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From The Chairman

Welcome to the Mayplace Ground where today we host Fisher for our final home game of the season in the SCEFL.

With two games to go for the season we have been confirmed as the first team relegated however after a disappointing and difficult campaign we will still be looking to claim all 3 points today.

Fisher come into the fixture off the bounce from a 2-2 draw to Holmesdale and they sit in 14th position.



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



Fisher FC

A Brief History



Fisher FC's origins lie in the Fisher Catholic Club for Boys, founded in 1908 by Mr Norman Potter, aided by Michael Culliton, headmaster of the Dockhead School, Bermondsey, to provide sporting and recreational facilities for underprivileged youths. It was named The Fisher Club in memory of St John Fisher, and was supported by the Fisher Society – the Catholic Society at Cambridge University. The first location of the club was an old engineering shop in Rose Court and was entirely staffed by volunteers. The ground floor was used for athletics, with the first and second floors used for recreational games such as ludo and draughts.

In 1986-87 they won the Southern League title and were promoted to the Football Conference (Blue Square Premier). The following year brought another run to the first round of the FA Cup where the Fish once again lost out to a Bristol side, their nemesis this time being Rovers who won 3-0.

The 2010-11 season was a disappointing campaign for the Fish, and though it started well with a brief run in the FA Vase, a last-placed finish in the Kent Premier League was confirmed on the final day of the season. For the 2011-12 season, former Greenwich Borough manager Steve Firkins was appointed, bringing a coaching staff of Billy Walton and Adam Lawrence. An exhaustive overhaul of the squad ensued and a fine pre-season had hopes high for a good season, however a faltering start and misfortune with injuries saw the Fish struggle to match this early promise. Nevertheless, with a strong second half of the season, Fisher managed their best league placing since reforming, finishing 10th in the Kent Hurlimann League.

In the summer of 2014, Southwark Council's Planning Committee unanimously approved plans for the new developments at the sites on Salter Road, bringing a return to Rotherhithe within reach a decade after Fisher Athletic's former owners uprooted the club to East Dulwich. As the 2015/16 season drew to a close Fisher played out their final game at Champion Hill, ready to complete the club's rebirth by moving back to Rotherhithe.

St Paul's Sports Ground was a success but the team could not produce the goods on the field. 2016-17 saw Fisher finish second from bottom and get relegated to the First Division.

The 2017-18 season saw Fisher end in 3rd place in the First Division. Luck was on the side of the club though as a restructuring further up the pyramid meant that it would be a surprise promotion and a quick return to the Premier Division. They then shocked many in the 18/19 Season by finishing in a surprising 3rd place while having the best defensive record in the League.

With 2019/20 made null and void due to Coronavirus and the 2020/21 campaign ending in similar fashion we now go into the 2021/22 season aiming to continue our progression as a club.



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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

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

NORTHERN PREMIER League chairman Mark Harris has a good way of explaining the value of volunteers.

If you offer a club £10,000 or ten volunteers, he poses, then the majority will take the volunteers without a second thought. Volunteers are so vital.

They are the heartbeat that keep Non-League clubs going. Turn up at a random Non-League ground during the week, and the chances are pretty high someone will be there, be it cutting the grass, adding a lick of paint to the fences – all done for the love of the game and their club.

We've seen the value of volunteers through the covid pandemic. The fact so many clubs were able to withstand the gates being shut for so long is, in the majority of cases, down to the selfless work of so many.

It's a reminder that Non-League clubs will only thrive if they are able to find people to give up some of their spare time.

People probably underestimate how they can help. It's not only about weeding the terraces, there are so many different skills that are invaluable to clubs and transfer across from the world business, social media or many other different walks of life. And sometimes even just distributing a few fliers advertising games around the town can make a big difference.

We're really excited to have the return of the annual National Game Awards this season. If you've grabbed a copy of the paper recently, you would have seen all about it.

Among the individual and team awards for achievements on the pitch, there is a very special gong that never fails to raise a smile.

Our title sponsors Buildbase are also putting their name to this year's Unsung Hero award.

Every club has that special person who goes above and beyond. Not that they do it for the pats on the back, but it's nice to give them some recognition.

We need your help to make sure this year's Unsung Hero ends up in the most deserving hands.

If you know of someone you think should be in the running, then please drop us a line.

We'd love to hear all about the work they do at your club – and how valuable they are. Drop us a line to nlp@greenwayspublishing.co.uk

TOWER HAMLETS

2021/22 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
Cup	Chatham Town (H)	L 0-10
League	Erith Town (A)	W 2-1
League	Canterbury City (H)	D 1-1
League	Welling Town (A)	L 1-4
League	Erith Town (H)	W 2-1
League	Erith & Belvedere (A)	W 3-2
League	K Sports (H)	L 0-2
LCUP	Glebe (H)	L 1-3
League	Sutton Athletic (A)	L 2-6
League	Hollands & Blair (H)	L 1-2
League	Sheppey United (H)	L 0-5
League	Chatham Town (A)	L 1-4
League	Deal Town (A)	L 1-3
League	Welling Town (H)	L 1-3
League	Kennington (H)	L 1-5
League	Tunbridge Wells (A)	L 0-3
League	Lordswood (A)	L 0-2
League	Tunbridge Wells (H)	L 0-3
League	Punjab United (H)	L 1-2
League	Fisher (H)	18/04

Premier Division

Fixtures

Monday 18th April

Chatham Town v Deal Town
Crowborough Ath v Bearsted
Erith Town v Glebe
Hollands & Blair v Canterbury City
Holmesdale v Erith & Belvedere
Kennington v Lordswood
K Sports v Sheppey United
Punjab United v Welling Town
Tower Hamlets v Fisher
Tunbridge Wells v Rusthall

Saturday 23rd April

Bearsted v Hollands & Blair
Canterbury City v Punjab United
Deal Town v Crowborough Ath
Erith Town v Chatham Town
Fisher v K Sports
Glebe v Kennington
Lordswood v Holmesdale
Rusthall v Erith & Belvedere
Sheppey United v Tower Hamlets
Welling Town v Tunbridge Wells



Southern Counties East Football League

Latest Premier Division Results

Saturday 16th April

Bearsted 3-2 Tunbridge Wells
Canterbury City 1-2 Kennington
Deal Town 2-2 Punjab United
Fisher 2-2 Holmesdale
Glebe 1-2 Crowborough Athletic
Lordswood 2-1 K Sports
Rusthall 0-2 Chatham Town
Sheppey United 3-0 Hollands & Blair

Friday 15th April

Erith & Belvedere 2-3 Erith Town

Monday 11th April

Glebe 2-0 K Sports
Welling Town 1-1 Canterbury City



Premier Division

SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Sheppey United	W W W W W >	36	31	3	2	96	24	72	96
2	 Chatham Town	W W D W W >	36	30	4	2	113	19	94	94
3	 Glebe	D W W W L >	36	24	8	4	90	31	59	80
4	 Deal Town	W D L W D >	36	22	5	9	76	39	37	71
5	 Kennington	W L W W W >	36	20	6	10	74	58	16	66
6	 Erith & Belvedere	L W W L L >	36	19	5	12	75	66	9	62
7	 Erith Town	D L L D W >	36	18	5	13	65	53	12	59
8	 Tunbridge Wells	D W L W L >	36	16	6	14	76	54	22	54
9	 Crowborough Ath	L W L D W >	36	15	7	14	69	71	-2	52
10	 Hollands & Blair	W D D W L >	36	14	8	14	53	49	4	50
11	 Bearsted	L L L D W >	36	14	8	14	56	65	-9	50
12	 Holmesdale	W L W L D >	36	14	4	18	49	52	-3	46
13	 Punjab United	D D L W D >	36	11	7	18	56	72	-16	40
14	 Fisher	L D W D D >	36	9	12	15	49	58	-9	39
15	 Welling Town	W D L W D >	36	11	6	19	50	78	-28	39
16	 K Sports	L L D L L >	36	10	3	23	60	85	-25	33
17	 Canterbury City	L D L D L >	36	8	9	19	39	78	-39	33
18	 Rusthall	L W L L L >	36	7	2	27	33	86	-53	23
19	 Lordswood	W D L L W >	36	6	5	25	37	103	-66	23
20	 Tower Hamlets	L L L L L >	36	3	3	30	34	109	-75	12

Up to and including 17th April



We have a full fixture list in the Premier Division this Easter Monday including a chance of a double-header for the Groundhoppers among us.

The action gets underway at the Culverden Stadium at midday when Tunbridge Wells host Rusthall.

The game is particularly important for the visitors, who need the 3 points to keep them away from the two potential relegation places.

Ten miles down the road from that one, in-form Crowborough Athletic host Bearsted at 3pm with both sides eager to finish in the top half, with 8th a realistic finishing position for the winners.

At the top end of the table the title could be decided today. If Chatham Town drop points at home to Deal Town and Sheppey United win at K Sports the silverware will go to The Ites.

Tower Hamlets know their fate but would like to finish their home campaign with victory over Fisher while just above them in the rankings Lordswood can move closer to survival with victory at Kennington.

Erith Town have impressed many this season and will look to finish on a high when hosting 3rd-placed Glebe while Holmesdale welcome Erith & Belvedere to Oakley Road still trying to finish in a record-high top ten position for them in the SCEFL.

Elsewhere, Punjab United and Welling Town will battle for 13th place and Hollands & Blair say goodbye to their grass surface at Star Meadow when hosting Canterbury City.

SportBlogs

Amani Richards

Amani Richards - The Islington jewel - Putting his borough on the map.

From his blistering speed to being one of the most exhilarating youngsters in the game. Amani who has the capabilities to play on either side of the wings and up top found his love for the game whilst playing for local sides in the borough of Islington. The talent was clear and it wouldn't be long till this mesmerising wonder kid would begin to gain positive noise around his name.

The elite academies in the country were chasing after this star boy as he would sign to possibly one of the best academies around in Chelsea in 2017. Cobham being renowned for their ability to produce countless top players. It was a no brainer.



4 years of pure growth, goals and glorious performances would see Amani make a serious name for himself in the youth game.

When Arsenal came calling in the summer of 2021 Amani would switch allegiances. Time to showcase his splendid talent across to the red side of London. The rise would sky rocket. No stopping the shine.

Having scored 3 goals in his first 5 appearances he would also feature in the U23 set up whilst becoming the youngest player to do so since Reiss Nelson in 2015. This earned the tantalising baller a professional contract at The Gunners!

From the estates in Islington to a professional contract at Arsenal. What dreams are made of! 10 months followed and an attractive offer from Leicester would be put on the table for Amani. Deadline day on January 31st 2022 and he would put pen to paper on a deal with the foxes. His most recent game would also see him bag in a 2-0 victory over Chelsea which is also where the journey all began.

What a story line. Where this young man follows so does the goals. Now at the age of 17 and with bundles of academy experience Amani continues to rise and shine. If they haven't caught on yet it surely won't be long till they all do. This superb baller is reaching the top of this game.

Amani Richards. Most definitely next up!



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