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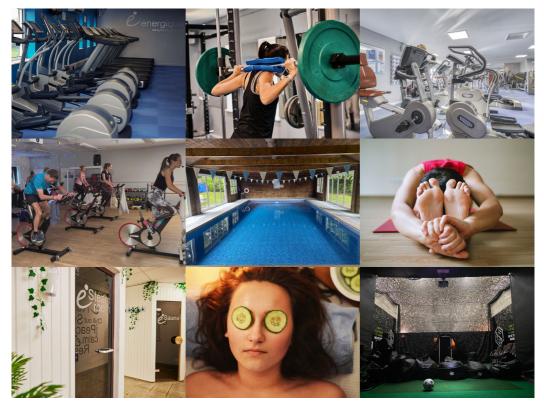
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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Good evening and welcome to The Exclusive Networks Stadium for this evening's Combined Counties League match against Epsom & Ewell.

We welcome Epsom & Ewell and also today's match officials and hope they enjoy their short stay.

We also extend a warm welcome to all the supporters and hope you enjoy the game.

All I can say is hat's off to the players of both sides and the match officials, for their performance in the horrendous conditions on Saturday, Jamie Hoppitt's third goal of the season gave us a creditable one all draw, in a game on another day we would have won. I must admit considering the weather more games were played on Saturday than I expected.



Following today's game, we are at home again this coming Saturday when Chipstead will be the visitors, as usual kick off is at 3pm.

The following week the 7th December looks as though we will have a free week. The scheduled Saturday game against Spelthorne Sports has been rearranged as they are still in the FA Vase and the next round is that day. We wish all CCL clubs good luck and look to see if any of them can emulate Ascot from a few years ago, when the won the Vase at Wembley.

Then the away game scheduled for the 10th away at Sandhurst has also been rearranged as Bracknell [their tenants] have a cup game which takes priority!!! The least said about ground share rules and regulations the better

The complete list of fixtures and results can be found elsewhere in today's programme.

You may have read in the Herald or on social media the horrendous injury suffered by Regan Hitch our Sunday Phoenix player. There is currently a Go Fund me page to help Reg and a club fund raising event will be had in the new year. Regan has been part of Alton football in all three guises of Alton Utd, Alton Town and Alton, making 39 first team appearances, scoring six goals. He was also integral part of the Reserve team for a number of years and feature at Aldershot Rec, when the Reserves won the Aldershot Intermediate Cup under the management of Clive Ventham & myself. It is going to be a long slog, but we all wish Reggie a full recovery.

Enjoy the game, Up the Brewers

Wayne

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'FROM THE DUGOUT'

A warm welcome to the Exclusive Networks Stadium to all supporters, opposition players and management and match officials.

We go into this double game week on the back of a positive performance and draw against Corinthian Casuals. Despite the torrential rain and gale force winds, we managed to play some decent football and continued to create goal-scoring opportunities. We still need to improve in front of goal but we'll take lots of positives from the game. Highlights included another Jamie Hoppitt goal, a man of the match performance from Matt Benham and a vocal away crowd.



Tuesday night sees us home versus Epsom & Ewell with Saturdays game also at home vs Chipstead. Both teams sit in and around us in the league with all teams knowing that putting together a couple of positive results can push teams quickly up the league.

Last year we picked up maximum points from the two games vs Epsom, both of which were extremely close. Chipstead are new into the league this year, so no prior experience versus them but they've picked up some good results this season.

As we've mentioned previously, the league continues to be very strong this year with no easy games. These games will be no different so we'll need to ensure we go in to both games with the right attitudes and look to pick up points in both games.

As always we continue to look to add quality and depth into the squad and we'll be looking to see what these players can bring in the coming weeks.

Thanks for all the continued support - Up the Brewers.

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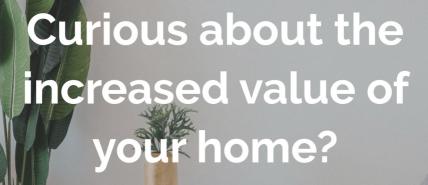
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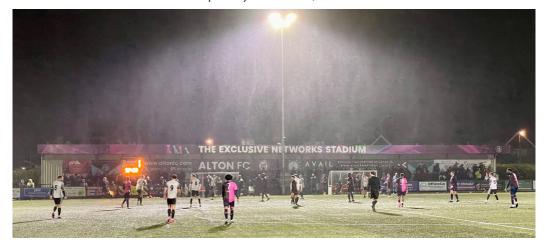


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ALTON 1 - 1 CORINTHIAN CASUALS

Combined Counties League Premier Division South Saturday 23rd November 2024

Match report by Tom White, Alton Herald



Alton came from behind to draw 1-1 at home to Corinthian-Casuals in the Combined Counties Premier Division South.

Jamie Hoppitt's second-half equaliser earned the Brewers a share of the spoils after Diogo Da Silva had given the visitors the lead at Anstey Park Enclosure. The Brewers created the first chance of the afternoon in the seventh minute when Adam Poynter's shot was deflected wide for a corner. Mal Thomas was next to try his luck for the home side, but his 12th-minute free kick was comfortably held by Casuals keeper Sami Nabbad.

The visitors grew into the game and Kieron Cadogan's 17th-minute shot went wide of the left-hand post. The Casuals took the lead two minutes later when Jerson Dos Santos' shot was parried by Alton keeper Theo Rust to Da Silva, and Da Silva confidently blasted the ball into the empty net. The visitors continued to press and nearly doubled their advantage on 22 minutes when Dos Santos got on the end of a through ball and hit his shot over the bar. Dos Santos spotted Rust off his line three minutes later and tried an ambitious long-range effort which went just wide of the right-hand post.

Alton were temporarily reduced to ten men in the 41st minute when Scott Sanderson was sent to the sin bin for dissent.

The Casuals started the second half brightly and Cadogan's 50th-minute free kick forced a superb save from Rust. Alton then enjoyed a spell of pressure and Thomas laid the ball off for Matt Benham in the box, but Benham's shot was superbly blocked. The Brewers got back on level terms on 62 minutes when Hoppitt headed home from close range.

Alton pushed for a winner and went close when Thomas' powerful 73rd-minute shot flew just over the bar. The Brewers had another chance to win the game when Poynter's 80th-minute free kick forced a good save by Nabbad at his near post.

TODAY'S VISITORS



EPSOM & EWELL

CLUB HISTORY

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 and played a handful of games from what is now known as Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1920.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident at the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, we were unfortunate to lose 2–1 after extra time at Dorking F.C.'s Pixham Lane ground to Caterham Mental Hospital in a replay of the Surrey Junior Cup Final. However, we won three other 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, where we finished third.

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. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham 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. Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat this, instead of finishing runners-up in 1931/32, 1932/33, 1934/35, 1936/37 and 1937/38. Cup Honours were limited, although in 1929 Redhill defeated us 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in our first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final!

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 at Kingfield. 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. Woking (after a replay), Nunhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Beddington Corner, and Leytonstone were defeated, and a crowd of 9,485 at the Lea Bridge Speedway Stadium

witnessed a 4-2 loss against the hosts Clapton Orient. At the end of that season, we changed our name to Epsom F.C.

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (no connection to the earlier name) shared the ground with Epsom F.C. However, this arrangement was suspended when war was declared, and we folded for the duration. In the meantime, Club Chairman Charles Pettett threw in his lot with Epsom Town in an attempt to boost morale by keeping the football flag flying. It was successful, as that club competed continuously throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40, and reaching the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1944, losing 3-1 to Tooting & Mitcham, at Sandy Lane. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. Temporary homes were found for Epsom Town while they competed for a season in the newly created Corinthian League, but disbanded in 1946. In 1949 we entered the Corinthian League ourselves, wherein in 1952 we reached the League Memorial Shield Final 1952, going down 2-1 to Champions Hounslow at Eastbourne after leading at half-time. Things improved further with the signing of the former English Amateur International Pat Lynch from Hendon, finishing third in 1952/53, while in 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time ino ur 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 at West Street.

We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitehead in 1955 and the Corinthian League double was almost achieved in 1956/57, but two losses in the final week, along with a 2-0 defeat in the Cup Final to Maidenhead United at Dorking ensured that we ended with neither, finishing fourth. However, in 1960, we finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Farm, home of Wembley F.C.

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. This was not because of any merger with Ewell & Stoneleigh as is often quoted, but was an attempt to increase support across the whole of the Borough. In 1963 the Corinthian League merged with the Athenian and Delphian Leagues, and we were placed in Division One of the new structure, but the sixties were full of poor results and we were relegated in 1965.

Despite a string of managers, most notably ex-Leyton Orient winger Jimmy Smith, and Tony Williams, now famous for his creation of the F.A. Yearbooks, our fortunes did not improve significantly and further relegations were avoided in the early seventies by the benefit of re-election. However in 1973, despite "improving" to finish second from bottom, the Athenian League ran out of patience and cut us loose. This was unfortunate timing as we had just cleared all of our debts, and in addition to a virtually new Committee, former Fulham player Pat O'Connell had taken over as Manager.

The Surrey Senior League took us in at the last minute, and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and the following season, 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 1976/77 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter.

By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78, and were placed in the new Division Two. Our first match under floodlights took place against Met Police in August 1977, 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 on their pitch, where the opposition was blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill and in 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we

missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Final at Imber Court.

We survived comfortably in our first season at the Isthmian Premier, but Hill's departure to Croydon in 1985 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager Alan Webb had too much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and also in 1987, by now under the Management of Ricky Kidd. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but we were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required halfway mark.

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, although we did reach the Final of the Associate Members Trophy in 1998, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground.

In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to the newly created Division 1 South, where we topped the table for a month, eventually finishing 9th, 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, a former player became our new Manager, and in his first full season (2007/08) we were back in the top ten. In 2008/09 we exceeded this achievement and finished in fourth place after heading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club recovered from a slow start to finish fifth and also reached the last 32 of the F.A.Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby. In April of 2010, we terminated our seventeen-year ground-sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season, where we would spend eight seasons.

The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record of 12 straight league wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month, before a tricky run-in resulted in a final position of fifth. However, any

disappointment there was tempered by the club's first silverware since 1981 when we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup. On a sadder note, 2012/13 also marked one thousand games since we left West Street.

We carried our form into 2013/14 and led the league with eight straight wins, but couldn't hold on and had to settle for third place, our highest league finish since 1984, but the following September Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place and improved this to fourth in 2015/16.

In 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 2016/17 we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly-promoted Bedfont & despite trailing 2-0 at halftime and went on to repeat our fourthplace finish in the League. In addition, we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC.

However, 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 were 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 and although he managed to get us off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely and was confirmed in mid-April; not a great way to celebrate our Centenary!

The attempts at bouncing straight back did not start particularly well and Grant departed in October. He was replaced by Simon Funnell, who stepped up from his Assistant role and took us to the Division One League Cup Final at Meadowbank. 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 commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground, although another seasonal curtailment left us in seventh place and we remained at Step Six, being transferred to the Southern Combination for the new season.

In August 2021, Sam Morgan was relieved of his duties after a slow start to the season. Barry Gartell was placed in interim charge while the club searched for a new manager. Barry and his brother Clive managed to get a good run of form under their belts. Winning 4 and drawing 1.

Darren Anslow was appointed as our new manager in September 2021 and was immediately impressed with a comfortable 4–0 win against Mile Oak in the FA Vase 2nd Round Qualifying.

2022/23 season saw a complete change at the top with Ex Horley Town manager Anthony Jupp coming in as joint manager alongside Ex Croydon manager Liam Giles along with Ex Horley Town Manager and coach Matt Chapman as coach. Giles left before Christmas and Jupp stepped down before the end of the season. Coach Matt Chapman took over and lead the Club to the Runners up spot. In the play off semi final we drew one one with Selsey before going through in a nail biting penalty shoot out. In the final in front of almost 400 fans in our last game at Leatherhead F.C. We won two one against Wick. We were promoted back to step five. We were also moved across the Non league Pyramid back into the Combined Counties League Premier South.

2023/24 Season The Club also started a new ground share agreement with Cobham F.C. on their brand new 3G pitch. The Club appointed James Scott as manager. He was previously with Balham and Assistant manager at Tonbridge and Margate. James left in October when the Club was bottom of the league and with no wins. He was replaced with Steve Springett as Interim manager Steve left in January and Warren Burton took over as manager.

2024/25 season saw the Club move again this time to King Georges Fields the home of Corinthian Casuals F.C. Warren Burton continued as manager along side coach Glynn Berry.

Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....

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On the evening of Wednesday, 13th November, during a routine training session at Alton FC, an unimaginable freak accident occurred. Alton Sunday (Phoenix) player Regan Hitch wasn't even involved in the play when a teammate lost his balance and collided into him at full force. In that instant, Reggie's knee buckled, and his life as he knew it was turned upside down.

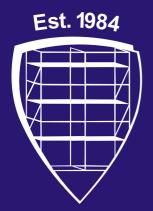
The injury was catastrophic. Reggie completely tore three of the four major ligaments in his knee. His ACL, MCL, and cruciate, and only one ligament was left holding it all together. The pain was immediate and excruciating, but the emotional toll has been even harder. For someone who has lived and breathed football his entire life, hearing doctors say, "You may never play again," was utterly devastating. But this injury is about more than just football.

Reggie is grappling with the harsh reality that his career as a tree surgeon, a physically demanding job has come to a standstill. As a hard worker, his income now faces uncertainty. For the next six months, he won't be able to work. A fundraising page has been set up at:

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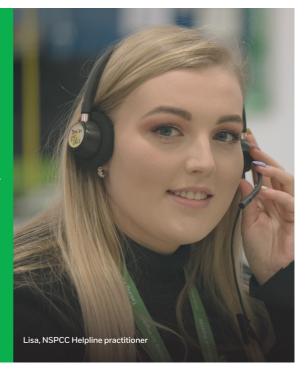
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	Appearances [max 25]		ax 25]		Goals	The Bad Boys		
Player	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total	Cautions	Dismissals
Liam Marshall	17	6	23				1	
Tolu Ajayi-Obe	16	7	23	1		1	2	
George Bennett	17	5	22	1		- 1	6	
Tom Hill	17	5	22				2	
Jamie Phillips	16	6	22				6	1
Owen Tanner	15	6	21	6	- 1	7	5	
Jamie Hoppitt	15	6	21	2	- 1	3	7	
Adam Poynter	15	4	19	2	- 1	3	3	
Joe Wotton	11	4	15				1	
Darnell McDonald	7	6	13	1	1	2	3	
Scott Sanderson	9	3	12				3	
Matt Benham	10	1	11					
Angel Zapata	9	2	11	1		1	1	4
Perry Coles	7	3	10	1			2	
George Bowerman	6	4	10	1		1	1	
Stephen Douglas	7	2	9				1	
Dan Williamson	7	2	9					
Theo Rust	6	3	9				2	
Joe Goddard	7	1	8					
Ollie Kavanagh	6	1	7				1	
Josh Toya-Nyero	5	2	7		- 1	- 1	1	
James Barnett	5	2	7				1	А
Adam Melville	5	2	7					
Sam Bartlett	6		6	1		1	1	
Louis Russell	4	2	6				1	
Charlie Wiltshire	4	1	5					
Mihail Marinescu	4	1	5				7	N.
Kayne Moyo	2	2	4					
Cameron Miller	1	2	3					
Ric Campbell		3	3					
Jordan Crone	2		2					
Mal Thomas	2		2					
Anthony Ogbanufe	1	1	2					
Luke Wandless	1	1	2					
Jordan Addo-Antoine	1	1	2					
Alex Merrifield	1	1	2					
Roy Gayle		2	2				1.	
Jack Fowler		2	2					
Matt Graham		2	2					
Luke Perkins		1	1					
Own Goals					1	1		

LEAGUE TABLE

COMBINED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

25.11.24

POS		P	w	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Redhill	20	16	2	2	28	50
2	AFC Whyteleafe	19	14	2	3	31	44
3	Jersey Bulls	16	12	4	0	34	40
4	Fleet Town	16	10	5	1	17	35
5	Cobham	21	9	7	5	15	34
6	Corinthian-Casuals	22	10	3	9	-1	33
7	Knaphill	20	9	5	6	-2	32
8	Tadley Calleva	15	9	2	4	9	29
9	Abbey Rangers	18	8	4	6	-1	28
10	Tooting & Mitcham United	18	8	3	7	12	27
11	Horley Town	18	5	5	8	-4	20
12	Sheerwater	21	5	5	11	-14	20
13	Sandhurst Town	18	6	1	11	-12	19
14	Chipstead	18	6	1	11	-25	19
15	Camberley Town	16	5	3	8	-7	18
16	Guildford City	19	4	4	11	-5	16
17	Epsom & Ewell	17	4	4	9	-16	16
18	Alton	18	3	6	9	-12	15
19	Balham	18	1	5	12	-24	8
20	Spelthorne Sports	16	0	5	11	-23	5

FIXTURES & RESULTS

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06 Jul
        Meon Milton 0 - 3 Alton (Pre-Season Friendly)
13 Jul
        Alton 2 - 2 Petersfield Town (Pre-Season Friendly)
        Alresford Town 1 - 1 Alton (Pre-Season Friendly)
16 Jul
20 Jul
        Alton 1 - 1 Infinity (Pre-Season Friendly)
        Alton 1 - 0 Laverstock & Ford (Pre-Season Friendly)
23 Jul
27 Jul
       Alton 0 - 3 Baffins Milton Rovers (Pre-Season Friendly)
03 Aug Alton 1 - 1 Fleet Town (The FA Cup: Extra Preliminary Round) - Sponsored by G20
06 Aug Fleet Town 4 - 1 Alton (The FA Cup: Extra Preliminary Round, Replay)
10 Aug Tadley Calleva 1 - 1 Alton
13 Aug Alton 1 - 0 Camberley Town
17 Aug Jersey Bulls 2 - 2 Alton
20 Aug Alton 1 - 0 Andover New Street (Hampshire Senior Cup: First Round)
24 Aug Alton - 1 Sheerwater
31 Aug Knaphill 1 - 1 Alton
03 Sep Spelthorne Sports 1 - 3 Alton
07 Sep Alton 1 - 3 Abbey Rangers
10 Sep Alton 0 - 1 Sholing (Servio Hampshire Senior Cup: Second Rd)
14 Sep Horley Town 2 - 1 Alton
       Millbrook 3 - Alton (The FA Vase: Second Rd Qualifying)
21 Sep
24 Sep Alton 2 - 0 Camberley Town (League Cup: First Round)
28 Sep Alton 2 - 2 Guildford City
       Cobham 2 - 0 Alton
01 Oct
05 Oct Balham 0 - 1 Alton
08 Oct Alton 0 - 2 Jersey Bulls
12 Oct Alton 0 - 1 AFC Whyteleafe
       Alton 1 - 1 Knaphill (1 - 4 pens) (Aldershot Senior Cup: 2nd Round)
19 Oct
22 Oct Fleet Town 1 - 1 Alton
26 Oct Redhill 3 - 1 Alton
05 Nov Alton 9 - 0 Liphook United (Friendly)
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09 Nov	Tooting & Mitcham 3 - 0 Alton	
16 Nov	Alton 1 - 3 Sandhurst Town (HOME)	
23 Nov	Alton 1 - 1 Corinthian Casuals	
26 Nov	Epsom & Ewell (HOME)	19:45
30 Nov	Chipstead (HOME) - Sponsored by Robert Young	15:00
14 Dec	Sheerwater (Away)	15:00
17 Dec	Harefield United (Away) (League Cup: Second Round)	19:45
21 Dec	Fleet Town (HOME) - Sponsored by Holybourne Vets FC	15:00
28 Dec	Camberley Town (Away)	15:00
04 Jan	Horley Town (HOME) - Available to sponsor!	15:00
11 Jan	Epsom & Ewell (Away)	15:00
18 Jan	Balham (HOME) - Sponsored in Memory of Mary Kemp	15:00
25 Jan	AFC Whyteleafe (Away)	15:00
01 Feb	Knaphill (HOME) - Sponsored by Academy TV	15:00
08 Feb	Chipstead (Away)	15:00
15 Feb	Redhill (HOME) - Sponsored by OfficeCo	15:00
22 Feb	Corinthian Casuals (Away)	15:00
25 Feb	Tadley Calleva (HOME) - Available to sponsor!	19:45
01 Mar	Tooting & Mitcham (HOME) - Available to sponsor!	15:00
05 Mar	Guildford City (Away)	19:30
15 Mar	Abbey Rangers (Away)	15:00
29 Mar	Sandhurst Town (Away)	15:00
26 Apr	Cobham (HOME) - Sponsored by Dorset Media	15:00
TBC	Spelthorne Sports (HOME) - Available to sponsor!	



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By Matt Badcock

YOU know Christmas is approaching fast when the Step 1 sides enter the Isuzu FA Trophy – and the third round draw has thrown up some tasty ties!

Wembley is just five wins away. Just ask Gateshead what that meant last May when, after trading blows with Solihull Moors for 120 minutes, Dajaune Brown fired in the winning penalty in the shoot-out.

Can the Heed get back there again for a third year in a row having lost the previous final to FC Halifax Town?

Time will tell but the competition is already producing great storylines. Not least in the second round where some big Step 2 sides crashed out.

In total there are three Step 4 sides still standing. Brentwood Town pulled off one of the biggest upsets in round two after travelling to National League North Hereford and emerging victorious.

Benas Vaivada slammed in an 82nd-minute winner for the Isthmian North outfit to secure one of their most famous days.

The reward? A home date with Southend United! It promises to be a full house.

They're joined by Isthmian South East side Sittingbourne who are writing club history with their run.

Ryan Maxwell's side beat Winchester City 5-4 on penalties last weekend and next welcome National League South side Enfield Town.

In their previous guise of Telford United, the Bucks have lifted the Trophy three times. But it was a bad day for AFC Telford United last weekend as they fell to Southern League Division One Central Hadley 1-0. They've been handed a trip to Oxford City as they aim to keep their fairytale run alive.

There are intriguing ties in both the north and south sections of the draw.

Step 3 Chertsey Town – who knocked out Bath City last time out – host Dagenham & Redbridge, Hanwell Town welcome Eastleigh and Biggleswade Town's run continues with a home clash against AFC Totton.

A real cracker comes in Berkshire where Slough Town face off against local rivals Maidenhead United. The NLP cameras will want to be at that one.

There's a big derby in the north section too with Robbie Savage's Step 3 Macclesfield – fresh from beating Curzon Ashton – off to Altrincham.

Stockton Town will be dreaming of an upset at home to Oldham Athletic, while Basford United take on FC Halifax Town.

Last year's winners? Gateshead will play Farsley Celtic, while Solihull Moors entertain Radcliffe.

Wembley re-match anyone? After last year's drama it wouldn't be a bad thing but there will be plenty of others hoping to have a big say of their own.

The draw

NORTH

Basford United v Halifax Town
Hartlepool United v Tamworth
AFC Fylde v Kidderminster Harriers
Gateshead v Farsley Celtic
Stockton Town v Oldham Athletic
Southport v Peterborough Sports
Solihull Moors v Radcliffe
Boston United v Alvechurch
Altrincham v Macclesfield
Leamington v Rochdale
York City v Darlington
Gainsborough Trinity v Rushall Olympic
Chorley v Warrington Rylands
Alfreton Town v Spennymoor Town

SOUTH

Chertsey Town v Dagenham & Redbridge Braintree Town v Forest Green Rovers Barnet v Aveley Sutton United v Ebbsfleet United Boreham Wood v Eastbourne Borough Aldershot Town v Wealdstone Oxford City v Hadley Woking v Havant & Waterlooville Sittingbourne v Enfield Town Torquay United v Horsham Yeovil Town v Weymouth Chesham United v Salisbury Biggleswade Town v AFC Totton Hanwell Town v Eastleigh Brentwood Town v Southend United Slough Town v Maidenhead United Worthing v Gosport Borough Hampton & Richmond Borough v Hashtag United

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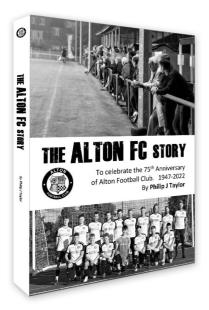
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The club was formed by the merger of Alton Town FC and Alton United Youth FC in 2016.

Previously the senior section (Alton Town FC) was formed in 1990 when Alton's two senior clubs, Alton Town and Bass Alton, amalgamated. Alton Town had been fantastically successful, winning everything in Hampshire in the period from 1947 to 1956 including Hampshire leagues Divisions 3, 2 & 1 (1948, 1949 & 1958), the Hampshire Intermediate Cup in 1949, the Russell Cotes Cup in 1949 and the Hampshire Senior Cup in 1958.

Alton Town first joined the Hampshire League in 1946 and won Division 3 East in their first season. However they were denied promotion due to a league reorganisation and the addition of extra teams to the Hampshire League. More success followed with the Division 2 title in 1948/49 and they also won the Russell Cotes Cup and Hampshire Intermediate Cup that year. Although they dropped to Division 2 for one season in 1954/55, they bounced back immediately and went on to win both the Division 1 championship and the Hampshire Senior Cup in 1957/58. They stayed in Division 1 until they left in 1973 to join the Athenian League Division 2 which they won in their first year. After an initial period of success in that league the Club found itself unable to compete and dropped down to the Combined Counties League before returning to the Hampshire League in 1984, starting at the bottom in Division 3. They found themselves in Division 2 in 1986/87 by dint if winning the Division 2 title for the third time.

Bass Alton started life as Courage & Company (Alton) FC and joined the Hampshire League in 1928/29. The following year they were in Division 2 and then won promotion to Division 1 where they stayed until being relegated to Division 2 in 1938/39, just before the club was disbanded for the War.

Courage rejoined the North Hants division briefly in 1954/55 before beginning their longest spell in the County League in 1972/73 when they entered Division 4. Promoted to Division 3 in 1975, they only lasted two years before dropping to Division 4 again. In 1979/80 the Club changed its name to Bass Alton FC and its fortunes changed with the name as they won promotion in successive years to Division 3 in 1979/80, to Division 2 in 1980/81 and to Division 1 as Division 2 runners-up and the end of the 1982/83 season after a 45-year absence.

Since the amalgamation, the Club has played in the Hampshire League and achieved promotion to the Wessex League by topping the Premier Division in 2002, moving to the Premier Division of the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League from season 2013-14. The Club were relegated to Division One for season 2014/15, but moved back to the Sydenhams Wessex League Division One the following season. They remained in Division One until gaining promotion to the Premier Division in 2021/22 where they finished in a creditable 10th place. However, yet another FA re-organisation saw Alton switched back to the Combined Counties Premier Division South for the season 2022/23.

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