groups and he would have to prove his worth in the trenches of non league. Applying his trade with Staines and Enfield Borough for a period of time whilst also playing for then Sunday league outfit Rising Ballers. Ripped it up. Nothing surprising. Standard procedure.

Now at the age of 20 the tantalizing baller is looking to climb up the footballing ladder. Proven his worth in the younger age groups and now it's time to take the senior game by storm. He is now set to play for isthmian league side Basildon as he continues to embark on this unique journey of his. His talent is unquestionable but we all know this game is brutal. Regardless of these setbacks this young man will continue to climb and it won't be long till they'll all be chasing after his signature once again. Ruben Carvalho, remember the name!



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