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TUNBRIDGE WELLS



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From The Chairman

Welcome to the Mayplace Ground today as we host Tunbridge Wells in a SCEFL League game.

A game which holds 3 crucial points for us as we continue our battle against relegation late into the season.

We come into the fixture on the back of a 2-0 defeat to Lordswood whilst Tunbridge Wells, who are sitting in 9th position, come off a 1-1 draw with Lordswood.

After our 3-0 league defeat to our opponents only a few weeks ago we will be looking to get revenge and take the important 3 points today.

Huge game ahead!



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



Tunbridge Wells

A Brief History



Senior football has been played in Tunbridge Wells since 1886 although the Club has had different names. Tunbridge Wells Wanderers might be the best, though an un-used, name as ten different grounds have been used around the town. The post war years, however, saw the club almost entirely based either at the present Culverden Stadium or at Eridge Road on what is now the Showfields Estate.

In its heyday Tunbridge Wells played regularly in front of four-figure crowds and were a significant force in non-league football. The 1930's in particular were heady days when long cup runs were almost expected by supporters and Football League opposition was not unusual in the FA Cup. Tunbridge Wells Rangers' first Kent League fixture took place in 1903. Before World War II, the club also competed in the London Combination and Southern Leagues. After the war the Wells briefly resumed playing as an amateur club although success and a return to semi-professional status were not far around the corner.

In 1954-55 the club once more progressed to the FA Cup first round proper before being comprehensively beaten by Brighton. Honours in this season included a unique treble of Kent Senior Cup, Kent Senior Shield and Kent League Cup.

After five seasons in the bottom four of the Southern League, the club duly collapsed at the end of the 1966-67 season and it was left to the determination of supporters to see the present day club formed. They entered the Kent Premier League and by the next year the team finished as Kent League runners up. The Wells won the Kent League championship in 1985 and have also won the Kent League Cup four times since the club's reformation.

On 31st August 2005 Tunbridge Wells made European football history by winning the longest penalty shoot-out for a senior cup match. 40 spot kicks were taken with the Wells triumphant 16-15 over Littlehampton Town in the FA Cup.

In 2009 Martin Larkin was appointed manager and in 2012-2013, secured the Kent Senior Trophy, the first trophy for 25 years, and memorably reached the final of the FA Vase at Wembley.

During the summer of 2015, Larkin resigned from his post due to work commitments which led to Jason Bourne being promoted from long standing player to first team manager with Mark Stapley as his assistant.

2015/16 saw the club finish in 14th place and was followed by two seasons of 15th placed finishes. The 2017-18 campaign also saw Wells reach the SCEFL Challenge Cup Final where they ended as runners-up to Whitstable Town. The following season was disappointing ending in a 16th placed finish resulting in a change of Manager.

With Richard Styles leading the team out in 2019/20 things were going very well indeed. However the Coronavirus Pandemic came along and the season was abandoned.

The same happened again in 2020/21 so now the Club go into this season looking to continually drive the Club forward.



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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

WE HAVE a saying at NLP Towers, probably not too dissimilar to the thoughts of thousands of fans up and down the country each and every Saturday.

While the concept of Non-League Day must be embraced and celebrated, for us, every day is Non-League Day. We live and breathe it 365 days a year as I know you all do too.

So, even though last Saturday was 'just another day' at the office for us, for others it opened up the game at this level to a wider audience while players from the top two tiers of the English game were representing countries over their clubs. And what an introduction they had.

Back after a two-year Covid-forced absence, Non-League Day made a hard-hitting return to the fixtures calendar with fans flocking in their droves to get a piece of the action.

None more so than at Notts County for the big game of the day where a stonking crowd of 10,334 witnessed their derby visit of promotion rivals Chesterfield, who themselves contributed 2,719 visiting fans to that gate.

At Step 2, a gate of 3,317 saw in-form York City take on Leamington – and turnstiles clicked furiously lower down the pyramid with Ilkeston Town attracting just short of 1,000 for their visit of Yaxley at Step 4.

Non-League Day, as we know, is renowned for its special events and celebrations – and this year's occasion didn't disappoint.

South Shields' 1st Cloud Arena was the destination for Alex Scott and the BBC's Football Focus team as the cameras witnessed the celebration of the Mariners' visit of Stafford Rangers.

Those who stuck around after the match were able to watch England's friendly with Switzerland and even join in with a bit of karaoke!

Dover Athletic fans had a day to remember too. Those who made the long trip up to Wrexham were not only treated to free pies by their hosts, but also an 11-goal thriller with Jordan Davies' 98th-minute winner clinching a stupendous 6-5 victory for the home side.

Co-owner Ryan Reynolds should be used to such scripts as a Hollywood A-lister but even he tweeted that he had "lost nine years of his life" given the high-octane entertainment which saw his side hit back from 5-2 down against the already-relegated Whites.

In Southern Central League Division One, Welwyn Garden City celebrated their centenary with a bumper crowd clicking through the turnstiles for their match against Wantage Town.

Fans watched the match for free and at the same time learned about the club's 100-year history with an exhibit in the clubhouse with many former players and coaches turning up to support them.

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos also allowed fans in for free if they donated an item of clothing to those affected by the war in Ukraine or KitAid Africa.

Half-price tickets were on offer at Harrow Borough as they took on Merthyr Town in the Southern Premier South while, at Redcar Athletic, entrance was just £4 by proudly wearing a red Middlesbrough FC shirt.

A dance troupe and marching band greeted fans of Wessex League side US Portsmouth – and it was an all-singing-all-dancing affair also for former Arsenal and Barnet goalkeeper Graham Stack, who came out of retirement at the age of 40 to turn out for Chesham United against Poole Town.

Stack demonstrated the spirit of Arsenal's Invincibles side as the Generals netted a last-minute winner to win 3-2 – but only after Stack had given away a penalty!

So, another huge Non-League Day success and plenty to crow about as the season comes to a nail-biting head, both in the leagues and on the road to Wembley in the FA Trophy and FA Vase.

But, as mentioned earlier, every day is Non-League Day for us regulars and your continued support remains as vital as ever in keeping your football club alive – and at the heart of community

Again, Happy Non-League Day, everyone!

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)	L1-3
League	Kennington (A)	L1-3
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)	L1-3
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)	02/04

Premier Division

Fixtures

Saturday 2nd April

Canterbury City v Crowborough Athletic

Erith & Belvedere v Bearsted

Fisher v Hollands & Blair

Glebe v Lordswood

Kennington v Erith Town

K Sports v Rusthall

Punjab United v Chatham Town

Sheppey United v Deal Town

Tower Hamlets v Tunbridge Wells

Welling Town v Holmesdale

Monday 4th April

Welling Town v Rusthall

Tuesday 5th April

Hollands & Blair v Punjab United



Southern Counties East Football League

Latest Premier Division Results

Tuesday 29th March

Crowborough Athletic 1-2 Sheppey United

Glebe 1-1 Deal Town

Tunbridge Wells 1-1 Lordswood

Monday 28th March

Welling Town 3-3 Punjab United

Saturday 26th March

Chatham Town 2-1 Fisher

Crowborough Athletic 2-1 K Sports

Deal Town 2-1 Holmesdale

Erith & Belvedere 3-1 Canterbury City

Erith Town 1-2 Punjab United

Glebe 3-0 Bearsted

Hollands & Blair 2-2 Tunbridge Wells

Lordswood 2-0 Tower Hamlets

Rusthall 0-2 Sheppey United

Welling Town 2-1 Kennington



Premier Division

SCEFL Table

#	Club		M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Sheppey United	W W W W W >	34	29	3	2	86	23	63	90
2	 Chatham Town	W D W W W >	33	28	3	2	100	17	83	87
3	 Glebe	D W L W D >	32	21	8	3	80	29	51	71
4	 Deal Town	W D L W D >	33	21	4	8	70	30	40	67
5	 Erith & Belvedere	W L W L W >	33	18	5	10	70	52	18	59
6	 Kennington	W W D W L >	33	17	6	10	69	57	12	57
7	 Erith Town	D W W D L >	33	17	4	12	61	49	12	55
8	 Tunbridge Wells	L L W D D >	32	14	6	12	63	48	15	48
9	 Crowborough Ath	D W L W L >	34	14	6	14	65	68	-3	48
10	 Hollands & Blair	W W W W D >	33	13	7	13	48	42	6	46
11	 Bearsted	W L L L L >	33	13	7	13	50	59	-9	46
12	 Holmesdale	W L L W L >	33	13	3	17	46	46	0	42
13	 Punjab United	W L W W D >	32	10	5	17	50	66	-16	35
14	 Welling Town	L L L W D >	33	10	5	18	46	76	-30	35
15	 Fisher	L L D L L >	32	8	9	15	39	50	-11	33
16	 K Sports	L L L L L >	32	10	2	20	56	77	-21	32
17	 Canterbury City	L L D W L >	32	8	7	17	35	66	-31	31
18	 Rusthall	L L L W L >	32	6	2	24	30	77	-47	20
19	 Lordswood	L L W W D >	33	5	5	23	35	96	-61	20
20	 Tower Hamlets	L L L L L >	34	3	3	28	33	104	-71	12

Up to and including 1st April

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.

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Joel Mensah.

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As he continues to present this gift of his to us all it surely won't be long till the likes of Sky Sports and even abroad to Barstool sports come calling for this mans services.

From Newham to the world.

Just wait on it.

Yah feel meh!



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