



WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN

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SEASON 2010-11 WELCOME

I wish to extend best wishes to all Member Clubs of the Ryman Football League in season 2010/11. As always, last season the three Divisions were particularly competitive, and I see no reason that 2010/11 will be any different.

Once again our good friends at Ryman Ltd. are sponsoring the League, and I was delighted to be able to announce at the League Banquet & Ball in Brighton in June that they have willingly agreed to a further three year extension of that sponsorship at the end of this season.

Championship Manager and Lucas Fettes & Partners will continue their sponsorship and the Isthmian League Cup and the Youth Cup respectively.

The new season sees us with three new sponsors. Macron, supported by six of their dealers, are our new Benchwear sponsors, whilst Soccerade are the Official Sport Drink Partner of the Ryman League. Macron will in addition sponsor the Manager of the Month, Team performance and Golden Boot awards, whilst Soccerade will sponsor awards relating to Respect and Fair Play. Finally the Sells Goalkeeping Academy will sponsor our Golden Gloves awards.

I am sure all clubs will benefit from our existing and new sponsorships, concluded after a summer of much hard work by the Board of Directors and myself.

Season 2010/11 sees us warmly welcome the six new member clubs to our League – AFC Sudbury, Bury Town, Faversham Town, Grays Athletic, Needham Market and Whitehawk - competing in a very strong Premier Division and two regional First Divisions.

At the same time we have had to say goodbye to a similar number of clubs – Dartford and Boreham Wood to the Conference South, Ashford Town (Middx) and Northwood to the Southern Football League and Ashford Town and VCD Athletic, and we wish them every success and enjoyment in their respective new Leagues this season.

Hopefully, we will also see the success, as last season at Lowestoft Town, Sutton United, Tooting & Mitcham United and Wealdstone, in the FA Cup competition, whilst it would be good to see more success from our Clubs in the FA Trophy – as well as in the respective County Cup games.

I also look forward with much anticipation to the fourth season for Youth League, now with thirty-two clubs competing in four Divisions, with another very successful season, together with our every growing Youth Cup, Veterans Cup and Womens Cup competitions.

The Ryman Football League is fully committed in its support of The FA's "Respect Programme", and look to the full co-operation of all Member Clubs of the League with this initiative to enhance our game.

Good luck to every Club in our League, and thank you for your support.

Alan Turvey – Chairman

SEASON 2010/11 PREVIEW

*By Peter Butcher – Ryman League
Communications Administrator*

Premier Division

Call it fear of the unknown. Ask around the Premier Division clubs, and they predict one of the tightest campaigns of all time. No-one will run away with the title as Dartford did last year. Then they look worried and mutter 'Lowestoft'.

The Suffolk side are strongly fancied to spend the shortest possible time in the Ryman League. Having achieved the double century of 100 points and 100 goals in their debut Division One North season, they have added judiciously to their squad and, with crowds at Crown Meadow likely to be in four figures more often than not, they are clearly capable of earning a second successive promotion.

But things rarely go according to plan in football. A year ago all the talk was of Sutton and Carshalton. Sutton did, indeed, finish second only to crash out in the play-off semi-finals, but Carshalton never lived up to expectations. So anything that follows may clearly be taken with a pinch of salt.

It's hard to imagine that this season will be chaotic as 2009-10, where promotion contenders became relegation candidates overnight and vice-versa. Chief offenders were Tonbridge, who occupied a play-off position in November and March but visited the bottom four in between. Aveley, who finished third, were half-expecting to go down with a couple of months left. Remember, too, that the teams who contested the play-off final had amassed one point between them after four matches apiece.

Before considering the clubs who might be in contention at the top, it might be easier to think of clubs that might not be. An instant apology is due to them, but if you're asked to write a preview . . .

Margate, you would think, will be happy to finish 18th after receiving two successive relegation reprieves and three homeless clubs, Maidstone, Hendon and Horsham, may find it difficult to contend (we'll come to the fourth later). Harrow have achieved little in terms of league placing recently but their manager,

David Howell, is one of the longest-serving in the league so the club are clearly content to live within their means rather than, literally, going for broke. Add to that list, perhaps, Aveley, who lost manager Rod Stringer and many of their first-team squad during the summer. Of the promoted teams, Folkestone may find that all those 1-0 wins in Division One become 0-0s or 0-1s at the higher level and they will, one suspects, aim only to establish themselves. Carshalton, too, may settle for rebuilding after failing so drastically to live up to expectations last season while Canvey, who finished the season poorly, could well find themselves as the second-best team on the island.

So that's nine clubs written off, but that's not to say that none of them will be in play-off contention at some stage. And I'll be very surprised if the eventual bottom four includes as many as three of them.

Here's another problem with previews. Who's playing where? Past experience shows, whoever plays in pre-season friendlies and whatever signings are announced, no-one can really be confident of their line-ups until 3pm on the first Saturday of the league season. On top of that, most clubs will have picked up a few youngsters cast off from higher levels, some of whom will turn into stars of the season and some of whom won't. Hands up anyone who guessed in mid-October 2009 that a teenage former Millwall trainee by the name of Sam Higgins, having made no impression at Brentwood and Hornchurch in the early part of the season, would make East Thurrock his third club of the season and end it as the league's top scorer.

Still, it looks as if a number of clubs have made significant improvements in their squads, among them promoted Croydon Athletic and Canvey's other club, Concord. Sutton have snapped up that prolific scorer Richard Jolly, who must be expected to bounce back from a slight off-year last time around, and winger Fola Orilonishe, a key player in Thurrock's impressive Conference South side last season. He was once, if memory serves, named the fourth-fittest man in Britain, however they worked that out.

Tooting have lost goal ace Paul Vines to Bromley but have replaced him with a classic

power-and-pace combination, much-travelled Rob Haworth, a member of Dartford's title-winning squad, and Godalming's free-scoring Phil Williams. Hornchurch have boosted their attacking options considerably, including the signing of 2008-09 'golden boot' winner Martin Tuohy. Beaten play-off finalists Kingstonian, meanwhile, have retained their superb marksman Bobby Traynor, who must have attracted considerable interest from clubs in higher leagues.

Cray, the fourth 'homeless' club, would perhaps not normally be considered among the front-runners but reports suggest that they will be going for it in a big way to mark their 150th anniversary season.

Who's left? Well, there's Hastings and Tonbridge, all play-off contenders for much of last season. No reason why they shouldn't be there or thereabouts again. Billericay are determined to improve; they struggled last time but a 4-1 win at Dartford showed their potential.

Two clubs left. Bury Town, promoted in the Zamaretto League and transferred across, are something of an unknown quantity. They are not talking up their chances but most observers reckon they will be more than useful. Finally, Wealdstone, who just missed the play-offs last year but are determined to push on.

Decision time. Well, for this writer it's Lowestoft and Sutton to battle it out for the title, Kingstonian and Wealdstone for the play-offs. The other play-off spot? Well, I'll go for Hornchurch. Why? Because they're my local club. If they weren't, I'd probably pick Croydon.

Division One North

It would be cruel to tip anyone but East Thurrock for the Division One North title. They surely deserve it. In 2008-09 a missed penalty, virtually the last kick of the season, condemned them to the play-offs and last season, despite hitting 102 goals, they finished only fifth. In both years they were beaten in the play-off semi-finals.

In both seasons they have provided the league's top scorer, Martin Tuohy and then Sam Higgins. If they can complete that rare hat-trick they will surely not slip up again. Wingate & Finchley and Enfield Town were the other disappointed play-off contenders last

season; both are expected to challenge again, with Wingate in particular having the air of a club that is going places.

Brentwood, third in 2009 but only 12th last year, look to have made the necessary improvements to their squad while renamed Maldon & Tiptree should also progress; so should Ware, while Harlow will surely not finish bottom again. Heybridge are always there or thereabouts.

Thamesmead had a reasonable campaign last time and, with a massive ground redevelopment due for completion in December, they are clearly ambitious. Maybe they'll have to wait till next year.

Promoted clubs tend to do well in this division and Needham Market's rise from obscurity has been so rapid that they would seem equipped to continue their progress. Sudbury were runners-up two years ago before their brief excursion to the Zamaretto League and are expected to be formidable again. And then there's Grays, rebuilding after catastrophe. Most fancy them to challenge.

Division One South

This division looks set to provide a lively battle with the favourites perhaps being Leatherhead, who reached last season's play-offs with a strong finish and also won the Championship Manager Cup. It seems remarkable that a team with such a history has not played in the Premier Division since 1983 and that exile may be due to end.

Of last season's other leading teams, Worthing have lost most of their squad and Fleet, after several promotion near-misses under Andy Sinton, have to adjust to a new manager and a much-changed team. It may be hard for those two to contend again.

Several of the Fleet players have joined Met Police, who should improve on their last effort of tenth place. Among those who finished above them, play-off finalists Godalming and Sittingbourne will fancy their chances while Walton & Hersham, like Leatherhead, are also due a return to the top table, albeit after a considerably shorter exile.

Many would expect a revival from Bognor, relegated twice running but always an attractive side even when things are not going their way. They, however, reckon they'll be content to arrest their decline. We shall see.

Newcomers to this division are Whitehawk and Faversham, both promoted as champions of their county leagues. Both would seem to have the backing to go further, though Hawks have lost half their managerial team with the exit of the experienced George Parris, leaving Darren Freeman to go it alone.

Dark horses? Perhaps Redbridge, who have spent a lot of money in the summer getting their tattered ground back up to scratch. Similar progress may follow on the field.

And finally...

Lowestoft's double-century achievement of 100 goals (actually 115) and 100 points (actually 101) was the tenth such feat in the league's history. Of course, it was not possible in the league's early years, when it was a ten-match programme, and even if you allow three points for a win it was not until the 1963-4 season, when the programme grew from 30 to 38 games, that it could have been done.

The first team to get a theoretical 100 points were Hendon in 1972-3, the first time 42 matches were played. They won 34 games and collected 74 points, which becomes 108 if you allow three for a win. But they scored only 88 goals.

It was the following season that the league adopted three-point wins – and, for the first time, a second division – but it took a while for the first double-century to be achieved. Even the 1977-8 Enfield side, rated by many the greatest Isthmian team of all time, had only 96 goals to go with their 100 points.

There were a number of other near misses but it was 1985-6 before the first team posted three figures in each column. It was Wycombe Wanderers, who said farewell to the league with 103 goals and 101 points.

Among the ten clubs to have done the double, two are now playing in the Football League. After Wycombe came Stevenage in 1990-91, though few would have anticipated their future success. Their 122 goals and 107 points came in Division Two North.

So is achieving the double a guarantee of future glory? Sadly, not. Of the other seven clubs to have done it before Lowestoft, two – Newbury and Yeading – no longer exist. Two more, Dorking and Chertsey, now play at Step

5, Arlesey at Level 4. Apart from the Trawlerboys, Canvey are the only ones to start this season at Step 3 and even they have had their ups and downs. Their feat, by the way, should be marked with an asterisk, as should Yeading's, because they came in 46-game seasons.

There is one particular oddity among these double centuries. Newbury (115 goals, 103 points) and Chertsey (121, 102) both achieved the feat in 1993-4, and both in Division Two. With third-placed Aldershot collecting 97 points, there is a case for declaring that division the strongest, relative to its level, of all time. Luckily for the Shots, another League-bound team, three clubs won automatic promotion in those days.

NON LEAGUE DAY

The Ryman Football League has given its backing to 'Non-League Day', 4th September, when there are no Premier League or Championship games because of an England international.

QPR supporters James Doe has started a campaign on social networking website Facebook to persuade fans left without a game to go and watch their local non-league side instead. Already almost 1,000 have pledged to do so.

"As a youth with little cash I used to go to watch Harrow Borough. I still try to go to two or three games a season and always love the experience," said Doe.

"Non-league teams often play a vital part in local communities and survive only as a result of hard-working volunteers. They often provide a place for young people to realise their footballing talents and are the very thing that underpins football in this country. People who get involved will help this to continue," Doe added.

"The whole experience of non-league football can be very refreshing. In some cases you can probably take a family of four and buy them refreshments for the price of a single Premier League or Championship ticket."

Wealdstone are the first Ryman League club to announce an initiative for the date, when they are at home to newly-promoted Bury Town in the Premier Division.

Stones are particularly keen to welcome fans

of QPR and Watford to the Bury match as many supporters of those clubs are local to the Ruislip area.

As a special incentive they will offer half price admission (£5.00) to anyone who produces a valid season ticket from another club (excluding the opposition!) at the turnstiles.

Now the Ryman League is encouraging all its clubs to come up with ideas for boosting their gates on Non-League Day.

LEAGUE RULE 15.3 – MATCH OFFICIALS

Rule 15.3 reads as follows:

In the event of any of the Match Officials appointed for a match not being in attendance at the match or becoming unable to complete the match it shall be completed under the control of the remaining Match Officials unless the competing Clubs are able to agree upon a substitute who is acceptable to the Match Referee; should the appointed Match Referee fail to appear then the senior Assistant Referee must take charge. Any substitute agreed for a match shall be considered a Match Official for the purposes of that match.

In the event that a Club causes a match to be abandoned in relation to the operation of this Rule then that Club shall be charged with failing to fulfil a fixture (Rule 8.6 refers).

LAWS OF THE GAME AMENDMENTS 2010-11

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Present Text:

The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They **may** be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and must not be dangerous to players.

Approved Text:

The goalposts and crossbar must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They **must** be square, rectangular, round or elliptical in shape and **must not be dangerous to players.**

Reason:

The current definition requires clarification in order to indicate that goalposts of any other shape are not permitted

Law 5 – The Referee

(Relating to Injured Players)

Present Text:

Exceptions to this ruling are to be made only when:

- a goalkeeper is injured
- a goalkeeper and an outfield player have collided and need immediate attention
- a severe injury has occurred, e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg

Approved Text:

Exceptions to this ruling are to be made only when:

- a goalkeeper is injured
- a goalkeeper and an outfield player have collided and need immediate attention
- **players from the same team have collided and need immediate attention**
- a severe injury has occurred, e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg

Reason:

It is considered unfair that players of the same team who collide are currently required to leave the field of play to receive treatment leaving the team concerned at a numerical disadvantage.

Law 5 – The Referee

(Relating to Injured Players)

Present Text:

- the stretcher-bearers should enter the field of play with a stretcher **at the same time as the doctors to allow the player to be removed as quickly as possible**

Approved Text:

- stretcher-bearers should only enter the field of play with a stretcher **following a signal from the referee**

Reason:

Stretcher-bearers' mandatory entry onto the field of play for all injuries where a doctor is requested frequently causes unnecessary disruption to the game.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

(Relating to Interpretation of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees)

Present Text:

Feinting to take a penalty kick to confuse opponents is permitted as part of football. However, if, in the opinion of the referee, the

feinting is considered an act of unsporting behaviour, the player must be cautioned.

Approved Text:

Feinting **in the run-up** to take a penalty kick to confuse opponents is permitted as part of football. However, **feinting to kick the ball once the player has completed his run-up is considered an infringement of Law 14 and an act of unsporting behaviour for which the player must be cautioned.**

Reason:

In view of an increasing trend in players feinting to take a penalty kick to deceive the goalkeeper, it is necessary to clarify what is permitted and what action a referee must take in the event of an infringement.

ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

A goal by Kev Terry produced a shock win for Leatherhead in the revived Isthmian League Charity Shield match on Tuesday, 20th July. It was the first time since 2004 that the Shield had been contested.

A crowd of 483 turned up at Dartford's Princes Park to see whether last season's champions, preparing for life in Conference South, could bid farewell to the league with a trophy.

But the Division One South side, the League Cup holders, had much the better of the first half, taking the lead after 21 minutes when Terry tapped home as the Darts defence failed to deal with Liam Pestle's cross.

It proved to be enough to win the match, though Darts raised their game in the second half and were denied a late equaliser only by a terrific save by Chico Ramos from substitute Danny Crouch.

MATCH OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES

Match fees and travelling expenses for match officials remain the same for the new season.

They are:

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| Referee match fee | £45.00 |
| Assistant referee match fee | £30.00 |
| Travelling expenses | 32p per mile |

MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

A reminder that Contributory League Match Official appointments are no longer distributed by The FA by post but are available online at:

<http://www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/Referee/ContributoryLeagueOfficials.aspx>

Appointments will be available in accordance with the dates outlined below.

September - Week Commencing 16th August 2010

October - Week Commencing 13th September 2010

November - Week Commencing 18th October 2010

December - Week Commencing 15th November 2010

January - Week Commencing 13th December 2010

February - Week Commencing 17th January 2011

March - Week Commencing 14th February 2011

April/May - Week Commencing 14th March 2011

RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATISTICAL REVIEW –SEASON 2009/10

The twelfth edition of "The Statistical Review of the Ryman Football League – 2009/10 season" is now available.

It includes all the results, goalscorers and attendances of League, League Cup, Youth League, Youth Cup, Veterans Cup, Womens Cup, FA Cup, FA Trophy and County Senior Cups of each member club with listed player appearances for League matches including regular playing position. An index of players in alphabetical format is also included.

Also included is an index of players in alphabetical format of each player used in the Ryman League and their regular playing position.

The book costs £5.50 + 95p (1st) or 82p (2nd) to cover postage.

Copies may be purchased from: **Mike Wilson, 71 Elm Road, Slade Green, Kent DA8 2NN**

RESULTS

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Tuesday, 20th August, 2010

Isthmian Charity Shield

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| Dartford | 0 – 1 | Leatherhead Terry 22 | 483 |
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Tuesday, 3rd August, 2010

Essex Senior Cup – Final (Season 2009/10)

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| AFC Hornchurch Black 51 | 1 – 2 | Colchester United Lapado 61, 72 | 509 |
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FIXTURES

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Saturday, 21st August, 2010

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Cray Wanderers
Billericay Town vs. Tonbridge Angels
Bury Town vs. Kingstonian
Carshalton Athletic vs. Lowestoft Town
Concord Rangers vs. Sutton United
Folkestone Invicta vs. Croydon Athletic
Harrow Borough vs. Maidstone United
Hastings United vs. Wealdstone
Horsham vs. Aveley
Margate vs. Canvey Island
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Hendon

Division One North

Brentwood Town vs. Leyton
Enfield Town vs. Waltham Abbey
Grays Athletic vs. Harlow Town
Great Waking Rovers vs. East Thurrock
United
Heybridge Swifts vs. Tilbury
Needham Market vs. Thamesmead Town
Potters Bar Town vs. Maldon & Tiptree
Redbridge vs. AFC Sudbury
Romford vs. Cheshunt
Waltham Forest vs. Ilford
Ware vs. Wingate & Finchley

Division One South

Burgess Hill Town vs. Walton Casuals
Chatham Town vs. Corinthian-Casuals
Chipstead vs. Eastbourne Town
Fleet Town vs. Bognor Regis Town
Metropolitan Police vs. Horsham YMCA
Sittingbourne vs. Dulwich Hamlet
Walton & Hersham vs. Ramsgate
Whitehawk vs. Faversham Town
Whitstable Town vs. Godalming Town
Whyteleafe vs. Merstham
Worthing vs. Leatherhead

Monday, 23rd August, 2010

Premier Division

Aveley vs. Folkestone Invicta
Kingstonian vs. Billericay Town
Wealdstone vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Division One South

Walton Casuals vs. Worthing

Tuesday, 24th August, 2010

Premier Division

Canvey Island vs. Harrow Borough
Hendon vs. Concord Rangers
Lowestoft Town vs. AFC Hornchurch
Maidstone United vs. Hastings United
Sutton United vs. Horsham
Tonbridge Angels vs. Bury Town

Division One North

AFC Sudbury vs. Ware
Cheshunt vs. Great Waking Rovers
East Thurrock United vs. Enfield Town
Harlow Town vs. Potters Bar Town
Leyton vs. Waltham Forest
Maldon & Tiptree vs. Grays Athletic
Thamesmead Town vs. Brentwood Town
Tilbury vs. Needham Market
Waltham Abbey vs. Heybridge Swifts
Wingate & Finchley vs. Romford

Division One South

Bognor Regis Town vs. Whitehawk
Corinthian-Casuals vs. Fleet Town
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Whitstable Town
Faversham Town vs. Walton & Hersham
Godalming Town vs. Whyteleafe
Horsham YMCA vs. Burgess Hill Town
Leatherhead vs. Metropolitan Police
Merstham vs. Chatham Town
Ramsgate vs. Chipstead

Wednesday, 25th August, 2010

Premier Division

Cray Wanderers vs. Carshalton Athletic
Croydon Athletic vs. Margate

Division One North

Ilford vs. Redbridge

Division One South

Eastbourne Town vs. Sittingbourne

Friday, 27th August, 2010

Premier Division

Cray Wanderers vs. Tooting & Mitcham
United

Saturday, 28th August, 2010

Premier Division

Aveley vs. Concord Rangers
Canvey Island vs. Carshalton Athletic
Croydon Athletic vs. Billericay Town
Hendon vs. Hastings United
Kingstonian vs. AFC Hornchurch
Lowestoft Town vs. Margate
Maidstone United vs. Bury Town
Sutton United vs. Folkestone Invicta
Tonbridge Angels vs. Harrow Borough
Wealdstone vs. Horsham

FA Cup – Preliminary Round

AFC Sudbury vs. Stamford
Alton Town vs. Merstham
Bognor Regis Town vs. Ringmer
Chertsey Town vs. Chatham Town
Cheshunt vs. Cockfosters
Chipstead vs. Whyteleafe
Daventry Town vs. Needham Market
East Thurrock United vs. Waltham Abbey
Faversham Town vs. Paghham
Fleet Town vs. Bedfont Town
Hadley or Barking vs. Redbridge
Harlow Town vs. Barton Rovers
Hartley Wintney vs. Whitehawk
Hitchin Town vs. Ware
Horley Town vs. Metropolitan Police
Leatherhead vs. Burgess Hill Town
Leighton Town vs. Heybridge Swifts
Lingfield vs. Corinthian-Casuals
Maldon & Tiptree vs. Hertford Town
Newport Pagnell Town vs. Potters Bar
Town
Ramsgate vs. Godalming Town
Saffron Walden Town vs. Great Waking
Rovers
Sittingbourne vs. Andover
South Park vs. Horsham YMCA
Southend Manor vs. Brentwood Town
Thamesmead Town vs. Littlehampton
Town or Beckenham Town
Tunbridge Wells vs. Dulwich Hamlet
Uxbridge vs. Tilbury

VCD Athletic vs. Eastbourne Town
Waltham Forest vs. Enfield Town
Walton & Hersham vs. Bracknell Town
Walton Casuals vs. Worthing United
Whitstable Town vs. Croydon
Wingate & Finchley vs. Northwood
Witham Town vs. Ilford
Worthing vs. Arundel

Sunday, 29th August, 2010

FA Cup – Preliminary Round

Romford vs. Beaconsfield SYCOB (*kick-off*
2.00 p.m.)

Monday, 30th August, 2010

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Wealdstone
Billericay Town vs. Canvey Island
Bury Town vs. Aveley
Carshalton Athletic vs. Croydon Athletic
Concord Rangers vs. Lowestoft Town
Folkestone Invicta vs. Tonbridge Angels
Harrow Borough vs. Hendon
Hastings United vs. Cray Wanderers
Horsham vs. Kingstonian
Margate vs. Maidstone United
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Sutton
United

Division One North

Brentwood Town vs. Waltham Abbey
Enfield Town vs. Harlow Town
Grays Athletic vs. Tilbury
Great Waking Rovers vs. Ilford
Heybridge Swifts vs. AFC Sudbury
Needham Market vs. Maldon & Tiptree
Potters Bar Town vs. Wingate & Finchley
Redbridge vs. Thamesmead Town
Waltham Forest vs. East Thurrock United
Ware vs. Cheshunt

Division One South

Burgess Hill Town vs. Bognor Regis Town
Chatham Town vs. Ramsgate
Chipstead vs. Leatherhead
Fleet Town vs. Walton Casuals
Walton & Hersham vs. Godalming Town
Whitehawk vs. Eastbourne Town
Whitstable Town vs. Faversham Town
Whyteleafe vs. Corinthian-Casuals
Worthing vs. Horsham YMCA

Tuesday, 31st August, 2010

Division One North

Romford vs. Leyton

Division One South

Metropolitan Police vs. Dulwich Hamlet
Sittingbourne vs. Merstham

Saturday, 4th September, 2010

Premier Division

Aveley vs. Hastings United
Canvey Island vs. Tooting & Mitcham United
Cray Wanderers vs. Harrow Borough
Croydon Athletic vs. Concord Rangers
Hendon vs. Carshalton Athletic
Kingstonian vs. Margate
Lowestoft Town vs. Folkestone Invicta
Maidstone United vs. AFC Hornchurch
Sutton United vs. Billericay Town
Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham
Wealdstone vs. Bury Town

Division One North

AFC Sudbury vs. Romford
Cheshunt vs. Brentwood Town
East Thurrock United vs. Redbridge
Harlow Town vs. Waltham Forest
Ilford vs. Enfield Town

Leyton vs. Grays Athletic
Maldon & Tiptree vs. Great Wakering Rovers
Thamesmead Town vs. Ware
Tilbury vs. Potters Bar Town
Waltham Abbey vs. Needham Market
Wingate & Finchley vs. Heybridge Swifts

Division One South

Bognor Regis Town vs. Sittingbourne
Corinthian-Casuals vs. Whitehawk
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Burgess Hill Town
Eastbourne Town vs. Walton & Hersham
Faversham Town vs. Metropolitan Police
Godalming Town vs. Chipstead
Horsham YMCA vs. Whitstable Town
Leatherhead vs. Whyteleafe
Merstham vs. Fleet Town
Ramsgate vs. Worthing
Walton Casuals vs. Chatham Town

PLAYER MOVEMENTS

Players Registered to date: 1,207

| Player | From | To | Date |
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| Adje1, Kennedy | AFC Wimbledon | Sutton United | 21 st August 2010 |

FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE

Division One North

| Match | Original Date | New Date |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Romford vs. Leyton | 30 th August 2010 | 31 st August 2010 |

Division One South

| Match | Original Date | New Date |
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| Metropolitan Police vs. Dulwich Hamlet | 30 th August 2010 | 31 st August 2010 |
| Faversham Town vs. Whitstable Town | 1 st January 2011 | 3 rd January 2011 |

CLUB GOSSIP

CRAY WANDERERS FC

ONLY three clubs in the world can claim to be 150 years old or more - and they met in the Heritage Tournament organised by the oldest of them, Sheffield, on Saturday, 31st July.

It was Ryman Premier side Cray Wanderers, founded in 1860, who kicked off their 150th anniversary season by winning the tournament.

A last-minute goal by Ola Smith earned them a 1-0 victory over Hallam (also 1860), who had earlier beaten Sheffield (1857) by the same score. A header by Richard White then gave Cray the lead against Sheffield, who hit back to win 2-1.

With each club having won one game, Cray and Sheffield then took part in a penalty shoot-out for the trophy, having each scored two goals to Hallam's one.

Cray's two heroes were veteran outfield player Sam Wright and the youngest member of their squad, 18-year-old Fraser Cronin. Wright, called in as an emergency goalkeeper, saved a penalty at 6-6 (pictured above courtesy of Simon Roe) and Cronin promptly fired home the winner. Cray were presented with the trophy by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

HENDON FC

After many months of hard work, and one or two false starts, Hendon Football Club Supporters Trust is delighted to announce that it has taken control of the Premier Division club from its previous owners.

The club has commenced trading through the Trust's subsidiary company, Hendon Football Club (2008) Ltd. The club's initial board of directors comprises three long-term Hendon fans, Simon Lawrence (who becomes chairman), David Bedford and Michael Harte.

Hendon Football Club, which enjoyed its centenary in 2008 and has one of the proudest histories in non-league football, becomes one of a handful of football clubs that is entirely owned by its supporters.

The club is now playing its home matches at Vale Farm, the home of Wembley Football Club.

Lawrence said: "Taking ownership of the club has been the aim ever since the Supporters Trust was formed back in March 2006. It has taken us quite a while to get there but now the destiny of our club is in our hands. We face a huge challenge to bounce back from the loss of Claremont Road and to ensure our survival and we appeal to all Hendon fans - past and present - to support us now and help ensure that Hendon fans of the future are able to celebrate our bicentenary.

"We are starting from scratch in terms of corporate sponsorship and advertising so if there are any companies out there that would like to form a relationship with us, we would be only too pleased to meet you.

"The Supporters Trust would like to thank the Football Association, Middlesex County Football Association, London Football Association and the Ryman League for their support over the past four years and we look forward to maintaining our close ties with them for many years to come."

MARGATE FC

Margate Football Club had reason to celebrate this week when they learned that plans for a new North Stand at Hartsdown Park had been given the go-ahead.

The application by London & Margate Development Ltd, the Premier Division club's development partner, has been granted full planning consent subject to an Amended Deed of Variation, which has already been prepared and submitted to Thanet Planners by the company's solicitors.

The new stand, once completed, will also allow the 5-a-side centre to be completed, with permanent changing room facilities, together with a new bar and lounge. The new stand will service both the existing 5-a-side pitches and a new full-sized all-weather 3G pitch which was also approved by Thanet planners last month.

The new stand will also include a 5,000 sq ft building to be used for educational purposes, and London & Margate are in negotiation with two local operators, seeking to appoint a suitable tenant for that use.

The stand will provide a new covered terrace, the full width of the pitch, designed to hold 1,500 supporters. It will include new dressing rooms, and players' lounge facilities for both

home and away teams.

WEALDSTONE FC

Non League supporter James Doe has come up with the innovative idea of a 'Non-League Football Day' on Saturday 4th September 2010

With England playing the night before and there being no Premier League or Championship games on that day as a result, the idea is that it would be a great opportunity to try and get fans of the big clubs to come and sample some football at their local non-league club instead

Wealdstone are at home at St George's Stadium on 4th September so this is an excellent opportunity for fans of professional clubs to come down to The Vale and see the Stones in action against Bury Town (KO 3pm) in the Ryman League Premier Division.

Stones are particularly keen to welcome fans of QPR and Watford to the Bury match as many supporters of those clubs are local to the Ruislip area.

As a special incentive Wealdstone FC will offer half price admission (£5.00) to anyone that produces a valid season ticket of another club (but excluding the opposition!) at the turnstiles.

James has launched Facebook and Twitter campaigns which have both had encouraging responses, supporters and media organisations from around the world having already signed up.

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