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From The Chairman

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

Our last encounter with today's visitors saw us narrowly defeated 1-0 away earlier in the season.

Rusthall are currently sitting in 17th position and on 10 points whilst we are lying in 20th with 4 points.

That sets up a vital game today where the winner will get the crucial 3 points.

Enjoy the game!



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

Rusthall

A Brief History

The club were first registered with the Kent County Football Association on June 17th 1899 when the club joined the newly formed Tunbridge Wells League. The "Rustics" first success came in 1905 when the league was won in convincing style. The 1920's saw the club up among the best locally with the Kent Junior Cup Group "A" being won in 1924. The club were champions of the Tunbridge Wells League in 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and again in 1930. The success continued through the 1930's with more league titles and another Kent Junior Cup in 1935.

The Rustics were unable to continue these successes after the War and these were lean times for the club and in the 1970's the club were close to folding but just managed to keep going largely thanks to the hard work of the then secretary Peter Smith with just one side in the Tonbridge League.

The 1980's saw an influx of new young players and in 1982 the club won Division One of the Tonbridge League, at this point Derek Seal took on the roll of Chairman. One of his first tasks was to get the club into the Kent Amateur (now Kent County) League and the club lifted the Division Two Title at the first attempt in 1983-84. The success followed in the 1984-85 season when the Division One Title was secured on the last day of the season with a 1-0 win at Paddock Wood. After several embarrassing incidents at the Council owned Southwood Road recreation ground the club obtained the use of a field at Jockey Farm in the village. After a lot of hard work by the committee the ground met the League's ground grading criteria for Intermediate football. By now the club were running three senior sides.

In the 2016/17 Season Rusthall finished in second place in the SCEFL First Division. This meant promotion to the Premier where the following year we luckily held onto our place at this level despite finishing in 19th place. The following season there was no such luck though as another 19th position saw the club relegated to the First Division.

A quick return was only denied by the Coronavirus Pandemic - where the season was declared null and void with the Club in an excellent position for promotion. With the same happening again in 2020/21 the FA chose to combine results from the two unfinished seasons to reward the best performers and this meant we were granted promotion and a place back in the Premier Division for the 2021/22 campaign.



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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



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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

THE RETURN of replays in the FA Cup showed its value to Non-League clubs this week.

The FA made the decision to scrap replays last season in order to ease fixture congestion in light of an adjusted schedule due to the pandemic.

Drawn ties went straight to extra time and then penalties, if needed, to avoid a midweek rematch.

There were fears among lower-league clubs that the change could become permanent but The FA reintroduced replays for this season's competition.

They were made mandatory in all rounds of the qualifying competition and up to and including the fourth round proper.

In 1991, penalties were introduced after the first replay to avoid a series of rematches.

It was 50 years ago last weekend when it took Alvechurch and Oxford City 17 days and six games to reach a conclusion.

Their five fourth round qualifying replays – 1-1, 1-1, 0-0, 0-0, 1-0 – after the initial tie finished 2-2 broke the previous record of nine hours, 40 minutes set in the 1924-25 season by Leyton and Ilford. The FA's eventual rule change was welcomed.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the benefit of replays were laid bare.

Solihull Moors were picked for broadcast by ITV4 when they took on League One side Wigan Athletic in front of a sell-out crowd.

Stockport County didn't have a seat to spare either when over 10,000 packed into Edgeley Park on Wednesday night for their replay against Bolton Wanderers, with the BBC cameras in attendance.

Each club also received a healthy FA broadcast fee of £32,500 to go along with their bumper admission revenue.

Both nights promised to be memorable for new fans and old but the ties wouldn't have happened had it not been for replays.

There is, however, another way of looking at the dynamic replays can create. On their way to a third round clash with Tottenham Hotspur last season, Marine twice won on penalties.

The first was in a second round qualifying tie at Runcorn Linnets before winning again on spot kicks at EFL side Colchester United in the first round proper.

If Marine were to have played a replay against the League Two side, arguably, their FA Cup run might have ended sooner and Jose Mourinho and co. wouldn't have stepped foot inside Rossett Park.

Alternatively, St Albans City have benefitted three times from replays in their adventure to the second round proper this season.

They beat Concord Rangers, Met Police and Corinthian-Casuals all on home soil after drawing in the away tie.

Sometimes, though, replays will give the opportunity for a once in a lifetime opportunity. Josh Coulson, the Southend United centre-back, always joked he was glad he headed a good chance over the bar late on for Cambridge United against Manchester United in a huge FA Cup fourth round proper clash.

The reason being was it meant the U's ended up drawing 0-0 and would take on the likes of Wayne Rooney and Robin van Persie United in a replay at Old Trafford with 74,511 in attendance.

With replays scrapped from the fifth round onwards, the top-flight clubs should be happy enough to let the lower-league sides keep on having their big days in the famous cup.

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)	L 0-4
LONDON	Cray Valley PM (H)	L 2-5
League	Bearsted (H)	L 1-3
League	Holmesdale (A)	L1-3
League	Kennington (A)	L1-3
League	Rusthall (H)	20/11
League	Crowborough Ath (A)	27/11

Premier Division

Fixtures

Saturday 20th November

Canterbury City v K Sports
Erith & Belvedere v Holmesdale
Fisher v Bearsted
Hollands & Blair v Punjab United
Lordswood v Erith Town
Tower Hamlets v Rusthall
Welling Town v Crowborough Athletic

Friday 26th November

Kennington v K Sports

Saturday 27th November

Crowborough Ath v Tower Hamlets
Lordswood v Fisher
Tunbridge Wells v Punjab United



Southern Counties East Football League



Latest Premier Division Results

Tuesday 9th October

Erith & Belvedere 3-5 Glebe

Lordswood 1-5 Tunbridge Wells

Saturday 13th November

Bearsted 3-0 Welling Town

Chatham Town 7-1 Lordswood

Deal Town 1-2 Hollands & Blair

Erith Town 2-3 Crowborough Athletic

Glebe 4-0 Canterbury City

Holmesdale 2-0 Punjab United

K Sports 2-3 Fisher

Kennington 3-1 Tower Hamlets

Rusthall 1-0 Tunbridge Wells

Sheppey United 4-0 Erith & Belvedere



Premier Division SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Glebe	W D W W W >	16	13	2	1	52	16	36	41
2	 Sheppey United	W W W W W >	14	13	1	0	41	11	30	40
3	 Chatham Town	W L W W W >	15	13	0	2	42	14	28	39
4	 Erith Town	W W L W L >	16	11	1	4	35	22	13	34
5	 Deal Town	W D L W L >	15	10	1	4	32	13	19	31
6	 Holmesdale	L W L W W >	17	9	1	7	28	19	9	28
7	 Erith & Belvedere	W D L L L >	14	8	2	4	31	22	9	26
8	 Kennington	W L L W W >	16	7	4	5	39	33	6	25
9	 Tunbridge Wells	L W L W L >	14	7	1	6	34	22	12	22
10	 Crowborough Ath	W W D W W >	17	6	4	7	32	35	-3	22
11	 Bearsted	L D W W W >	16	6	4	6	27	31	-4	22
12	 K Sports	L L W L L >	14	6	2	6	28	30	-2	20
13	 Fisher	L W D L W >	15	5	4	6	23	22	1	19
14	 Hollands & Blair	L L W L W >	17	5	2	10	22	29	-7	17
15	 Canterbury City	W L L L L >	16	4	3	9	18	37	-19	15
16	 Punjab United	L L L W L >	16	3	2	11	26	42	-16	11
17	 Rusthall	L W L L W >	15	3	1	11	16	43	-27	10
18	 Welling Town	L W L L L >	14	2	2	10	14	35	-21	8
19	 Lordswood	L W L L L >	15	2	2	11	16	51	-35	8
20	 Tower Hamlets	L L L L L >	16	1	1	14	19	48	-29	4

Up to and including 19th November

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

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SportBlogs

Emmanuel Maja

At 6ft 2 inches and his potential stands so highly in this football game too. Only 20 years old and taking the non league scene by storm!

Emmanuel Maja would grow up in the London area of Pimlico. Growing up his love for the game of football was clear and so was his talent. Applying his youthfulness at the Kinetic academy which is heavily known to breed and produce the next wave of talent in this country he would set the standards. This would be followed by a stint at highly rated youth academy side Manchester City as he would enhance a huge amount of knowledge and learn what it takes to play at the highest youth level in this country.

As the academy route started to seem closed it was time to step into the senior game. Non league where it would all begin. Playing for the likes of Lordswood and Welling United before signing to Enfield Town during the start of the 21/22 campaign. Enfield Town are currently battling it out in the Isthmian Premier division in the third step of non league.

Only 20 but Maja has taken centre stage! Proven he can showcase his brilliant talent in the centre of midfield in the mens game! There's no more looking back now. The only way is up for one of the brightest sparks currently in non league. If you haven't heard about him already it surely won't be long till you do!



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