

THE SALT Epsom & Ewell Football Club WELL





SCFL Division One v Selsey FC

Saturday 10th September 2022

Kick-Off: 3.00pm

Fetcham Grove, Leatherhead, KT22 9AS

Matchday Sponsor President – Stella Lamont

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I usually like to add some programme notes to the first and last home match that we play each season, the games that I sponsor, but this time round I've chosen to 'kick-off with the one closest to my birthday, so I can reminisce a little.

I was born on 1st September 1928, a warm day, so I'm told, and one that followed a long hot summer. As my first mewling cry to the world broke the air, Epsom was putting five goals past Bostall Heath, the Kent side replying with four of their own, in what must have been a very exciting London League Premier Division game. It would be more than forty years before I moved from south London to Surrey when my association with Epsom and Ewell would begin, but it has been a very happy association and one that has now lasted half a century!

The first football matches I attended – both professional and amateur - were in south London shortly after the war. During the war itself, I was an evacuee; first to the south coast (right into the path of the Germans should they have got across, as my son likes to point out) and then to a rather grand manor house in Essex which became our school for the duration. At the same time in north London, Bruce Forsyth, who was also born in 1928, was watching football at White Hart Lane, where Tottenham was one of eight clubs who formed the southern division of a Wartime League playing morale-boosting fixtures that often-featured guest players from other teams. Arsenal was also one of the eight, and because Highbury had been requisitioned by the government and converted into an ARP centre (and would suffer colossal bomb damage) they ground-shared with their neighbours. Finding himself able to watch both clubs, and setting aside the traditional rivalry, Bruce became a lifelong supporter of the two, never favouring one above the other.

Browsing the list of people's names with whom I share my birth year, I was taken that it includes the Argentinian revolutionary Che Guevara who also has a football connection. As a boy, he suffered from severe asthma but defied his family who wouldn't let him join his friends playing the game by choosing to become a goalkeeper, so he could keep his medication close to hand at the side of the net. The team he supported, Rosario Central, are now managed by Carlos Tevez, a familiar face to followers of British football a decade or so ago. At their most recent derby match with close rivals, Newell's Old Boys live grenades were thrown onto the pitch. The damage was simply filled in and the game played on.

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I spent my seventieth birthday watching an away fixture at Lewes F.C. which we won 1-0. Unbeknown to me, our chairman at the time had made advance enquiries at Lewes to find a local bakery who might make me a cake. By happy coincidence, the barman at Lewes said "look no further" as he baked all the cakes for the club. And what an effort he made! To my complete surprise, when the officials, players and supporters of both teams were gathered together after the match in the Lewes clubhouse, the barman entered to present me with not one cake but two, each iced with a blue birthday numeral. What a lovely touch. I was delighted.

Twenty years later, the club rewarded my ninetieth birthday with a wonderful outsize bunch of flowers. By then, however, wretchedly poor mobility had brought my days of attending football matches to a close after something like seventy years. You can imagine how cruelly disappointing that is; but rather like Ted MacDougall towards the end of his career (you can Google him, if you feel like it) hearing the crowd heckle, "You're over the hill, MacDougall!", he shot back with "At least I've been up it!".

Ten years prior to that on the occasion of my eightieth birthday when I could still go to every game, we were ground sharing with Banstead Athletic. This time celebration at the club came with a unique surprise organised by my much-missed dear friend Maryse. It was a multi-page document of reminiscence and tribute from club members and officials, managers and players past and present, along with the thoughts of long-standing friends and colleagues from the senior and youth leagues I'd been involved with for more than thirty years. It was so touching to receive and remains so to look through now and again. One line stands out about how unusual it was at the time I began to find a female voice in the almost exclusively male world of football administration, but what a welcome voice it had been. I was reminded of this when I read an opinion piece from the Daily Telegraph written six years before I was born. It was about the moral efficacy of football, generally thought to be a good idea if only to prevent idleness, but that women should not be encouraged to take part. Well, it's only taken a hundred years for equality to become the accepted norm. And should I win the outside bet and defy the doctors for a further six years, I'll achieve a centenary of my own. Perhaps there'll be fireworks - but no grenades, please!

Love to you all, Stella

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Coming Soon..

Soon we will have our brand new website up and running! We have partnered with Sussex-based company, Touchline FC to produce what we think is an exceptional website.

The easy-to-navigate site will have all fixture details, and a 'match centre' for each game which will include match reports, line-ups and other relevant information, including match previews! We are looking ahead to some exciting times at the club!

In addition to our new website, the club will finally be able to open our brand new club shop! We will have lots of new and existing merchandise available to purchase, including replica kits! Stay up to date by following our new social handles!



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Forest Row Home | Wed 17th Aug

A 'Peter's' brace seals the win

We entertained Forest Row at Fetcham Grove for our first home league game of the season in front of a good crowd for a Tuesday evening. There was one change from the Epsom lineup that played at Seaford the previous Saturday with Adam Grant replacing Tiago. Our opponents on the evening registered a fine 4-1 victory against one of the last year's off teams, only 11 days before.

After the opening exchanges, we took the lead in the 10th minute through Richard Pingling's first goal for the club with a perfect finish which curled around the keeper's desperate effort and nestled into the net. In the next 30 minutes, there were very few chances for either team and then our opponents scored an equaliser in the 42nd minute with an unstoppable shot. This setback appeared to galvanise us and we retook the lead in the 4th minute with Jabril Adamson with a low try that beat the goalkeeper. The halftime whistle sounded and we were leading 2-1.

No sooner had the second half started, than we again increased our lead with a fine finish from our marauding left-back Steve Springett; it was a good goal after some excellent build-up play. We looked comfortable for the next 10 minutes until an in-swinging corner from our opponents was headed into our net. 3-2.

We expected to face an onslaught from the visitors from that moment on when in fact the case was that we did most of the attacking and created various chances. As we all know 3-2 is never a safe scoreline, however with 13 minutes to go Brad Peters rose at the far post and headed in our 4th goal of the evening- shortly afterwards in a repeat of the move he headed our 5th goal this time from a free kick and not a corner.

The final whistle sounded and we had won convincingly 5-2; it was a good performance but still room for improvement

Welcome Selsey FC

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Home Ground: The High Street Ground



Selsey Football Club was formed in 1903 and played at various grounds before setting up home at the High Street Ground in the late 1940s. Selsey was a formidable force in the West Sussex Football League and dominated the league in the 1950s. Their record in the West Sussex Football League before applying for promotion to the Sussex County Football League was the envy of many around. They won Division One on six occasions in 1937/38, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59 and 1960/61, together with the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup on four occasions in 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58 and 1958/59. They also added the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup trophy to their haul in 1958/59.

Selsey made the step up to the Sussex County League in 1961 and made an immediate impact on Division Two when finishing runners-up to champions Shoreham in their first season. Selsey gained promotion to Division One in 1963/64, ending the season as champions and were also winners of the Division Two Invitation Cup. The club remained in the top division for five years before being relegated in 1969. The highlight of their early existence in the County scene was when they appeared at the Goldstone Ground, Brighton and were narrowly beaten by Eastbourne Utd 1-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup in season 1962/63.

The club then enjoyed its longest spell in Division One, a period of eight years. It then had its most successful time, when Danny Hinshelwood took control of the club in 2000. Season 2001/02 saw them win the SCFA RUR Cup and the following year saw them lift the John O'Hara League Cup. In 2000/01 and 2001/02 the club finished 4th on both occasions, their highest finish to date. Problems behind the scenes at the club, however, saw them start 2003/04 amongst the favourites for relegation.

Following two seasons of rebuilding and re-structuring, and with Danny Hinshelwood back in charge, the 2005/06 campaign saw Selsey back to something like their best. They gained promotion back to Division One and in 2006/07, they finished in 8th place. They also won their way through to the SCFA RUR Cup final again in season 2007/08, but could not record their second triumph of this long-established competition, losing to Three Bridges. A 15th-place finish kept them in Division One. Another cup final appearance was to come Selsey's way in 2011/12 when they played Rye Utd in the SCFA RUR Cup, but again could not record a win and lost 2-0.

In 2011 the club made improvements to the ground in line with the FA ground grading requirements and now has a ground worthy of its County League status.

2018-19 saw an immediate improvement and the 1st team ended up in 5th position with 66 points. The National and County cup competitions were not favourable to Selsey and interest in these, was again, lost in the early rounds. However, the U18s were dominant in the league. They not only won the U18 West Division, but they also won the SCFL Champions of Champions final. Things looked very bright for the club moving forward.

The next two seasons were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Season 2019-20 was terminated in March 2020 and, whilst season 2020-21 got under way, it, also, was not concluded.

Fortunately, a lot of the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted for the commencement of the 2021-22 season and this started on Saturday 31st July.

The last time Epsom faced Selsey was back in March (26th) 2022, it ended with a 4-0 win for Epsom

Away vs Worthing United | Sat 20th Aug

We travelled to the very picturesque ground of Worthing United for our fourth game of the season.

Before the match started our players joined in very respectful silence to remember the two Worthing United players who were so tragically killed in the Shoreham Air Disaster in 2015. The two players concerned Jacob Schilt and Matthew Grimstone will always be remembered and it was a privilege to be at the ground for this act of remembrance.

Now back to the match, we made one change from the team that beat Forest Row on the previous Wednesday evening, with Athan Smith-Joseph dropping to the bench with Jaevon Dyer making his full debut after coming on as a second-half substitute in midweek.

We began the match very much on top and it was a bit of a surprise that it took us until the 17th minute to take the lead. Richard Pingling set up the goal after beating two defenders and then crossing for Adam Grant to register his first goal of the season with a header into the corner of the net.

The next notable incident was when Steve Springett went down after a clash with one of his teammates and we learnt that he had dislocated a thumb; after lengthy treatment, Steve was not able to continue and was replaced by Louis Chin. Some better news was to follow as Jaevon Dyer scored his first goal for the club on the stroke of halftime; the scoreline was a fair reflection of the play in truth.

Away vs Worthing United | Sat 20th Aug

In the 55th minute, we made the game safe with Jaevon's second goal after good work from Brad Peters in the penalty box. We were never troubled again in the half and ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

The only other incident of note was the sending off by the referee of Richard Pingling after he had been substituted; it was not clear what for but something was said to the referee's assistant on that side of the pitch which the referee adjudged to be a red card offence. Some supporters near the incident were incredibly perplexed by the decision.



Adam Grant opens his tally for the season!

Away vs Redhill | Sat 27th Aug

We faced a tough assignment in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase away at Step 5 club, Redhill FC.

There were a couple of changes from our win at Worthing United last weekend with Jonny Akoto coming in for the injured Steve Springett and Aaron Bogle replacing the absent Andy Hall. We welcomed back Gavin Quintyne to the club as a new signing with Josh Alder and Riccardo Fernandez being named on the bench for the first time this year.

The first half was a well-fought-out 45 minutes from both sides with ourselves having the best of the chances, but it ended 0-0. Of particular note was the performance of Jaevon Dyer who terrorised the opposition right back and was rightly booked for fouling him not once but two or three times.

We began the second half very well and it was no surprise that we opened the scoring in the 51st minute after a superb headed finish by Brad Peters from an excellent corner. Redhill came back at us forcefully and equalised after a through ball and beat our goalkeeper into the right-hand corner. Midway through the second half, there was a handball by the Redhill No 5 in the penalty area but the referee waved play on. There were very few chances after this and then in the 79th minute after a mixup in our defence Redhill went ahead which is how the game finished.

Another notable incident was when our Captain was sent off as the game entered injury time for a second bookable offence. In truth, it was questionable if it was a foul but the referee thought it was and warranted a second yellow card. This was an incredibly harsh decision by the officials; the opposition supporters near the incident were in agreement too.

So our Vase run for this season ends before it gets started.

Away vs Redhill | Sat 27th Aug



Away vs Oakwood | Mon 29th Aug

After a very convincing win this morning at Oakwood FC we have risen to the top of the table (Correct at the time of writing) and is a complete turnaround after our first-day loss at Shoreham; we do not play this coming weekend so we will probably see us take a drop from first place, but it is still a good sight to see as I write this match report.

There were a few changes from our unfortunate FA Vase defeat to Redhill FC the previous Saturday. We started on the front foot and had a great chance as early as the 3rd minute when Josh Alder just missed the target. However, we went ahead in the 8th minute with a superb goal from Jubril Adamson from just outside the penalty box and nothing more than we deserved. The game settled down with our front line causing all sorts of problems for the Oakwood team and it was no surprise when we went further ahead in the 37th minute with a debut goal from Josh Alder who fired the ball between the goalkeeper's legs. The half ended with us 2 goals to the good.

We needed a third goal and that promptly came in the 55th minute after a great move involving at least four players. It ended with Athan Smith-Joseph producing a fierce shot that the Oakwood goalkeeper could only parry into a defender and it bobbled into the net. We went 4 up seven minutes later in the 62nd minute after a free-flowing move which ended up at the feet of a second-half substitute, Riccardo Fernandes who calmly slotted the ball into the net; it was another very good goal. The 5th goal duly arrived but from a very unlikely source in our Captain Gideon Acheampong who was on the end of another great pass and move to slot it into the net for his first ever goal for Epsom and Ewell; his goal celebration needs some work though!!!!!

Away vs Oakwood | Mon 29th Aug

All in all a very satisfying win on a pitch that was in desperate need of a mow, but that said we must recognize the welcome you get at Oakwood from their owner/director/electrician/tea maker Mark Gilbert aka Gilly who does so much for that football club - he is true gentlemen.

So the result puts us top of the division and we play next in the league at home to Selsey on Saturday 10th September, it would be great to see more supporters come along and see their local team play. However, before that, we are in a cup competition next week away at Crawley Down next Tuesday evening. 'Up the Salts'



Fixtures & Results

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Sat Aug 06	Shoreham FC SCFL	113	3-0	
Sat Aug 13	Seaford Town SCFL	94	1-2	Adamson, Andrade
Wed Aug 17	Forest Row SCFL	89	5-2	Pingling, Adamson, Springett, Peters x2
Sat Aug 20	Worthing United SCFL	89	0-3	Grant, Dyer x2
Sat Aug 27	Redhill FA Vase 1st RQ		2-1	Peters
Mon Aug 29	Oakwood SCFL	49	0-5	Adamson, Alder, Fernandes Smith-Joseph, Acheampong

September 2022

Tue Sep 6 Crawley Down Gatwick | PBLC

Sat Sep 10 Selsey FC | SCFL

Wed Sep 14 Forest Row | SCFL

Sat Sep 17 Wick | SCFL

Tue Sep 27 Godalming Town | SCFL

October 2022

Sat Oct 01 East Preston | SCFL

Sat Oct 08 Hailsham Town | SCFL

Sat Oct 15 Montpelier Villa | SCFL

Sat Oct 22 Seaford Town | SCFL

Sat Oct 29 Billingshurst | SCFL

November 2022

Sat Nov 05 Mile Oak | SCFL

Sat Nov 12 Worthing United | SCFL

Sat Nov 19 Wick | SCFL

Sat Nov 26 Shoreham | SCFL

December 2022

Sat Dec 03 Dorking Wanderers 'B' | SCFL

Sat Dec 10 East Preston | SCFL

Sat Dec 26 Chessington & Hook United | SCFL

Salts Stats | 2022/23

Appearances	Played	Goals	Epsom Debut
Matt Walton (GK)	6 (0)	1	6th August 2022
Zach Powell	6 (0)	-	27th April 2007*
Aaron Bogle	2 (0)	-	6th August 2022
Andy Hall	5 (0)	-	6th August 2022
Brad Peters	6 (1)	3	2nd October 2021
Gavin Quintyne	2 (1)	-	7th March 2020
Gideon Acheampong	6 (0)	Ī	11th January 2020
Ryan Smith	6 (0	Ī	6th August 2022
Louis Chin	5 (4)	Ī	8th December 2018
Jahobi Maher	1 (0)	Ī	6th August 2022
Jubril Adamson	5 (0)	3	13th August 2022
Tiago Andrade	5 (1)	1	6th August 2022
Athan Smith-Joseph	6 (1)	1	30th October 2021
Steve Springett	4 (1)	1	3rd August 2021
Jaevon Dyer	3 (1)	2	17th August 2022
Ricardo Fernandes	2 (2)	1	19th October 2021
Richard Pingling	4 (1)	1	6th August 2022
Hakeem Griffith	0 (0)	-	N/A
Ben King	1 (1)	-	6th August 2022
Nick Wilson	1 (1)	-	6th August 2022
Adam Grant	4 (1)	1	21st August 2021
Kam Zain (GK)	0 (0)	-	N/A
Josh Alder	1 (1)	1	27th August 2022
Josh Owen	4 (4)	-	13th August 2022
Eldi Baze	1 (1)	-	17th August 2022
Johnny Akoto	2 (1)	-	13th August 2022
George Membrillera	2 (2)	=	17th August 2022

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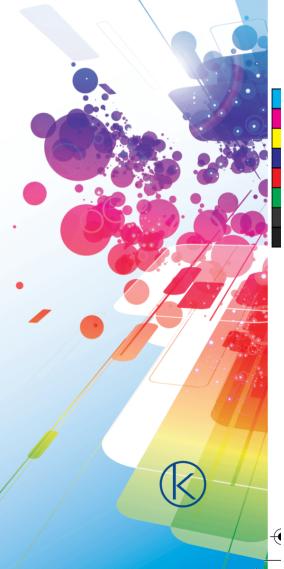
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KICK-OFF: 3.00PM