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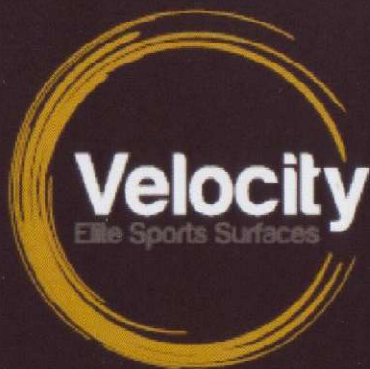
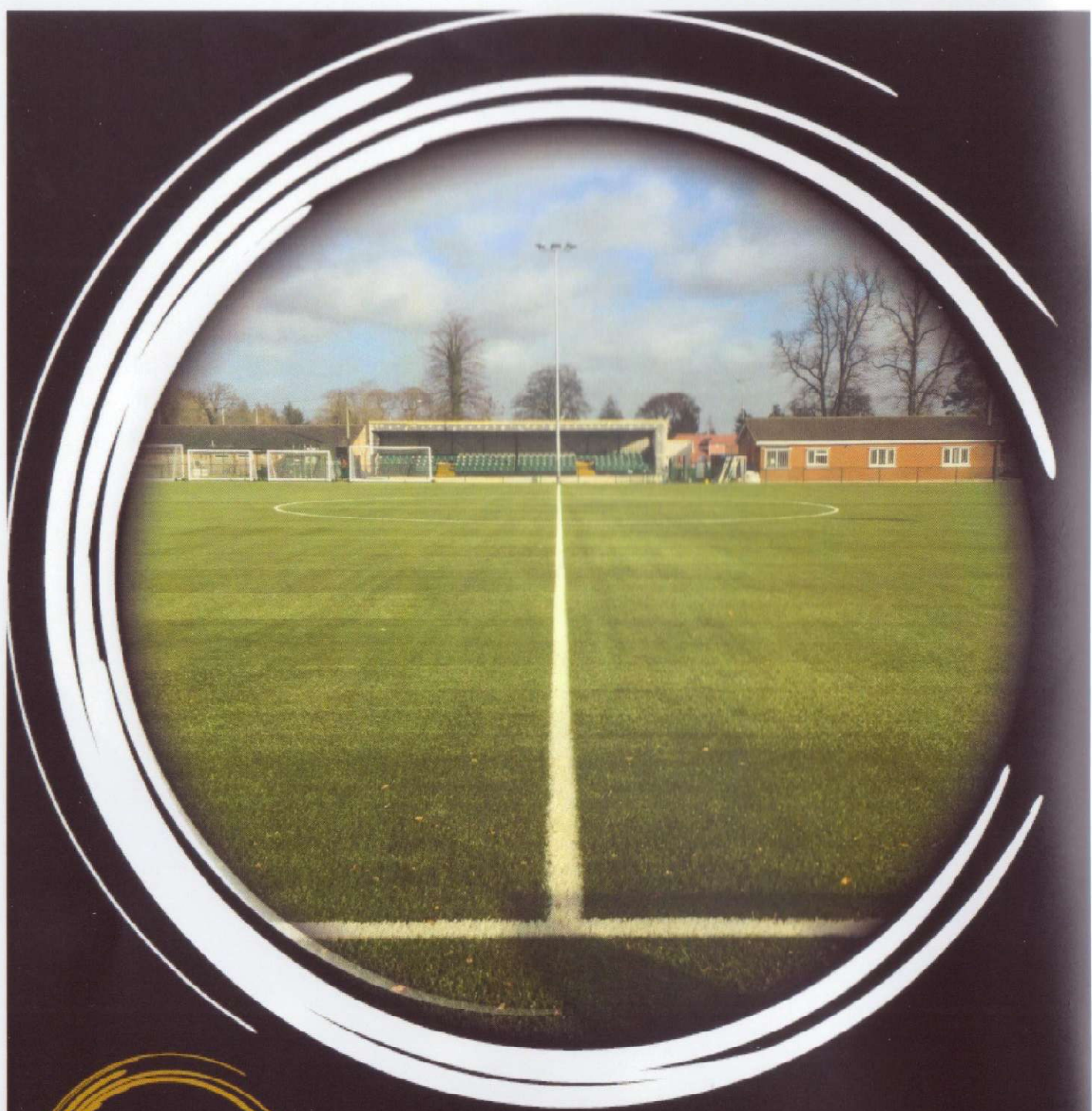
METROPOLITAN POLICE FC

Wednesday 11th April 2018

Kick Off 7:30pm

at Aveley FC





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Chairman's Welcome

Good evening everybody and welcome to the magnificent surroundings of Parkside, the home of Aveley FC. I must first of all thank the directors of the Club for allowing us to use their palatial surroundings which I am sure will be welcomed by the players, supporters and officials of both competing clubs, Billericay Town FC and Metropolitan Police FC.

Billericay Town FC of course need no introduction because they are the current holders of the competition and are looking to be the first side to retain the Cup since Sutton United FC did it in 1984. The Club have of course gained much exposure through social media and the written press this season and it must be remembered that their record win in last year's cup final was arguably the start of the revolution by owner/manager Glen Tamplin who has seen his side exceeded in both The FA Cup and The FA Trophy competitions this season. This has led to a backlog of fixtures but as I write these notes Glen's team are in second place in the Premier Division with sufficient games in hand to overall the current leaders.

Metropolitan Police FC have reached the final of this competition for the first time in their history and we congratulate manager Jim Cooper and his team on this achievement. The Club have been members of the Bostik League since 1977 when the Club moved from the Southern Football League at a time when lateral movement between our competitions was something of a rarity. The Club have distinguished themselves throughout their membership of the League with their wonderful ground at Imber Court which was at one time famous for having only three floodlight pylons but still passed the floodlight test!

We must not forget our sponsors, Velocity, without whom this competition would be of less importance. Velocity have been busy over the last few years as the company is one which installs 3G pitches. Indeed they have installed the magnificent surface here at Parkside as well having laid many other pitches currently in use in the Bostik League. We welcome Joe Boniface and his fellow directors who will be presented to the

teams before the match and who will also be making the presentation of the trophy and medals to the players at the conclusion of the match.

The trophy is the Alan Turvey Trophy named after our President who has been involved with the League for nearly 60 years. Alan unfortunately could not make the final of the competition named after him last season but we do hope that he will be present at this year's competition and will be part of the presentation party. We are for ever grateful for the contribution made to the League by Alan who is a life member of the League and in every sense a true Isthmian.

The final welcome this evening is to our match officials. Our Referee is Joel Mannix and he is ably assisted by Assistant Referees John Wynne and Rhys Battye, together with Alex Rayment who is our fourth official. We hope that the four of you all enjoy your evening as much as the players.

In conclusion I want to thank each and every one of you for attending this match tonight. As a League we never forget that you have much call upon your time and money and we never take your support for granted. Long may you continue to support your teams and the Bostik Football League.

N R Robinson
Chairman
Isthmian Football League



Running Order of Events

7.20pm - Presentation of teams and match officials

7.30pm - First half

8.15pm - Half time

8.30pm - Second half

Extra time and penalties if required

Presentation of trophies at conclusion of match

Billericay Town FC History

Billericay Town Football Club was formed in 1880 making it the 11th oldest club in Essex. It moved into the Romford & District League in 1890 competing in this league until 1914.

After the 1st World War, BTFC entered the Mid-Essex League where they remained until 1947. Between 1947 and 1966 they played in the Southern Essex Combination League. In 1966 they became founder-members of the Essex Olympian League. Five years later, in 1971, Billericay Town Football Club became founder-members of the Essex Senior League and the club's six-year stay in that competition saw them win the Championship three times and be Runners-Up twice (and third the other season). The League Cup was won four times and they were Finalists once. In addition they won the League Challenge Cup the only time that it was competed for.

Whilst members of the Essex Senior League, the club won the FA Vase in 1976 beating Stamford 1-0 after extra-time at Wembley Stadium. The following season, 1976/1977, the club again reached the FA Vase Final. After a 1-1 draw at Wembley, the replay was played at Nottingham Forest F.C. Billericay Town emerged victorious with a 2-1 victory over Sheffield, reputedly the oldest club in the world.

Billericay Town also became the first Non-League club to win the Rothmans Merit Award in 1978 for "having made a worth-while contribution to the wide spectrum of the game in 1977/78" - the only club previously to have won this Award was Liverpool, the previous season, when they were the European champions. Progressing to the Athenian League in 1977, Billericay won the Championship and the League Cup in their first season. They became Champions again in 1978/1979 and were elected into the Isthmian League.

Billericay Town became the first club to win the F.A.Vase for a third time in 1979 when they defeated Almondsbury Greenway 4-1. This match was notable for a hat-trick by Doug Young - the first hat-trick in a Cup Final at Wembley Stadium since Geoff Hurst's in the 1966 World Cup Final.

The Club then competed in the F.A.Trophy until 1989/1990 when the F.A.Vase was again entered and the Quarter-Final was reached, losing 0-1 to the eventual Finalists, Bridlington. After their success in the Athenian League, Billericay's league successes continued in the Isthmian League when in their first season they won the Division 2 title with a winning margin of 17 points, scoring 100 goals in their 36 league matches. The following season, in Division 1, they finished as runners-up to Bishops Cleeve - the first time in the history of the Isthmian League that a club had won promotion in two successive seasons on entry into the League.

Billericay then had five seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated in 1986. They then spent two years in Division

One before again being relegated - this time into Division Two North.

Following re-organisation of the League, Billericay finished in third place in the newly formed Division Two and so gained promotion to Division One. That season, 1991/1992, they finished the season with an unbeaten run of 15 games, including winning the Essex Thames-Side Trophy.

Full Membership of the Football Association was achieved in 1993, twelve years after obtaining Associate Membership in 1981.

Promotion back to the Premier Division was obtained in 1998. The club finished runner-up in 2004/2005 before losing in the playoffs, they again reached the play-offs in 2006/2007. In what probably ranks as the most remembered game in recent years, Billericay beat local rivals Chelmsford in the semi-finals on penalties in front of a crowd of over 2,000. The final however ended with a less successful penalty shoot out and defeat to Bromley.

In November 2007, the club staged its biggest ever competitive game at New Lodge - reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the third time, Billericay finally drew league opposition for the first time in the form of Swansea City. The Blues took a first half lead before going down to two late goals.

The 2010/11 season saw much local success. The first team lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in 35 years and the club were in fact triple County winners as the youth development programme was rewarded with the Under 18 and Under 16 sides also winning their respective County Cup competitions. This success was built on in 2011/12 as the club finally secured promotion to the Blue Square Bet South as Ryman League Champions.

However, it proved to be a one season stay, despite a good start, the second half of the season was blighted by poor weather and despite hanging on until the penultimate game, a return to the Ryman league beckoned.

Subsequent seasons have seen the club steadily rebuild itself. A mid-table finish in 2013/14 was followed in 2014/15 by a respectable 8th place finish in the league and appearances in the final of the Essex Senior Cup and the semi final of the League Cup. The 2015/16 campaign saw the club enter April in the play-off places, eventually finishing 9th.

The club's profile changed in early December 2016 as it was taken over by new owners and the arrival of a number of new recruits to the playing staff. A push for the play-offs fell just short but Town lifted the Alan Turvey Trophy with a record 8-3 victory in the Final. The summer has seen a massive building project delivering a largely rebuilt stadium and more arrivals on the pitch that suggest exciting times ahead for the new look Blues.

Billericay Town FC Player Profiles

BILLY BRICKNELL - Billy rejoined Town on 26 November 2016 from Chelmsford City. He'd previously ended the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons as Town's top goalscorer, a feat he repeated last season with 25 goals. He also scored a first half hat-trick in Town's 8-3 League Cup Final victory against Tonbridge Angels. Previous clubs include Tottenham, Leyton, Chelmsford City, Dover Athletic, Ebbsfleet United, and Maidstone United.

CALUM BUTCHER - Calum Joined us from Mansfield Town in January this year. He began his career with Tottenham Hotspur spending some time on loan to Barnet and has also played at Dundee United, Burton Albion and Millwall.

ADAM CUNNINGTON - Striker Adam joined Town in February 2017 from Bromley. Made his mark earlier this season with a 17 minute hat-trick after coming on as a substitute. Previous clubs include Barton Rovers, Leighton Town, Hitchin Town, Solihull Moors, Kettering Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Alfreton Town, Tamworth, Cambridge United, Bristol Rovers, Ebbsfleet United, Woking and Bromley.

SAM DEERING - Midfielder Sam joined during the summer from Ebbsfleet United. He has league experience with Oxford United, Barnet and Cheltenham and played in the National League at Newport County and Whitehawk.

ROBBIE EVANS - Wrexham born Evans joined Town in the summer of 2017. Rob came from through the ranks at Wrexham to captain the side, and has represented Wales at youth level

KEVIN FOLEY - Republic of Ireland international Kevin Foley joined Town in August. He started his career with his hometown club Luton Town before switching to Wolverhampton Wanderers where he won the first of 8 international caps. He later played in Denmark for Copenhagen before returning to England to join Ipswich Town, Charlton Athletic and Coventry City.

JACK GIDDENS - Now in his second spell with the club, having returned in 2015 from Tilbury. Popular with the supporters, Jack marked his first season back by sweeping up the end of season player awards. Has also played for Leyton Orient, Tooting and Mitcham, Aveley and St Neots, and in Norway.

LIAM HUGHES - Signed from Guiseley in February, scoring on his debut in the Velocity Trophy semi-final. Played for Cambridge United for 6 years making over 150 appearances, before playing at Barrow.

DEAN INMAN - Dean joined Town in October 2017 for a club record fee of £26,700 from Maidenhead United and was immediately made club captain. He started at Brentford before joining Hampton & Richmond Borough then moving to Hayes & Yeading before his transfer to Maidenhead.

ALAN JULIAN - Alan joined Town in February 2017 from Bromley. He has represented Northern Ireland at Under 21 level. Previous clubs include Brentford, Stevenage Borough, Gillingham, Newport County, Dartford, and Sutton United

JOE KIZZI - Versatile defender signed in October 2017 from Wingate & Finchley after strating out at Waltham Abbey.

RICKY MODESTE - Ricky was another summer 2017 signing, joining from Dover Athletic. Modeste had been a youth player with Charlton Athletic and Arsenal, later joining Rushden & Diamonds and Chelmsford City.

JAMIE O'HARA - Jamie joined Billericay Town in March 2017 and made his debut away at Dulwich Hamlet. His first goal for the club was a spectacular overhead kick which he described it as the best goal of his career. A pro career of over 220 games included spells at Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, Wolves, Blackpool, Gillingham, and Fulham

MATT PAINE - Defender Matt joined Town during the summer of 2017. He progressed through the ranks at Colchester United before joining Thurrock in the Conference South, and playing a division higher with Braintree Town and then Boreham Wood where he played last season. Recently returned from a loan spell at Concord Rangers.

JAKE ROBINSON - Jake joined Town from Hemel Hempstead, where he had scored 27 goals in 28 appearances, in March 2017, being signed for a club record transfer fee. Spent 6 years with home town club Brighton making 123 appearances, and later played at Aldershot, Shrewsbury, Torquay and Northampton. Was also a key figure making over 100 appearances for Whitehawk as they rose through the pyramid.

LUKE ROONEY - Another player with over 100 Football League appearances. Started at Gillingham, followed by spells with Swindon, Maidstone, Luton, Ebbsfleet and Crawley. Returned from two years at Phoenix Rising in America and joined Town in February.

ROB SWAINE - Returned in January 2017 for a third spell with the club, after initially coming through the youth ranks to the first team. In his second spell, he captained the side to the Isthmian League title. In between, played at Thurrock, Chelmsford City and Bromley where he was again a promotion winning captain, guiding The Ravens to the National League

JOSH URQUHART - Defender signed in the summer from Wealdstone. Started at St Albans before spells at Potters Bar and Harlow.

DANNY WALDREN - Dan joined Town during the summer of 2017 from Welling United. He got his start at Croydon Athletic before joining Bromley in the Conference South and a spell at Dulwich

NICK WHEELER - The wide midfielder started his career with Charlton Athletic before going on the play for Lewes, Burgess Hill and Tonbridge Angels. Signed in November from Dagenham and Redbridge.

BILLERICAY TOWN - ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	RES	SCORERS	ATT
1	26/09	H	Barking	5-1	Ellul, Walker (2), Bricknell (2)	518
2	08/11	A	Maldon & Tiptree	3-0	Watt, Inman (2)	336
3	22/11	H	Heybridge Swifts	1-1	Robinson	355
QF	16/01	A	Wingate & Finchley	1-0	Robinson (p)	172
SF	19/02	H	Corinthian Casuals	3-1	Hughes, Bricknell, Cunnington	442

PREVIOUS RECORD LAST FIVE YEARS

SEASON	ROUND
2012/13	Not in league
2013/14	Third Round
2014/15	Semi-Finals
2015/16	Preliminary Round
2016/17	Winners

METROPOLITAN POLICE - ROUTE TO THE FINAL

ROUND	DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	RES	SCORERS	ATT
1	22/08	A	Harrow Borough	3-1	Kozakis, Wil- liams, Collins	122
2	21/11	A	Folkestone Invicta	2-1	Autorino, Newton	141
3	13/12	H	Romford	4-2	Kealy (2), James, Newton	28
QF	30/01	H	Enfield Town	2-1	Macklin, Mum- mery	66
SF	13/03	A	Dulwich Hamlet	0-0		210
<i>Metropolitan Police won 4-1 on penalties</i>						

PREVIOUS RECORD LAST FIVE YEARS

SEASON	ROUND
2012/13	Fourth Round (L 16)
2013/14	Fourth Round (L 16)
2014/15	First Round
2015/16	Second Round
2016/17	Second Round

RESULT	FIRST ROUND	ATT	DATE
5-1	AFC Hornchurch v Aveley	98	19/09
5-1	AFC Sudbury v Brightlingsea Regent	113	19/09
0-2	Ashford United v Greenwich Borough	142	18/09
5-1	Billerica Town v Barking	518	26/09
0-2	Bowers & Pitsea v Grays Athletic	113	19/09
0-1	Canvey Island v Brentwood Town	238	02/09
1-3	Carshalton Athletic v Dorking Wanderers	113	18/09
2-0	Cheshunt v Waltham Abbey	108	19/09
5-0	Chipstead v Leatherhead	89	19/09
1-1	Enfield Town v Hertford Town	178	26/09
(Enfield Town won 9-8 on penalties)			
2-5	Faversham Town v Hythe Town	97	19/09
1-1	Harlow Town v Bury Town	113	19/09
(Bury Town won 5-4 on penalties)			
1-3	Harrow Borough v Metropolitan Police	122	22/08
4-2	Heybridge Swifts v Mildenhall Town	108	03/10
4-2	Horsham v Burgess Hill Town	83	27/09
1-1	Maldon & Tiptree Leiston	77	19/09
(Maldon & Tiptree won 5-4 on penalties)			
2-1	Margate v East Grinstead Town	196	19/09
4-1	Potters Bar Town v Ware	63	26/09
1-1	Romford v Tilbury	84	20/09
(Romford won 5-4 on penalties)			
4-1	Shoreham v Worthing	142	19/09
2-0	Sittingbourne v Ramsgate	104	26/09
0-0	Soham Town Rangers v Witham Town	93	19/09
(Soham Town Rangers won 9-8 on penalties)			
3-1	South Park v Molesey	51	05/09
1-1	Staines Town v Dulwich Hamlet	125	19/09
(Dulwich Hamlet won 4-2 on penalties)			
4-3	Thamesmead Town v Phoenix Sports	59	06/09
10-1	Tonbridge Angels v Herne Bay	180	05/09
1-1	Tooting & Mitcham United v Merstham	74	19/09
(Merstham won 4-3 on penalties)			
0-3	VCD Athletic v Folkestone Invicta	70	26/09
2-1	Walton Casuals v Kingstorian	157	19/09
1-2	Whyteleafe v Corinthian-Casuals	77	19/09
3-0	Wingate & Finchley v Haringey Borough	78	22/08
Bye: Hendon			

RESULT	SECOND ROUND	ATT	DATE
0-0	Bury Town v Heybridge Swifts	179	24/10
(Heybridge Swifts won 5-4 on penalties)			
1-4	Cheshunt v Enfield Town	199	14/11

4-1	Dulwich Hamlet v Greenwich Borough	444	31/10
1-2	Folkestone Invicta v Metropolitan Police	141	21/11
5-1	Hendon v Grays Athletic	65	14/11
0-3	Maldon & Tiptree v Billericay Town	336	08/11
2-2	Margate v Corinthian Casuals	253	24/10
(Corinthian-Casuals won 5-3 on penalties)			
2-1	Romford v AFC Hornchurch	105	28/10
0-4	Shoreham v Dorking Wanderers	70	21/11
(Dorking Wanderers have been removed from the competition)			
1-0	Sittingbourne v Merstham	126	10/10
2-3	Soham Town Rangers v Brentwood Town	88	24/10
2-5	South Park v Chipstead	68	24/10
3-2	Thamesmead Town v AFC Sudbury	67	22/11
0-0	Tonbridge Angels v Hythe Town	173	08/11
(Hythe Town won 5-3 on penalties)			
1-3	Walton Casuals v Horsham	70	31/10
(Matched ordered to be replayed)			
3-0	Walton Casuals v Horsham	70	21/11
2-1	Wingate & Finchley v Potters Bar Town	60	17/10

RESULT	THIRD ROUND	ATT	DATE
1-1	Billerica Town v Heybridge Swifts	355	22/11
(Billerica Town won 5-3 on penalties)			
HW	Dulwich Hamlet v Walton Casuals		
(Walton Casuals were removed from the competition)			
4-3	Enfield Town v Chipstead	125	19/12
1-2	Hythe Town v Hendon	121	05/12
4-2	Metropolitan Police v Romford	28	12/12
2-3	Shoreham v Brentwood Town	52	30/01
1-1	Thamesmead Town v Corinthian-Casuals	56	19/12
(Corinthian-Casuals won 5-3 on penalties)			
3-2	Wingate & Finchley v Sittingbourne	71	28/11

RESULT	QUARTER FINALS	ATT	DATE
0-1	Brentwood Town v Dulwich Hamlet	119	08/03
1-3	Hendon v Corinthian-Casuals	93	09/01
2-1	Metropolitan Police v Enfield Town	66	30/01
0-1	Wingate & Finchley v Billericay Town	172	16/01

RESULT	SEMI-FINALS	ATT	DATE
3-1	Billerica Town v Corinthian Casuals	442	19/02
0-0	Dulwich Hamlet v Metropolitan Police	210	13/03
(Metropolitan Police won 4-1 on penalties – at Tooting & Mitcham United FC)			

League Cup Final History

Season	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Score
1974-75	Tilbury	Croydon	(Two-legs)	3-1
1975-76	Slough Town	Tilbury	Hayes	4-0
1976-77	Hendon	Barking	Harrow	1-0
1977-78	Dagenham	Leatherhead	Dulwich	1-0
1978-79	Enfield	Hayes	Slough	2-1
1979-80	Enfield	Sutton United	Harrow	2-1
1980-81	Slough Town	Walthamstow Avenue	Hayes	4-2
1981-82	Leytonstone-Ilford	Kingstonian	Boreham Wood	2-0
1982-83	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legs)	2-1
1983-84	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legs)	3-1
1984-85	Wycombe Wanderers	Farnborough Town	(Two-legs)	5-1
1985-86	Sutton United	Uxbridge	Metropolitan Police	3-1
1986-87	Bognor Regis Town	Hendon	Windsor	3-2
1987-88	Yeovil Town	Hayes	Basingstoke	3-1
1988-89	Bishop's Stortford	Farnborough Town	Hayes	1-0
1989-90	Aveley	St. Albans City	Dagenham	3-0
1990-91	Woking	Carshalton Athletic	Kingstonian	2-1
1991-92	Grays Athletic	Enfield	Dagenham	3-1
1992-93	Marlow	Molesey	Aldershot	2-1
1993-94	Chertsey Town	Enfield	Hayes	3-0
1994-95	Aylesbury United	Slough Town	Marlow	1-1(7-6 on pens)
1995-96	Kingstonian	Aldershot Town	Aldershot	4-1
1996-97	Boreham Wood	Braintree Town	Dagenham	1-0
1997-98	Sutton United	Oxford City	Harrow	6-1
1998-99	Aldershot Town	Boreham Wood	Slough	2-1
1999-2000	Farnborough Town	Maidenhead United	Basingstoke Town	1-0
2000-01	Heybridge Swifts	Croydon	Purfleet	3-0
2001-02	Northwood	Hampton & Richmond	St. Albans City	3-2
2002-03	Yeading	Canvey Island	Hornchurch	2-0
2003-04	Thurrock	Dunstable Town	Bishop's Stortford	5-1
2004-05	Slough Town	Hampton & Richmond	Staines Town	3-1
2005-06	Fisher Athletic	Billericay Town	Grays Athletic	4-0
2006-07	Ashford Town (Middx)	Dover Athletic	Bromley	4-1
2007-08	Ramsgate	AFC Sudbury	Dartford	0-0 (5-4 on pens)
2008-09	Tilbury	Harrow Borough	Staines Town	2-0
2009-10	Leatherhead	Wealdstone	Met Police	0-0 (4-3 on pens)
2010-11	Wingate & Finchley	Dulwich Hamlet	Metropolitan Police	2-0
2011-12	Bury Town	East Thurrock Utd	Staines Town	1-0
2012-13	Concord Rangers	Dulwich Hamlet	Maidstone Utd	3-2 (AET)
2013-14	Maidstone United	A.F.C. Sudbury	Maidstone Utd	3-0
2014-15	Hendon	Grays Athletic	Whyteleafe FC	3-2
2015-16	Kingstonian	Faversham Town	Carshalton Athletic	5-0
2016-17	Billericay Town	Tonbridge Angels	Carshalton Athletic	8-3

Metropolitan Police FC History

On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969.

In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under Team Manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper.

In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season (1977/78) resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In Season 1981/82 the club finished 3rd in Division One, missing promotion by just two points.

However, fortunes changed and in 1984/5, as a result of finishing third from the bottom, the Blues were relegated to Division Two (South). Ironically, in that 1984/5 season the Blues enjoyed their best run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper. The home tie against Dartford was subsequently featured on the BBC's "Match of the Day" programme. Defeat against Dartford was followed by a run of defeats in the league, which saw the Blues drop into one of the four relegation places introduced that season.

On returning to Division Two (South) the Blues finished 7th in both 1985/6 and 1986/7. During 1987/88 the Blues led the Division Two (South) table in January by seven points but they were overhauled by Chalfont St Peter, who won their last two games of season and became champions by just one point. The Blues were runners-up by virtue of a one-goal difference over Dorking. It was a nail-biting finish to a season in which the Blues lost just two league matches, both away.

The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table in Division One but in 1990/1 the club finished second from bottom and were relegated into the newly formed Division Two of the restructured Diadora (Isthmian) League. The club remained in Division Two for several years, always finishing in the top half but just outside the promotion positions. In 1993/4 the Blues again reached the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, losing 2:0 to Crawley Town.

Season 1994/5 saw the club celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a game against the Army and the opening of a new grandstand at Imber Court. The Blues finished in 5th position in Division Two and ended the season with a thrilling victory in the Carlsberg Trophy, defeating Collier Row in a penalty shoot-out following a 1:1 draw after extra-time.

During the next few seasons the club continued to finish in the top half of Division Two and in 1999/2000 reached the 5th Round of the F.A. Vase (last 8), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town.

In 2002/3 the Ryman League was restructured and the Blues were placed in Division One South. That season the club finished second from bottom and faced the prospect of relegation. By a stroke of good fortune, only three teams were relegated from Divisions One North and South, therefore, we found ourselves in a relegation play-off against Wembley who finished second from bottom in Division One North. Fortunately, we won both legs of the play-off and retained our place in Division One South. Another poor season in 2003/4 saw us finished just above the relegation places in 20th position.

Following the F.A. restructuring of the non-league pyramid, in 2004/5 we found ourselves in the Ryman League Division One. In their first full season in charge, the new management team of Jim Cooper, assisted by Gavin MacPherson and John Nicholson, had an immediate impact and we finished 5th in the Division One, thus qualifying for the play-offs (introduced as part of the F.A. restructuring) where we played Bromley. An evenly balanced encounter ended with the scores 1:1 after extra time but we lost 4:3 in the penalty shoot-out.

In 2005/6 we finished in 4th position in the Ryman Division One but again fell at the play-off semi-final stage, losing 1:0 to Dover Athletic.

Further F.A. restructuring resulted in a Ryman League Division 1 North and Division 1 South in 2006/7 and the club finished in sixth position in the Division 1 South. With only one club promoted automatically, the club narrowly missed out on a play-off place. However, the club reached the final of the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time since 1933 but was beaten 4-1 after extra time by Tooting & Mitcham United, the score after 90 minutes was 1-1.

In 2007/8 the Blues finished 4th in the Ryman League Division 1 South but for the third time in four years was beaten in the play-off semi final, this time 2-0 by Cray Wanderers.

In 2008/9 the club again finished in 4th position in the Ryman Division One South, thus qualifying for the play offs for the 4th time in 5 seasons, winning the semi final play off match 1:0 against Fleet Town, but losing 0:1 to Cray Wanderers in the final.

In 2009/10 MPFC had a disappointing Ryman Division 1 South league campaign. After a poor start the club was never in a position to mount a serious challenge for a play off position and finished in 10th position. However, this disappointment was off-set by winning the London Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating AFC Wimbledon in an exciting final, 4:3 on penalties, after the match ended 4:4 after extra time.

The 2010/11 season proved to be the most exciting in the club's history, culminating in the club winning the Ryman League Division 1 South Championship by the narrow margin of one goal. Bognor Regis Town had a 2 point advantage during the latter stages of the season and that was the situation when the clubs lined up for the final match. Bognor were held to an unexpected draw by Chatham Town and with the Met managing to scramble a 1:0 win against Merstham, it was enough to win the title with a goal difference of 61 against Bognor's 60.

So, for the first time in the club's history it competed in the Ryman League Premier Division during the 2011/12 Season. The club got off to a flying start and at Christmas found themselves in 4th position but unfortunately fell away in the second half of the season and finished in 12th position.

The 2012/13 Season proved to be the most successful in the clubs history at that stage, finishing in 6th position in the Ryman League Premier Division, missing out on a play-off place on goal difference (9 goals). The club had a good run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper, eventually losing 2:1 to Crawley Town from League One of the Football League.

The 2013/14 Season was less successful in respect of the Ryman League Premier Division in that we spent much of the season in mid-table, eventually finishing in 17th position. Although we were knocked out of the FA Cup and FA Trophy at an early stage, we reached the final of the London Senior Cup and Surrey Senior Cup. The 2014/15 Season ended with us reaching the Ryman League Premier Division playoffs, albeit, via an unusually set of circumstances. We actually finished in 6th position in the Premier Division but after a protracted series of appeals, Enfield Town were deducted 3 points and we ended up in 5th position. Unfortunately, we lost the playoff semi final 2:1 to Hendon. However, we enjoyed success in the Surrey Senior Cup, beating Merstham 2:0 in the final.

In 2015/16 we finished in 12th position. We had mixed fortunes in the cup competitions, falling at the first hurdle in the FA Cup after a reply with Sittingbourne and the first Round of the London Senior Cup to London Bari on penalties. We fared marginally better by reaching the 2nd round of the Ryman League Cup and the 3rd round of the Surrey Senior Cup before losing to Tooting & Mitcham and Molesey respectively. We had a decent run in the FA Trophy losing eventually in the 3rd Qualifying round to a good Wealdstone side after beating AFC Hornchurch and Canvey Island in previous rounds.

The 2016/17 season was one of mixed emotions and ups and downs. The 1st X1 struggled with form and consistency which resulted in a relegation battle that went to the last game of the season. The high point was reaching the final of the London Senior Cup with some memorable and exciting matches but unfortunately we lost in the final.

Metropolitan Police FC Player Profiles

LUKE WILLIAMS. A talented goalkeeper who joined from Harrow Borough in July 2017. Luke is the brother of defender Sam Williams. Luke has previously played for Aldershot, Hereford and Slough Town.

WILL SALMON – Will is a former England C International who has probably had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus including Aldershot Town, Fleet Town (loan) AFC Wimbledon, Ebbsfleet United, AFC Telford, Bath City, Woking, Met Police and Basingstoke Town before returning to the Met in 2016 from Basingstoke Town. He was the Met's captain in the 2014-15 season where he made the Ryman League team of the year. A very assured defender who is best suited to the full back position but can also play centrally.

SAM WILLIAMS. Defender who joined the Met in 2016 having previously played for Cardiff City. Sam is a tough tackling defender who has had a short spell at Hungerford Town before returning to Imber Court in January 2017.

Sam GALLAGHER Sam joined from Hampton and Richmond this season. He is a versatile player who favours central midfield however he can play in the back line

JAY GASSON. A very experienced central defender who joined at the start of this season from Hampton and Richmond Borough. Previously played for Woking, Havant and Waterlooville, and Basingstoke captaining all of them at some period..

OLIVER ROBINSON. 21 year old central defender signed last season from neighbor's Molesey FC. Strong and very committed, Oli is a great asset to our squad and was voted both the players player and supporters player of the season. Is being 'groomed' as a future captain of the club.

TOM HICKEY - A combative midfielder who was signed from Wealdstone. He was a regular at Hampton and Richmond when aged 18 and was snapped up by Wealdstone after impressing in the central midfield. He has returned from a career threatening injury and has quickly established himself as one of the first names on the manager's team sheet. Will be the club captain for this season.

LUKE ROBERTSON - Luke has stepped up from our successful youth team in 2015/16 which reached the 4th round proper of the FA Youth Cup beating Yeovil, Burnley before losing to Wolves. He made his first team debut last

season and was unfortunate to break a bone in his foot. He is a precocious talent and is now a regular part of the 1st team squad.

Shaquille HIPPOLYTE-PATRICK— A recent signing from Wealdstone Shaquille is an attacking midfielder who is happier of the flanks but it also very comfortable in the middle of the park. His previous clubs include Sutton United and Hampton and Richmond FC..

TOM BIRD. Stylish Left back who rejoined the Met from Gosport Borough. Previously played for Basingstoke Town, Kingstonians and Fleet Town.

JOHNNY WRIGHT. - Signed from Wealdstone in July 2017 after 4 seasons with them. Johnny previously played for Workington in the Conference North making 220 appearances scoring 74 goals. Johnny has been a target of Jim's for several seasons.

Liam Enver-Marum. Powerful centre forward who has suffered with injuries this season. He has played numerous football league games for Crawley Town and has also played for such sides as Ebbsfleet, Stevenage, Bishops Cleeve, Forest Green and Maidstone. He has recently signed from Margate and is starting to get to full fitness.

Jeremy ARTHUR Jeremy is a commanding centre half who is very comfortable with the ball at his feet. He was captain of QPR U18 and represented their U23 team on a regular basis.

Bayley MUMMERY. Another exciting young talent who joined at the beginning of the season from Ashford Town Middlesex. He has bags of energy and an eye for goal and is starting to establish himself as a key member of the squad.

Match Officials Pen Pics

Referee – Joel Mannix

Joel Mannix is known to be seen working in the shadows of the celebrities such as Anthony Joshua or Kim Kardashian as a Bodyguard, however having played the beloved game at semi pro level and above been appointed to the final is one of his prestigious achievements so far in his 9 year career.

Assistant Referee – John Wynne

John, was born in London and resides in Dunstable. He, however keeps close to his London roots as he has been employed by London Transport for the past 34 years. When injury curtailed his playing career he turned to the whistle in 1994 and aspired to reach as high as Level 3. Currently serving on the Spartan South Midlands League as a referee John also serves on the Southern and Isthmian Leagues as an assistant referee. John is married to Jacqui and the couple have two daughters. Away from work and refereeing he enjoys travelling abroad, theatre, music and quizzes.

Assistant Referee – Rhys Battye

Football has always been a game Rhys has been involved with from a young age playing. He is now a PE teacher, level 2 football coach & football referee for 10 years this season. Rhys has experienced all parts of the game and wishes to continue officiating to highest level now his playing days are over.

4th Official – Alex Rayment

Alex, 27 has been refereeing since 2005 and works as an IT Manager. In his spare time, Alex enjoys cinema, training and socialising.

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Jamie O'Hara
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Luke Rooney
Danny Waldren
Nick Wheeler
Billy Bricknell
Adam Cunningham
Jake Robinson

Manager - Harry Wheeler
Asst - Danny Hazle
Physio - Kevin Head

Metropolitan Police

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1. Thomas Williams
2. Will Salmon
3. Tom Bird
4. Jeremy Arthur
5. Oliver Robinson
6. Jay Gasson
7. Luke Robertson
8. Aaron Goode
9. Jonathan Wright
10. Shaquille Hippolyte -Patrick
11. Rylan Myers.
14. Samuel Williams
15. Jamie Autorino.
16. Jonathan Nurse
17. Sam Gallagher
18. Callum Kealy
19. Liam Enver-Marum

Manager: Jim Cooper
Assistant Manger: Gavin Macpherson
Physio: Steve Bogidi
GK Coach: Scott Tarr



Referee: Joel Mannix
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