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**EPSOM & EWELL
VS
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**Saturday 15 Febuary 2025
Kick-off 3.00pm**

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From the Clubhouse



Good afternoon everyone, as I write these notes i am looking out of the window and guess what it is raining again!!! This wet weather has certainly upset our fixtures this season and we find ourselves as one of the teams in our division with the most league games left.

We have played only one game since I penned my notes for the Cobham match which was postponed so you will have to wait to read those musings when we play the rearranged game in early March. The game we did play was a fine victory on penalties in the Southern Combination Cup away at Reading City - well done boys!!!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Adam and Jake the management team from Abbey Rangers our opponents of today and of course their Board members and supporters who are here to watch the game. I should also welcome a former player of ours, Jerry Antwi who now turns out in the colours of Abbey Rangers.

We have a run of 9 games to play in March which should keep our Match Secretary (Spencer) busy; this does not include at least two Cup games that need to be arranged!!!

Enjoy the game.

Mel

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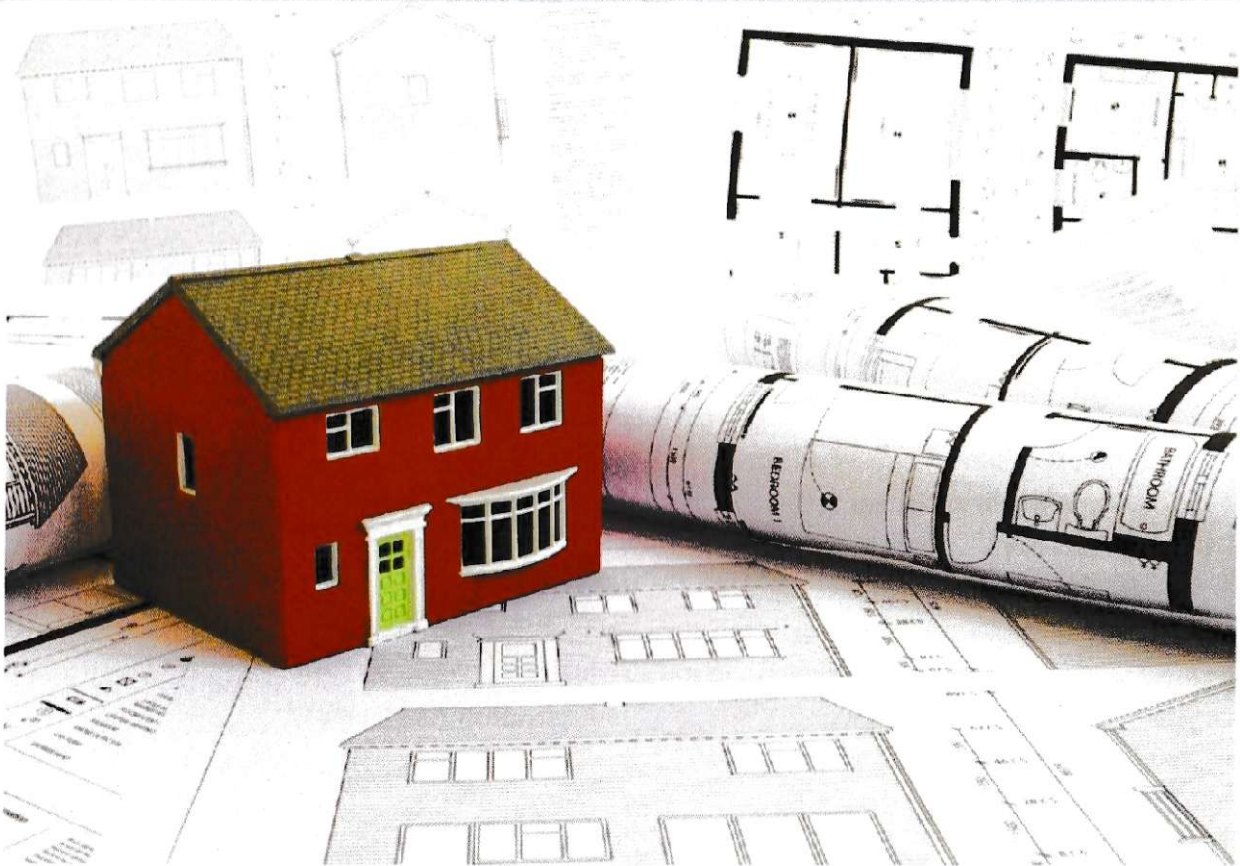
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Champions: 1977-78
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Winners: 2012-2013
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Winners: 1980-81
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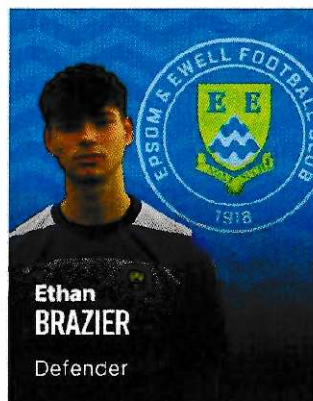


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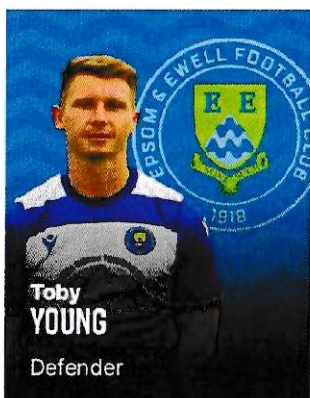
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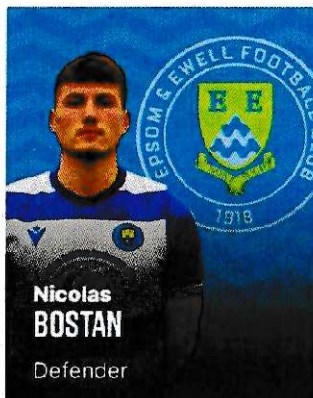
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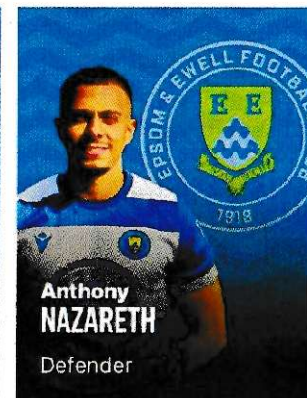
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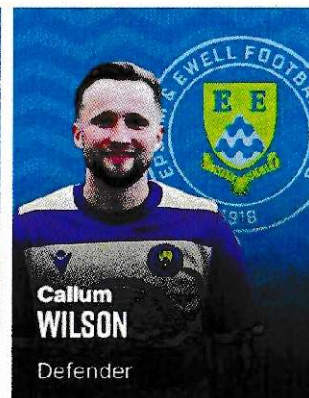
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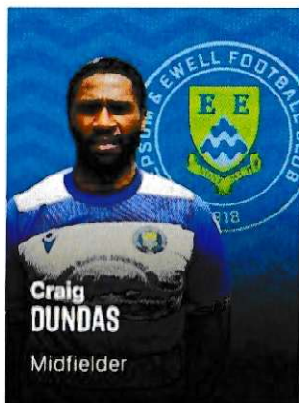


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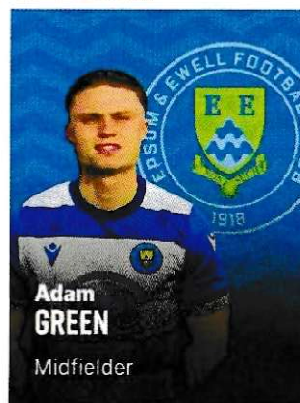
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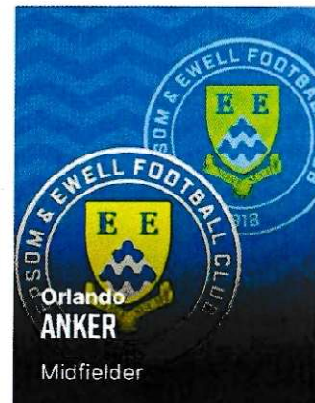
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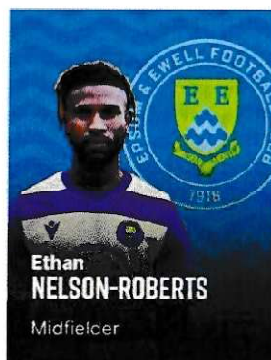
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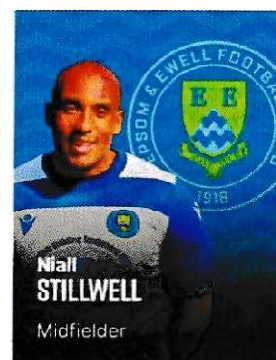
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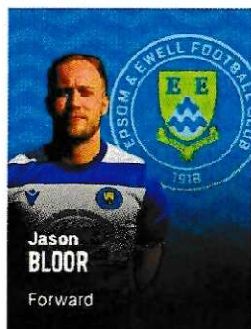


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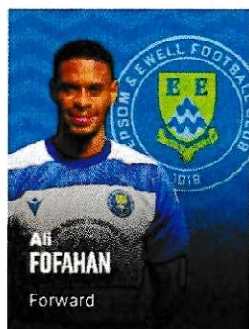
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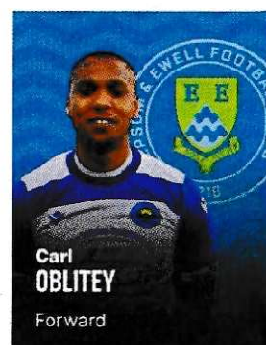
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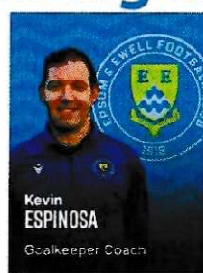


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08/02/25 15:00	Knaphill		2 - 0		Spelthorne Sports
08/02/25 15:00	Redhill		2 - 1 (HT 0-1)		Tooting & Mitcham United
08/02/25 15:00	Sheerwater		2 - 0		Tadley Calleva

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Addlestone Moor
KT15 2QH
2023-24 CCLPS 20th
abbeyrangers.co.uk



AFC Whyteleafe
Church Road
CR3 0AR
2023-24 SCE1 Champs
afcwhyteleafe.com



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Krooner Park
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camberleytownfc.co.uk



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chipsteadfc.com



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2023-24 CCLPS 12th
cobhamfootballclub.com



Corinthian-Casuals
King George's Field
KT6 7NA
2023-24 ISTH15C 21st
corinthian-casuals.com



Fleet Town FC
Calthorpe Park
GU51 5FA
2023-24 CCLPS 11th
fleettownfc.co.uk



Guildford City FC
Spectrum Ground
GU1 1UP
2023-24 CCLPS 18th
guildfordcityfc.co.uk



Horley Town FC
New Defence
RH6 8SP
2023-24 CCLPS 14th
horleytownfc.com



Jersey Bulls FC
Springfield Stadium
JE2 4LF
2023-24 CCLPS 2nd
bulls.je

Founded in 1922 as the London & District Combination Football League, and renamed the Combined Counties Football League in 1978, the 2024-25 Cherry Red Combined CCL season will be the 47th in the history of the league. The league consists of four divisions for the second time, with a new Division Two being added to the Premier North, the Premier South and Division One. Division Two is intended largely for reserve and U23 sides, although it is also open to first teams.

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Knaphill FC
Redding Way
GU21 2AY

2023-24 CCLPS 3rd
pitchero.com/clubs/knaphillfootballclub



Redhill FC
Kiln Brow
RH1 5AE

2023-24 CCLPS 6th
redhillfc.com



Sandhurst Town FC
Bottom Meadow
GU47 9BJ

2023-24 CCLPS 10th
sandhursttownfc1910.com



Sheerwater FC
Albert Drive
GU21 5RF

2023-24 CCLPS 19th
pitchero.com/clubs/sheerwaterfc2



Spelthorne Sports
Staines Road West
TW15 1RY

2023-24 CCLPS 17th
spelthornesportsfc.com



Tadley Calleva FC
Barlows Park
RG26 3PX

2023-24 CCLPS 4th
tadleycalleva.com



Tooting & Mitcham
Imperial Fields
SM4 6BF

2023-24 CCLPS 13th
tmunited.org

For season 2024-25, both CCL Premier Divisions have 20 clubs, Division 1 has 23, and there is a new Division 2, mostly featuring reserve and U23 teams.

Premier Division North

Flackwell Heath and Rayners Lane have been promoted to step 4 and Chalfont St Peter relegated to Division 1. Amersham Town, Berks County and British Airways have all joined from Division 1, and Woking & Emmbrook are now known as Wokingham Town.

Premier Division South

Farnham Town and AFC Croydon Athletic have been promoted to Step 4 and Colliers Wood United relegated to Division 1.

Chipstead and Corinthian-Casuals join after relegation from Isthmian League South Central, and AFC Whyteleafe are promoted in.

Division 1

Chalfont St Peter and Colliers Wood United arrive from CCL Premier Divisions. Promoted into this division are Belstone (Herts Senior County), PFC Victoria (Middlesex County), Staines & Lammas (Surrey Premier) and Windsor & Eton (Thames Valley).

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B2B Statement



Epsom and Ewell Council signed off the proposed Local Plan in December and the plan is now out for public consultation until February 5th.

The plan can be found at <https://epsom-ewell.gov.uk/regulation19>

Most important is that Hook Road Arena has been included in the plan to provide a sports facility with a housing "enabling" scheme which will enable the funds required.

Had the arena not been included it would have made our application to provide a sports hub along with a new stadium a lot more difficult.

Some of the local "Green Belt Groups" were against Hook Road being included as it was classed as Green Belt but the housing will be built in the South West corner which used to house the former hospital railway and the rest of the site previously had football pitches. The sports facility will help prevent the whole arena from being used for housing at some stage in the future

The club is now in conversation with the Council officers to provide a lease to enable the application to be progressed.

Barry and I had a team meeting with Helen Maguire on Thursday 23rd Jan 2025, She fully supports this proposal and is happy to engage with our local Council's fingers crossed that it is agreed on the 28th March.





















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2024-25 League Table so far

		Home				Away				Total				F	A	+/-	Pts
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L				
	1 Redhill	14	12	2	0	15	13	0	2	29	25	2	2	73	23	+50	77
	2 AFC Whyteleafe	17	12	2	3	12	11	0	1	29	23	2	4	80	31	+49	71
	3 Jersey Bulls	12	9	2	1	14	11	3	0	26	20	5	1	73	15	+58	65
	4 Cobham	17	11	2	4	15	6	7	2	32	17	9	6	68	32	+36	60
	5 Fleet Town	14	11	2	1	10	4	5	1	24	15	7	2	47	24	+23	52
	6 Knaphill	16	8	3	5	14	4	4	6	30	12	7	11	45	48	-3	43
	7 Tadley Calleva	11	4	4	3	14	8	0	6	25	12	4	9	46	47	-1	40
	8 Horley Town	15	6	2	7	13	4	4	5	28	10	6	12	54	60	-6	36
	9 Abbey Rangers	13	4	5	4	14	6	1	7	27	10	6	11	41	49	-8	36
	10 Corinthian-Casuals	16	5	4	7	15	5	2	8	31	10	6	15	53	64	-11	36
	11 Tooting & Mitcham United	15	7	2	6	11	3	3	5	26	10	5	11	44	34	+10	35
	12 Sheerwater	16	6	6	4	16	2	2	12	32	8	8	16	52	60	-8	32
	13 Alton	15	5	3	7	14	3	5	6	29	8	8	13	39	51	-12	32
	14 Guildford City	12	4	2	6	16	4	4	8	28	8	6	14	40	48	-8	30
	15 Chipstead	11	4	1	6	16	4	2	10	27	8	3	16	38	77	-39	27
	16 Camberley Town	11	4	4	3	14	2	4	8	25	6	8	11	36	46	-10	26
	17 Epsom & Ewell	13	3	2	8	12	4	3	5	25	7	5	13	33	54	-21	26
	18 Sandhurst Town	14	5	4	5	14	2	0	12	28	7	4	17	48	72	-24	25
	19 Balham	14	2	4	8	15	1	3	11	29	3	7	19	28	62	-34	16
	20 Spelthorne Sports	12	2	1	9	14	0	5	9	26	2	6	18	18	59	-41	12

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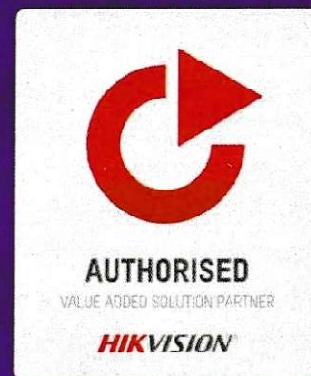
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Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup

Tue 18 February 7.45PM Hithercroft Wallingford & Crowmarsh V Epsom & Ewell

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 22 February 3PM Church Road, AFC Whyteleafe V Epsom & Ewell.

March

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 1 March 3PM, Brookwood Country Park, Knaphill FC V Epsom & Ewell

CCFL Premier Division South Tue 4 March 7.45PM King George's Field, Epsom & Ewell V Cobham FC.

CCFL Premier Division South Wed 12 March 7.30PM Spectrum Football Ground Guildford City V Epsom & Ewell

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 15 March 3PM Barlows Park Tadley Calleva FC V Epsom & Ewell.

CCFL Premier Division South Tue 18 March 7.30PM New Defence Sports Club Horley Town V Epsom & Ewell.

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 22 3PM March King George's Field Epsom & Ewell V Balham FC.

CCFL Premier Division South Tue 25 March 7.45PM King George's Field Corinthian Casuals V Epsom & Ewell

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 29 March 3PM Spelthorne Sports Club, Spelthorne Sports V Epsom & Ewell.

April

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 5 April 3PM King George's Field. Epsom & Ewell V Alton FC

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 12 April 3.00PM King George's Field. Epsom & Ewell V Tadley Calleva FC

CCFL Premier Division South Sat 19 April 3PM King George's Field, Epsom & Ewell V Tooting & Mitcham United

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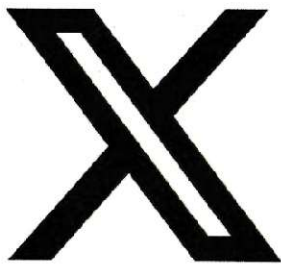
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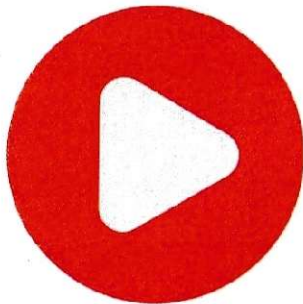
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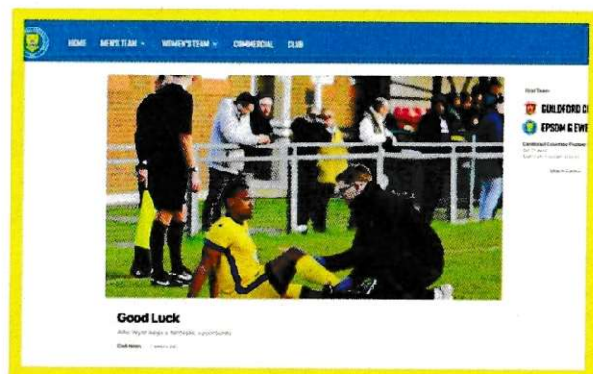
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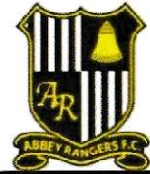
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Welcome to Abbey Rangers



The Addlestone Moor, KT15 2QH



Abbey Rangers History

The club were established in 1976, initially as a youth club for boys aged 7–16, and were named after the nearby Chertsey Abbey. Having played in both Chertsey and Addlestone, they became members of the Surrey & Hants Border League, winning Division One in 2004–05. After finishing as runners-up the following season, they left the league, joining Division One of the Guildford & Woking Alliance.

They were Division One champions at the first attempt, earning promotion to the Premier Division. The club were Premier Division runners-up the following season and were promoted to Division One of the Surrey County Intermediate League (Western). They went on to win the division and the League Cup in their first season in the league, resulting in promotion to the Premier Division.

After finishing second in the Premier Division in 2010–11, the club joined the Surrey Elite Intermediate League. They remained in the league until 2014–15 when a fourth-placed finish resulted in promotion to Division One of the Combined Counties League.

In their first season in Division One, they finished third, earning promotion to the Premier Division. The 2016–17 season saw the club enter the FA Cup for the first time in their history when they entered the competition in the preliminary qualification round.

As a result of league reorganisation, they were placed in the Premier Division North in 2021, before being transferred to the Premier Division South in 2022.

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Welcome to Abbey Rangers



Abbey Rangers Club Facts

Founded	1976
Nickname	The Abbey
Home Colours	Black & White
Away Colours	Yellow & Blue
Ground	Addlestone Moor
Capacity	1000
2024-25	11th

League honours

Surrey County Intermediate League (Western)
Division One champions 2008-09
League Cup winners 2008-09
Guildford & Woking Alliance
Division One champions 2006-07
Surrey & Hants Border League
Division One champions 2004-05

Best FA Cup performance: Third qualifying round,
2019-20

Best FA Vase performance: Fifth round, 2018-19

2023-2024

Combined Counties League Premier Division South,
8th of 20

Non League News

Non-League Finals Day is a special occasion for any club that secures a trip to Wembley, offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play at the home of English football.

With the FA Trophy and FA Vase nearing their conclusion, here's a look at the favourites for the VASE.

These competitions provide an unforgettable chance for clubs and players who might not usually get the opportunity to play on such a grand stage.

Finals Day confirmed and FA Vase odds

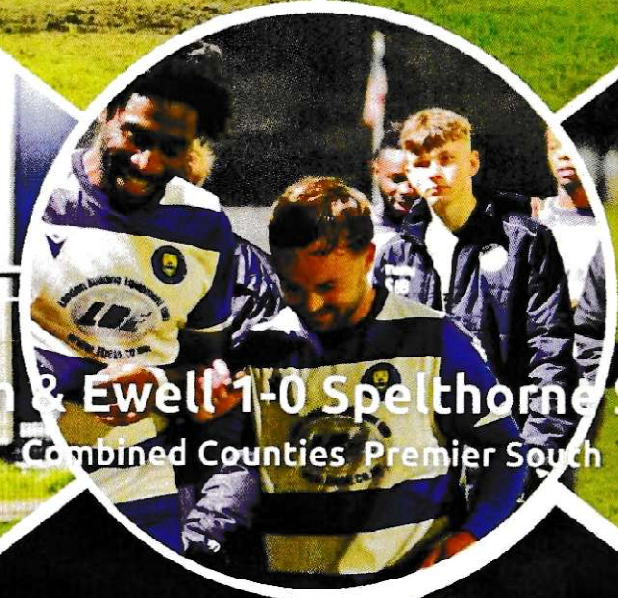
The FA has officially announced that Non-League Finals Day will take place on Sunday, May 11, at Wembley Stadium, where both the FA Trophy and FA Vase finals will be played back-to-back.

The FA Vase quarter-final draw has been made and is set to take place on the 1 March.

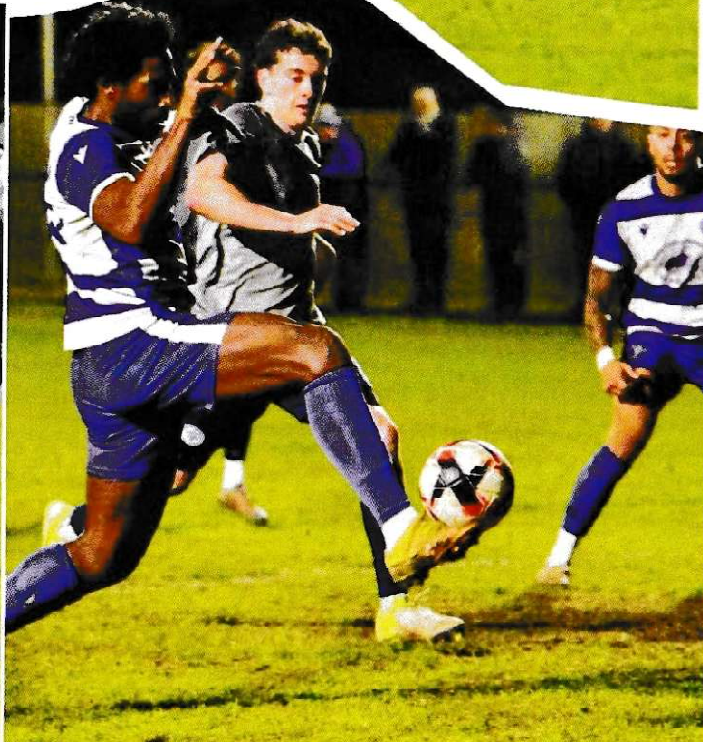
The following ties for the next round are as follows: Whitstable Town (8/1) vs Whitchurch Alport (6/1), Hartpury University (4/1) vs Erith & Belvedere (12/1), Andover New Street (12/1) vs Heanor Town (10/1) and AFC Whyteleafe (11/4) vs Bourne Town (7/2) – Odds provided by BetVictor.

Based on the odds, the likely semi-finalists are Whitchurch Alport, Hartpury University, Heanor Town, and AFC Whyteleafe.

If the draw allows, the final could see AFC Whyteleafe face Hartpury University, with AFC Whyteleafe emerging as favourites to lift the trophy.



Epsom & Ewell 1-0 Spelthorne Sports
Combined Counties Premier South



Match report 1



Epsom & Ewell 1
Spelthorne Sports 0
Combined Counties Premier
Tuesday 21 January 2025
Attendance: 65
Scorers: (Dundas (90+4'))



The game encountered a minor hitch before kick-off, as one of the assistant referees broke down on their way to the match. Fortunately, the other assistant was able to pick up a replacement official en route, ensuring the game went ahead as planned. With regular goalkeeper Dan sidelined due to injury, young Kevin Kardel stepped in and impressed once again by keeping a clean sheet for the Salts.

The game began scrappily, as both sides understood the importance of the fixture. In a tense first half, chances were limited. Skipper Adam Green received a booking for Epsom & Ewell, while Spelthorne Sports picked up a couple of yellow cards themselves. The best chance of the half fell to Nathan Best, whose shot grazed the crossbar. However, neither team could break the deadlock, and it remained goalless at half-time.

The second half saw the game spring to life. In the 56th minute, the Salts were awarded a penalty after Spelthorne Sports were reduced to 10 men due to a second yellow card. Will Kendall stepped up to take the penalty, but his effort was saved by the Spelthorne goalkeeper.

Substitutions followed, with Craig Dundas replacing Conrad Essilfie-Conduah in the 63rd minute, and Tobi Falodi coming on for Ethan Nelson-Roberts in the 81st minute. Spelthorne were forced into a goalkeeper change shortly after and then went down to nine men following another dismissal.

The Salts picked up a late booking in added time, with Kionte Gillfillian-Waul shown a yellow card in the 90+1 minute.

As the game neared its conclusion, the breakthrough finally came. A high ball into the box from Nicolas Bostan was flicked on by Will Kendall, and substitute Craig Dundas was in the right place to fire the ball home. His late goal secured all three points for the Salts.

Lineup

- 1 Kevin Kardel
- 2 Niall Stillwell
- 3 Kionte Gillfillian-Waul
- 4 Adam Green
- 5 Nicolas Bostan
- 6 Anthony Nazareth
- 7 Luke Miller
- 8 Conrad Essilfie-Conduah
 Sub Off 63'
- 9 Will Kendall
- 10 Nathan Best
- 11 Ethan Nelson-Roberts
 Sub Off 81'

Substitutes

- 12 Carl Oblitey
- 14 Stefan Aiwone
- 15 Jack Torbett
- 16 Craig Dundas Sub On 63'
- 17 Tobi Falodi
 Sub On 81'

A unsung hero of non league football



I started at Redhill FC as a 16-year-old taking on the job of programme Editor.

Where I won many national awards for the programme. I also became a committee member of the supporters committee. I then started the club shop raising thousands of pounds for the club over the years.

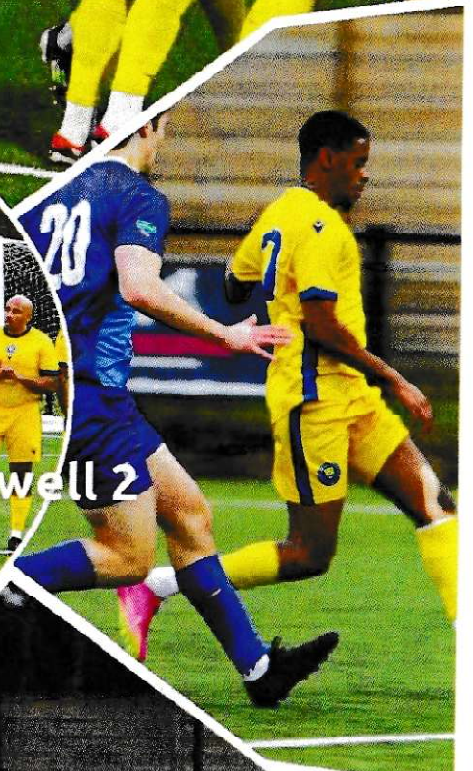
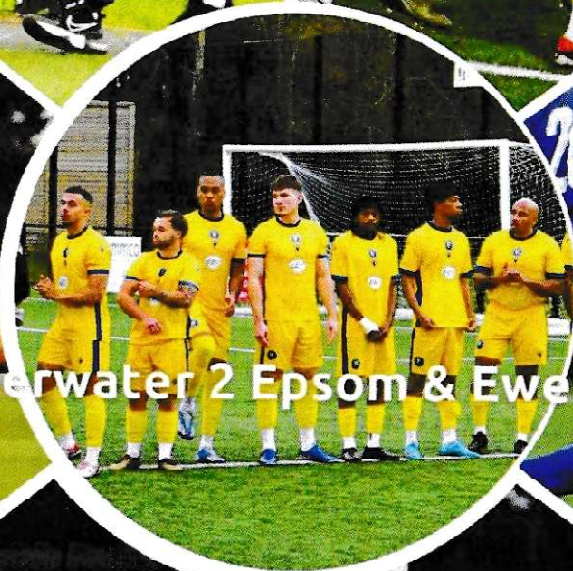
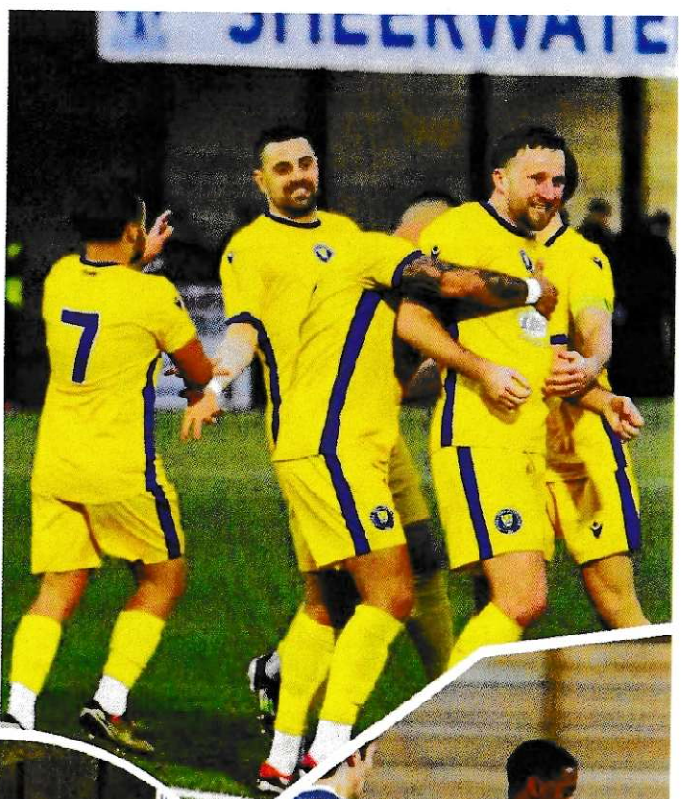
Also first aider and worked on the pitch for the club for 30 odd years .

I then moved to Horley Town where I became programme Editor first aider, steward and match secretary I also helped out being physio as well. Then three years ago joined Epsom & Ewell as secretary and safe guarding officer Steward and first aider. Also helping out being physio.

Its now been 41 years working for local football clubs in Surrey.

Spencer is a huge asset to any football club and has contributed an immense amount of effort and commitment to our football club, with the Club Shop, Physios duties and filling Peter Beddoe's shoes as club secretary.

It has been a very tough 12 Months for Spencer. So well done for you continued support. We Thank you!



Sheerwater 2 Epsom & Ewell 2



Match report 2



Sheerwater 2

Epsom & Ewell 2

Combined Counties Premier

Saturday 1 February 2025

Scorers: Fofahan (60') Dundas (81')



Kevin Kardel retained his place in goal, with Dan O'Donovan still injured. Up front, there was a welcome return for Carl Oblitey.

The Salts started very slowly and fell behind after just seven minutes when a blocked shot was fired home. The deficit doubled in the 16th minute, as Kareem Foster scored at the second attempt. The Salts were struggling, but goalkeeper Kevin Kardel then pulled off a fantastic save to keep them in the game. In the final 15 minutes of the half, they began to grow into the match. However, they went into the break 0-2 down, facing a mountain to climb.

Epsom & Ewell made changes for the second half, with Nicolas Bostan making way for Callum Wilson at the back. Niall Stillwell was booked. Nathan Best was then replaced by Ethan Nelson-Roberts.

On the hour mark, the Salts pulled one back when an Ali Fofahan corner beat the goalkeeper and defenders, flying straight into the net to make it 1-2. In the 76th minute, Will Kendall replaced Ali Fofahan.








The equaliser arrived in the 81st minute. A Luke Miller corner was flicked on by Will Kendall and Callum Wilson, before Craig Dundas fired home. The Salts continued to push forward in search of a winner but had to settle for a point.

A much-improved second half with some good football.

Lineup

- 13  **Kevin Kardel**
- 2  **Niall Stillwell** 
- 3  **Kionte Gillfillian-Waul**
- 4  **Adam Green**
- 5  **Nicolas Bostan**
 Sub Off 46'
- 6  **Anthony Nazareth**
- 7  **Luke Miller**
- 8  **Craig Dundas** 
- 9  **Carl Oblitey**
- 10  **Ali Fofahan** 
 Sub Off 76'
- 11  **Nathan Best**
 Sub Off 60'

Substitutes

- 12  **Ethan Nelson-Roberts**
 Sub On 60'
- 14  **Will Kendall**
 Sub On 76'
- 15  **Callum Wilson**
 Sub On 46'
- 16  **Jack Torbett**



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The Non-League Football Scene: A Hidden Gem of English Football

By Ariba

The non-league football pyramid in England is a vast and diverse landscape that often goes unnoticed by casual football fans. This intricate network of leagues, ranging from the National League to the countless local divisions, is a treasure trove of passion, talent, and unique stories. In this article, we will delve into the world of non-league football, exploring its history, the challenges faced by clubs, and the remarkable individuals who make it a vibrant part of the English football ecosystem.

A Brief History of Non-League Football

The origins of non-league football can be traced back to the late 19th century when the Football League was formed. Clubs that were not included in the league continued to play in local competitions, laying the foundation for the non-league pyramid as we know it today. Over the years, the non-league system has evolved, with the introduction of various divisions and cup competitions.

The Structure of the Non-League Pyramid

The non-league pyramid in England consists of seven tiers, starting with the National League at the top and culminating in the countless local leagues at the bottom. Each tier is further divided into divisions, creating a complex and interconnected system. The National League is the highest level of non-league football, with clubs competing for promotion to the English Football League. Below the National League are the National League North and South, followed by the Northern Premier League, Southern League, and the Isthmian League.

Challenges Faced by Non-League Clubs

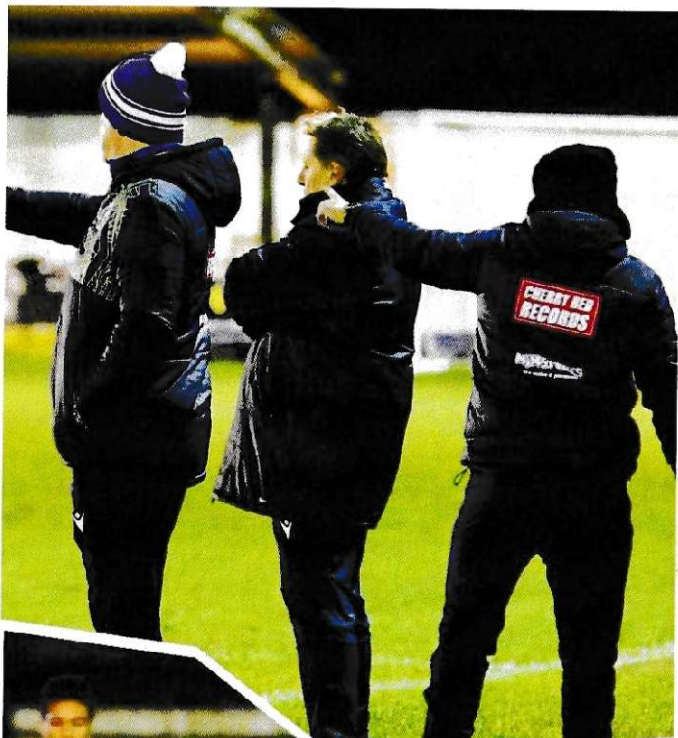
Non-league clubs face a unique set of challenges that often limit their resources and ambitions. Financial constraints are a common problem, as clubs rely heavily on sponsorship, gate receipts, and fundraising efforts. The lack of television coverage and media attention can also hinder their ability to attract new fans and generate revenue. Despite these difficulties, many non-league clubs have developed strong community ties and loyal fan bases.

The Importance of Grassroots Football

Non-league football plays a crucial role in developing young talent and fostering a love for the game at the grassroots level. Countless players have used the non-league pyramid as a stepping stone to professional football, while others have found lifelong fulfillment in playing for their local clubs. The non-league scene also provides a platform for aspiring managers and coaches to gain experience and develop their skills.

Iconic Non-League Clubs

The non-league landscape is home to a number of iconic clubs with rich histories and passionate fan bases. Lincoln City, who famously reached the FA Cup quarter-finals in 2017, are one of the most well-known non-league teams. Other notable clubs include AFC Telford United, who have won the FA Trophy a record seven times, and Sutton United, who famously defeated Coventry City in the FA Cup in 2017.



Reading City 1 Epsom & Ewell 1
Epsom win on penalties 5 - 6



Match report 3



Reading City 1

Epsom & Ewell 1 win on pens 5-6

Southern Combination Challenge Cup 2nd round

Tuesday 2 February 2025

Scorers: Green (69') Wilson, Dundas,
Nazareth, Miller, Stillwell, Kendall



It was a nightmare midweek journey in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup, with most of the players and management stuck in traffic for over two hours. Many others were stranded at the station, making for far from ideal preparation. Some players didn't arrive at all, while others made it just minutes before kick-off.



Despite this, we started the stronger side and were playing well. However, after just five minutes, Waugh struck for Reading, putting them ahead. The hosts posed a threat with their long-throw specialist, causing problems in the box. The Salts pushed forward, with Will Kendall firing just over the bar, while goalkeeper Kevin Kardel pulled off a fantastic save to keep the score at 1-0 going into half-time.

The Salts came out firing on all cylinders in the second half. On 62 minutes, Kevin Kardel produced an incredible triple save, blocking a shot before making two further stops in quick succession. Then, in the 69th minute, Ethan Nelson-Roberts was fouled in the box, and skipper Adam Green stepped up to convert the penalty, bringing the Salts level. A minute later, Stefan Aiwone made a welcome return from injury, replacing Sean Michael Anderson. On 80 minutes, William Kendall broke free of his marker, but his shot sailed over the bar.

With the game ending 1-1, another penalty shootout was required. Adam Green took the first penalty but saw his effort saved. Kevin Kardel immediately responded by saving Reading's first spot-kick. Both sides then scored their next four penalties, with Callum Wilson, Craig Dundas, Anthony Nazareth, and Luke Miller converting for the Salts.

The shootout moved into sudden death. Niall Stillwell and William Kendall both scored before Kevin Kardel produced his second penalty save of the night, securing victory for the Salts and a place in the quarter-finals at home to Balham.

Lineup

- 1  Kevin Kardel
- 2  Niall Stillwell 
- 3  Kionte Gillfillian-Waul 
- 4  Adam Green 
- 5  Anthony Nazareth 
- 6  Callum Wilson 
- 7  Luke Miller 
- 8  Craig Dundas 
- 9  Will Kendall 
- 10  Sean Michael Anderson
 Sub Off
- 11  Ethan Nelson-Roberts 

Substitutes

- 12  Stefan Aiwone
 Sub On
- 14  Ayran Kugathas

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Thank you for your cooperation!

Today's game

in CCL Premier South



Epsom & Ewell

(blue and white)

Stefan AIWONE
Nathan BEST
Jason BLOOR
Nicolas BOSTAN
Ethan BRAZIER
Craig DUNDAS
Conrad ESSILFIE-CONDUAH
Ali FOFAHAN
Kionte GILLFILLIAN-WUAL
Adam GREEN ©
Kevin Kardel (GK)
William KENDALL
Luke MILLER
Anthony NAZARETH
Sean MICHAEL ANDERSON
Ethan NELSON-ROBERTS
Carl OBLITEY
Daniel O'DONOVAN (gk)
Kailan REECE NORTH
Niall STILLWELL
Jack TORBETT
Callum WILSON
Toby YOUNG

MANAGER Warren BURTON

PLAYER/COACH Craig DUNDAS

COACH Max JOHNSON

Assistant Manager Simon PAYNE

GK COACH Kevin ESPINOSA

PHYSIO Jody DAVIES



Abbey Rangers

(Black & White)

Andreou, Alexandros Theodoros

Antwi, Jerry

Blaize carr, Joshua

Brown, Ahkim

Bruno, Diego

Burton, Alfie Jay

Davies, Del

Derham, Milo

Diakite, Mohamed

Durrant, Ryan

Gabaza, Tanaka

HARMAN, DANIEL-LEE

Honey, Shay

Hurst, Maxwell Joseph

Ikala, Jordan

Karanja, Kelvin

Kelly, Jae

Lenda, Breece

Lillie, Jack

Marshall, Brad

Minchin, Jack

Mortimer, Stuart Richard

Nago, Tadiwanashe

Nunn, Ross

ORISATOKI, David

Peel, Tom

Robertson, Luke

Warren, Finley George

Williamson, Stanley

Wooliscroft, Tremayne

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