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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME MEL TOUGH

Welcome back!

Welcome to the Reg Madgwick Stadium for our first league game of the season. It only seems like yesterday when last season finished and the new team started pre-season, no rest for the wicked.

A lot of work has been put into the new stadium and I would like to thank Dave and Sam from Cobham FC for agreeing to our ground share, without this we could have been removed from the league. Also, to our own Barry Gartel and his lads for helping in getting the clubhouse and other buildings ready.

Whilst I am thanking people, I would like to thank you all for your support during the last Eight Months and in particular those supporters who sent a gorgeous bouquet of flowers to Michele after her last treatment. Thank you!

We should all be looking forward to this season, back to Combined Counties, back to steps 5, a new management team, a new young football team average age of 23 and some formidable opposition with big budgets.

An exciting and interesting season awaits.

I and the committee hope you enjoy the season and look forward to seeing you over the next Nine Months.



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We also held our first showcase football trial, where we brought in multiple scouts representing different clubs (Southampton FC, Gillingham FC, Bromley FC, and more) and observed players aged 8-22 years old to scout for their respective clubs. Out of 29 players who attended, 5 drew interest from the scouts and were put in contact with them. We hope to host more showcases soon. Head over to our website for further information!







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EPSOM & EWELL FC

WEBSITE: WWW.EPSOMANDEWELLFC.CO.UK Founded: 1918 Nickname: The Salts Home Ground: Reg Madgwick Stadium, Cobham

We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors F.C. came into being. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era, we won three trophies that season, the Leatherhead Hospital Shield, the Sutton Hospital Cup, and the Epsom Hospital Cup. In addition, we also won the Sutton & District League, and under the forward thinking of their visionary Chairman Hugh Bradley, took the step into Intermediate Football, where we won the Southern Suburban League without losing a match. Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25. In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Bradshaw.

n 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated

Egham 1-0 in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup "double". Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed in the first attempt in 1927/28





The thirties were a very successful era, and we won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking. However, the proudest moment of our pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the F.A.Cup in 1933/34. At the end of that season we changed our name to Epsom F.C.

The club competed continuously throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. In 1949 we entered the Corinthian League, where in 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park. In 1955 we won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Carshalton Athletic.

We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitehead in 1955 and in 1960 we finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 win over Maidenhead. We changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. We joined The Surrey Senior League and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and in, 1974/75 achieved a second Surrey Senior League "double". However, the season would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural F.A. Vase, where 9,500 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium.

The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion was achieved in that first season. In 1977 we were invited to play in the Isthmian League and the title was clinched the following April, securing a move to Division One. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton. We finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1. In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration.

In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to the newly created Division 1 South, but Hill's retirement at the end of the season led to relegation a year later and then in 2006 we were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Lyndon Buckwell in 2009/10 the club reached the last 32 of the F.A.Vase in April of 2010 we terminated our ground sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13.

The season brought a club record 12 straight League wins. We defeated South Park 3-0 to win the Combined Coun-

ties League Cup. In September Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and Matt Smith took over.

n the summer of 2016 our club visited France and played a friendly against our twin town Chantilly, which was where the England team had been based before their Euro 2016 campaign. The players were able to meet Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville and performed admirably as ambassadors for our town.

In 2016/ we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield. In the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers.

Glyn was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three quarters of the season was spent at the foot of the table. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Neil Grant into the Manager's role although he managed to get us off the foot of the table we were relegated. Neil departed in October. He was replaced by Simon Funnell, who stepped up from his Assistant role and oversaw a good run of results which took us to the Division One League Cup Final.

Unfortunately, the new season of 2019/20 started poorly and Funnell resigned at Christmas. His Assistant Sam Morgan was appointed to the role and with his new Assistant Tim Moffatt they oversaw an undefeated league run that took us up to the abandonment of the season.

The 2020/21 season commences with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground. We now look forward to our new adventure of joining the Southern Combination Football League.

That season started poorly and Morgan was dismissed in August of 2021, being replaced with a couple of Caretaker Managers and also permanent Manager Darren Anslow, although this was only for two matches before he left. Finally, the club settled on 40vear-old striker lamie Bvatt as Player/Manager and he took the club to sixth place and a Division One Cup Final; losing 2-1 to Midhurst & amp; Easebourne, the same club who would then knock us out of the inaugural League Playoffs four days later. Byatt departed in early May, being replaced by the long-serving Horley Town Manager Anthony Jupp and former Croydon Manager Liam Giles as Joint Managers for 2022/23.

Meanwhile, we have identified a new ground back in the Borough and attempts to secure a site there continue.

REDHILL V EPSOM & EWELL Sat 27 Aug 2022 The Isuzu fa Vase



REDHILL FC Website: WWW.Redhillfc.com Founded: 1894 Nickname: The Lobsters

HOME GROUND: KILN BROW, REDHILL

Redhill FC was formed in 1894 and two years later, the club moved into its stadium of 88 years-Memorial Park, in the centre of the town. Redhill became a member of the Athenian League in 1923 and remained there until the league's demise in 1984. Success came early, being runners-up and champions in their first two seasons in the league. In 1925/26, the club enjoyed possibly its best season; reaching two cup finals and reaching the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup, losing to Northern Nomads at Arsenals Highbury stadium in front of 17.000 people.

In 1949, Redhill lost to Arsenal 1-0 in a friendly that was offered by the Gunners after Redhill provided them with two of their best players at the time; Colin Grimshaw and Bernard Sexton. In 1957/ 58, Redhill reached the FA Cup 1st Round Proper for the only time. After beating Tooting & Mitcham in the previous round, the Reds travelled to Norwich City, only to lose 6-1, but many writeups at the time gave Redhill plenty of credit for their performance. After winning the final Athenian League title in 1984, the Reds were moved into their current home, Kiln Brow. Lack of facilities meant the club could not take their rightful place in the higher league and instead found some success in the London Spartan League, before moving onto the Sussex County League in 1988.

After many brutal years of ups and downs, following hard work by many club officials and supporters keeping the club alive, Redhill eventually found themselves as runners-up of the Sussex League Division One in 2013, winning promotion to the Isthmian League Division One (South). Redhill's time in the 'Ryman' league was relatively short-lived. They finished 3rd from bottom in the relegation zone in their first season but survived when offered a reprieve.



The Reds were not so lucky in 2014/15, finishing 2nd from bottom. Again, a reprieve was offered but to play in the Southern League—South & West Division. This was turned down based, amongst other reasons, travel logistics and the financial implications. After back-to-back relegations, the club needed a positive season to build on. The 2016/17 season gave the club that platform, finishing runners up in Combined Counties Division One and gaining promotion, whilst also finishing runners up in the Division One Cup.

The Reds will play in the Combined Counties Premier Division in 2018/19 and the 2019/2020 season sees the club celebrating its 125th year. A new manager Harrison Williams was appointed after the resignation of the previous manager Barry Wilde. Harrison was his number two and was chosen by the committee to continue to nurture our young squad and improve the standard of our play. Covid -19 has curtailed the 2020/21 season and so we did not complete all our games that season. As a bonus, Redhill FC won the Combined Counties Premier League Cup in 2020/2021.



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MATCH ACTION HORSHAM YMCA

Epsom & Ewell FC v Horsham YMCA **The Emirates FA Cup | Extra Preliminary Round** Saturday 5th August 2023

After an absence of 5 seasons from the FA Cup we returned to the competition with a great victory over Horsham YMCA at our new home the Reg Madgwick Stadium in Cobham.

The match was in serious doubt on the recently opened 3G stadium due to Monsoon conditions with an hour to go before kick-off. After several inspections and nearly everyone looking at every conceivable weather app, the referee deemed the pitch fit to play but with a delayed Kick off of 1530.

We took the field with a much-changed team from our promotion-winning side of last season and for the first 15 minutes were very much second best with our keeper Harvey Keogh saving numerous attempted shots from our visitors. Therefore, it was no surprise when we fell behind in the 17th minute and to a neutral it was well deserved. There was a break in play shortly afterwards for an injury to a Horsham player; the Epsom players got together in the middle of the pitch to 'iron' some of the issues out and all of a sudden we began to play a whole lot better. We had two chances to equalise and eventually did in the 47th minute through Ade Batula who dispatch an unstoppable shot to make it 1-1 at HT.

In the second half, we were far much better and were awarded a penalty in the 64th minute after an opposition player committed a rash challenge on the edge of the penalty box.

Jaan Stanley stepped up and dispatched the penalty by sending the keeper the wrong way. So we had then over 25 minutes to survive and in truth we marshalled the game very well from that point on, we made a couple of substitutions but in fact, we were not bothered by our opponents.

When the referee eventually blew for fulltime, we were in the next round which will be in two weeks with the actual date to be confirmed against the Met Police team from Imber Court. Before that we face a tricky away league fixture at Fleet next Saturday and then a home game against Redhill on the 15th; both will be a good test for us. The support today was fantastic with a crowd of over 130 to witness the victory, amongst the crowd was the CEO of our new shirt sponsor, Brian Lee from London Building Equipment (LBE) who was ecstatic about the victory and wishes the team all the best in the forthcoming games.





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REG MADGWICK STADIUM, KT11 1AA FRIDAY 25 AUG | KICK-OFF: 7.45pm

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We played our first competitive league game at Step 5 at Fleet Town on Saturday 12th August. Fleet Town have a very good set-up for this level and were incredibly welcoming to us.

We came off an outstanding FA Cup victory against Horsham YMCA the previous Saturday and were full of confidence to get some form of result at Fleet Town. There were a few changes from that game but we still had a good lineup to contend with what Fleet 'would throw at us'.

A healthy crowd of 109 were there for the match and we began very well but unfortunately, after losing the ball in midfield in the 6th minute we found ourselves 1-0 down. After this setback, we grew into the game and began controlling large parts but crucially without creating many chances. Then with halftime approaching, we were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box near the bye line and Jann Stanley looked like he was about to take it only for Rory Edwards to come over and take it instead. We do not know if the change of set piece specialist disrupted the thinking of the Fleet Town defence we will never know, all we do know is that Ollie Thompson was on hand at the back post to make it 1-1 - the half-time whistle blew soon afterwards.

In the second half, both teams had chances, but to the neutral, we were probably shading a lot of the play and had the majority of clear-cut chances to get the second goal. We entered injury time still at 1-1 and then in the 96th minute after a wicked deflection. Fleet Town scored what would turn out to be the winner. The original shot would probably hit one of the floodlight pylons that is how off-target it was. The celebrations from Eleet could be termed as slightly 'over the top'. However, there was still time for Sirak our right winger to shave the post and from the last corner of the match, we had several shots blocked by the Fleet Town defenders, two of the shots looked like they were handballs, but not to the man in the middle.

So we lost 2-1, a draw would have been a fairer result, but we have to put this to the past and get ready for a game at home to Redhill on Tuesday evening at the Reg Madgwick stadium. Redhill will be full of confidence after a 6-1 win on the same day and will have a few ex-Epsom players in the squad from last season. We should not be too downhearted as we played well enough today to get a result and we should look forward to the Redhill game with some optimism.





FIRST TEAM 2023/24 LEAGUE TABLE & RESULTS

1	Redhill	1	1	0	0
2	Farnham Town	1	1	0	0
3	Sheerwater	1	1	0	0
4	Fleet Town	1	1	0	0
5	Guildford City	1	1	0	0
6	Tooting & Mitcham United	1	1	0	0
7	AFC Croydon Athletic	1	0	1	0
8	Alton	1	0	1	0
9	Colliers Wood United	1	0	1	0
10	Knaphill	1	0	1	0
11	Abbey Rangers	1	0	1	0
12	Camberley Town	1	0	1	0
13	Horley Town	1	0	1	0
14	Spelthorne Sports	1	0	1	0
15	Cobham	1	0	0	1
16	Epsom & Ewell	1	0	0	1
17	Jersey Bulls	1	0	0	1
18	Tadley Calleva	1	0	0	1
19	Balham	1	0	0	1
20	Sandhurst Town	1	0	0	1

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Abbey Rangers		0-0	())	Camberley Town
Alton		1-1		AFC Croydon Athletic
Balham	Q	0-4	5	Farnham Town
Cobham	*	1-2 (HT 0-1)	Ŷ	Guildford City
Colliers Wood United		1-1	5	Knaphill
Fleet Town	۲	2-1	٢	Epsom & Ewell
Horley Town	頁	0-0	۲	Spelthorne Sports
Jersey Bulls		0 - 1 (HT 0-0)	۲	Tooting & Mitcham United
Redhill	٢	6-1	(3)	Sandhurst Town
Sheerwater	₿	3 - 1 (HT 2-0)	8	Tadley Calleva

FIRST TEAM 2023/24 APPEARANCES & STATS

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Full Name	Played	Goals
Harvey Keogh	2 (0)	0
Toby Colwell	0 (0)	0
Ayran Kugathas	1 (1)	0
Zach Powell	2 (0)	0
Nick-Aaron Inwugwu	2 (1)	0
Steve Springett	0 (0)	0
Ollie Thompson	2 (1)	1
Reece Tierney	0 (0)	0
Tommy Williams	2 (0)	0
Callum Wilson	2 (0)	0
Chester Clothier	1 (0)	0
Rory Edwards	2 (1)	0
Ethan Nelson-Roberts	2 (0)	0
Ash Snadden	1 (0)	0
Jaan Stanley	2 (0)	1
Ade Batula	1 (0)	1
Valentino Carpene	2 (0)	0
George Owusu	0 (0)	0
Ben Amissah	1 (0)	0
Ben Bauchop	1 (0)	0



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