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From The Chairman

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

Our last encounter took place last season and it ended in defeat but we now have the opportunity to make up for it!

Chatham come into the game off the back off a very convincing 1-5 victory in the Kent Senior Trophy and on the flip side we come off a humbling 0-5 defeat away to Crowborough in the SCEFL.

We are currently bottom of the league table and with Chatham flying high in 3rd place we are definitely set for a tough game ahead.

Enjoy the match!



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

Chatham Town

A Brief History

The club was formed in 1882 as Chatham United, when Rochester Invicta merged with the football team of the Royal Engineers Band with the intention of creating a side that was capable of holding their own with the best in the country. Harry Hobart's plan being to bring together all the best players in the Medway Towns in one team. They played their first match on 7th October that year, beating Harley Street F.C. 4-0. Owing to their strong Army connections, Chatham soon moved to a regular home on "The Lines", where they were to remain until 1889 - the beginning of season 1889/90 seeing them move to "Alderman Winch's Enclosed Ground", or as it is now better known, the Maidstone Road Ground.

In 1983 Chatham returned to the Southern League for the fourth time, this time staying there until 1988, when having failed to gain re-election they were relegated back to the Kent League - once again in severe financial difficulties, with crowds often in double figures against poorly supported clubs, as opposed to the much healthier attendances they had enjoyed in the Kent League against more local opposition.

Following a disappointing start to the 2017/18 season and only 1 win in 8 league games, a management change was again instigated with Paul Piggott and his team being replaced in September 2017 with James Collins. The end result was a 16th place finish but the 'Chats' soon saw success as they were double Cup winners in 2018/19 winning both the Kent Senior Trophy and SCEFL Challenge Cup.

A further change of Management saw Scott Lindsay take the reigns during the 2019/20 campaign but unfortunately the Coronavirus Pandemic halted the League with the Chats firmly in the promotion race with just a few weeks of the season remaining.

The same happened again the following year plus Scott decided to move into League Management but the Club still have big ambitions and go into the 2021/22 season keen on finally sealing promotion to Step 4.



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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

FOR some reason, I've got a rather anal fascination with the mentality of football managers at the moment.

You may recall in my last NLP programme column, I highlighted the new-age approach of the modern-day coach and questioned whether their scientific methods were over-complicating the simple and beautiful game.

Since then, we've seen a number of notable shifts in momentum across the Non-League game that only emphasizes my point further.

I've said for a long time that Non-League managers are one of a kind and that has been proved beyond doubt so far this season.

Take the situation at Barnet. No fewer than 11 managers have occupied the hotseat at The Hive over the last three years and only now are they actually showing signs of stability and, with it, progression. The Bees were mighty fortunate to avoid the drop from the National League over the two Covid-hit seasons and this summer recruited former Leeds, Liverpool and Australian international Harry Kewell as their new manager.

As talented a coach as Harry clearly is, this never seemed the right fit and it was no surprise to us at NLP Towers to see the experiment come to a premature end with the club having taken just two points from their first seven games.

The answer, we believe, was under their nose all the time. Dean Brennan had been hired alongside Kewell to "oversee off-field football matters" – a role every bit as odd as it sounds.

Dean is one of Non-League football's brightest young managers having plied his trade at Hemel Hempstead Town, Billericay, Kingstonian and Wealdstone and it's no surprise to see him turning things around at The Hive in the manager's chair.

Another team forced into a change were Stockport County. Simon Rusk, fresh from the Brighton & Hove Albion academy, showed glimpses of why he is so highly-rated in the game but hardly pulled up trees with one of the divisions biggest budgets.

Cue then Dave Challinor, lured from Hartlepool United having steered them back into the Football League last season and suddenly Stockport look like world beaters. Don't be surprised to see Challinor adding another promotion to his glittering CV come May.

Phil Brown was another who struggled to adjust. The perma-tan boss may have managed in the top-flight with Hull City but looked a fish out of water in the National League at Southend United, prompting the Shrimpers to make an enforced change just 10 games into the club's first-ever Non-League campaign.

Indeed, testimony to the unique nature of a Non-League manager's job came from former England international Carlton Palmer in The NLP last week.

Speaking to Matt Badcock, Palmer told how his short spell in charge of Grantham Town proved a huge eye-opener, admitting that he wasn't fully prepared for the rigours of managing in the seventh tier of English football.

Palmer did, however, say he learned some valuable lessons in charge of the Gingerbreads and says he is ready for another crack of the whip with a fresh attitude and approach in place.

I, for one, hope Carlton gets the opportunity to put right his wrongs at Grantham to put that vast experience to good use elsewhere.

He will, however, be the first to admit that it's no easy task.

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)	L 1-3
League	Kennington (A)	L 1-3
League	Rusthall (H)	D 0-0
League	Crowborough Ath (A)	L 0-5
League	Chatham Town (H)	04/12
Cup	Erith Town	08/12

Premier Division

Fixtures

Saturday 4th December

Canterbury City v Welling Town

Holmesdale v Erith Town

Kennington v Fisher

K Sports v Erith & Belvedere

Lordswood v Crowborough Ath

Punjab United v Bearsted

Rusthall v Deal Town

Sheppey United v Glebe

Tower Hamlets v Chatham Town

Tunbridge Wells v Hollands & Blair

Tuesday 7th December

Deal Town v Chatham Town



Southern Counties East Football League



Latest Premier Division Results

Tuesday 30th November

Lordswood 0 - 1 Sheppey United

Tunbridge Wells 3 - 2 Erith Town

Welling Town 2 - 1 Glebe

Saturday 27th November

Crowborough Athletic 5 - 0 Tower Hamlets

Lordswood 1 - 1 Fisher

Tunbridge Wells 3 - 0 Punjab United

Friday 26th November

Kennington 2 - 4 K Sports

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Premier Division SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Sheppey United	W W W W W >	15	14	1	0	42	11	31	43
2	 Glebe	D W W W L >	17	13	2	2	53	18	35	41
3	 Chatham Town	W L W W W >	15	13	0	2	42	14	28	39
4	 Erith Town	L W L W L >	18	12	1	5	39	26	13	37
5	 Deal Town	W D L W L >	15	10	1	4	32	13	19	31
6	 Erith & Belvedere	D L L L W >	15	9	2	4	33	23	10	29
7	 Tunbridge Wells	L W L W W >	16	9	1	6	40	24	16	28
8	 Holmesdale	W L W W L >	18	9	1	8	29	21	8	28
9	 Crowborough Ath	D W W W W >	19	8	4	7	40	36	4	28
10	 K Sports	W L L W W >	16	8	2	6	37	34	3	26
11	 Kennington	L L W W L >	17	7	4	6	41	37	4	25
12	 Bearsted	D W W W W >	17	7	4	6	31	31	0	25
13	 Fisher	D L W L D >	17	5	5	7	24	27	-3	20
14	 Hollands & Blair	L L W L W >	17	5	2	10	22	29	-7	17
15	 Canterbury City	L L L L L >	17	4	3	10	20	42	-22	15
16	 Punjab United	L L W L L >	17	3	2	12	26	45	-19	11
17	 Welling Town	L L L L W >	16	3	2	11	17	39	-22	11
18	 Rusthall	W L L W D >	16	3	2	11	16	43	-27	11
19	 Lordswood	L L L D L >	18	2	3	13	18	55	-37	9
20	 Tower Hamlets	L L L D L >	18	1	2	15	19	53	-34	5

Up to and including 3rd December

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SportBlogs

Samuel Jeremiah

Samuel Jeremiah. SJ. Running down the opposition defenses. Easily one of the better attackers shining through in the non league scene.

Samuel would begin his youthful career when applying himself to amateur youth clubs Loass and Interwood over the ages of 10-16. As his talent and ability was clear a few chances through the academy route would seem to open. A trial at Leyton Orient and also a stint with the Tottenham development side would occur however although they may have been cut short it would enable the upcoming star to witness what it takes to make it!

The following years would see Samuel take centre stage at the youth sides of Hackney Wick and Bowers & Pitsea. Grabbing the headlines with winning leagues and taking the golden boots. Golden boy! Conquered the youth game. It was now time to head into the senior game. Stints with the Bowers first team and also step 5 side Walthamstow would propel him to take the step up and sign to Isthmian league side Basildon. Ripped it up. A youthful side but did Samuel steal the headlines. Proved age is just a number and if your good enough your old enough! Not only was he the bag-mans but he would showcase his brilliant technical ability. Teenager terrorizing the league!

Samuels sensational time at Basildon would come to an end after their latest managerial change. He would surely be missed by the bees but this would only open a door up at league opposition Great Wakering. Still applying himself at step 4 however it won't be long till the higher end of the spectrum of clubs in non league come calling for his signature as he continues to climb up the ladder. Only 20 years old and if you haven't heard of him yet trust me it won't be long till you do! Serious talent, serious baller!

Samuel Jeremiah, watch this space...



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