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EPSOM & EWELL
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Tuesday 25 Febuary 2025
Kick-off 7.45pm

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From the Clubhouse



Good evening everyone,

Since my last notes to you in the Abbey Rangers programme we have played two league games and one Cup game with some success.

On the positive front, we beat Abbey Rangers here at King Georges Field (KGF) ten days ago by two goals to one. It was a very good first half, during which we took a two-goal lead. Then, in the second half, we conceded a goal to make it a bit nervy, but we got through and recorded a fine victory.

We then hit the road for a cup tie, and when I say 'the road,' it was a very long trip to Wallingford and Crowmarsh FC in deepest, darkest Oxfordshire, where we were soundly beaten 3-0; we wish them well in the next round.

Our most recent encounter was at promotion-chasing AFC Whyteleafe where we gave a very good account of ourselves for much of the match but were eventually beaten 3-1 by a very good side who stand a very good chance of promotion.

Tonight it is cup action again at KGF where we take on Balham FC and we extend a very warm welcome to their management team (Dare and Thiago) players and supporters as both sides try to progress to the semi-finals of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup - your support is always very welcome.

Enjoy the game
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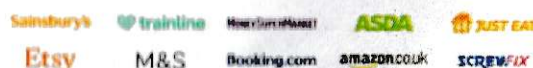


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Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup
Winners: 2012-2013
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Champions: 1993-94
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Surrey Senior Cup
Winners: 1980-81
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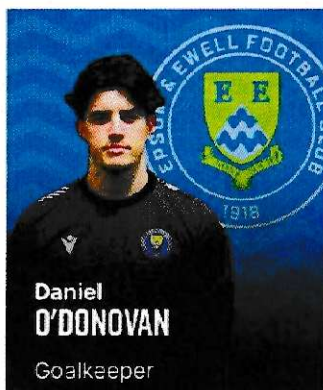


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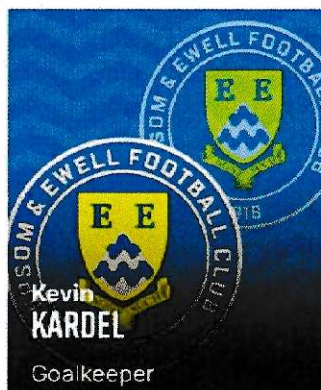
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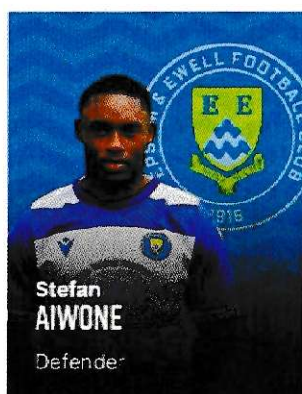


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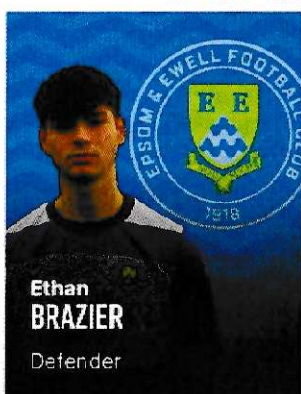
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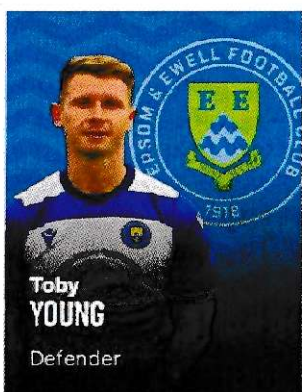
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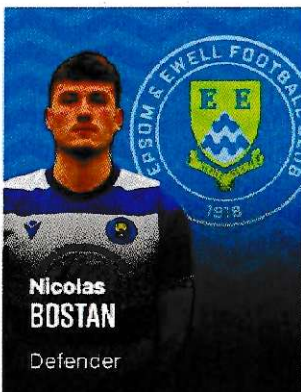
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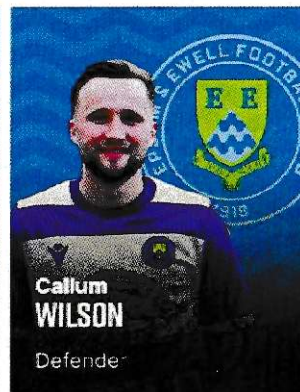
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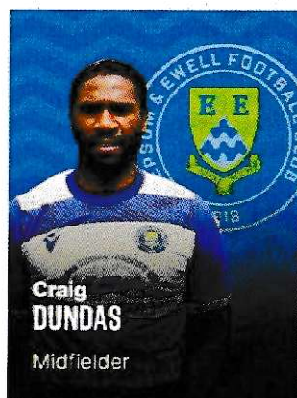
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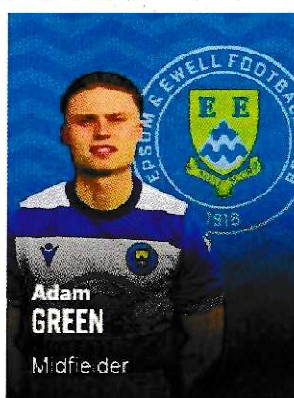
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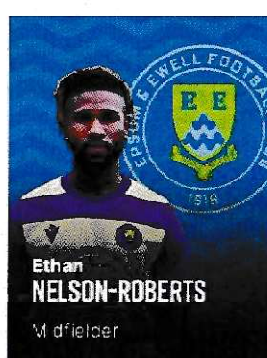
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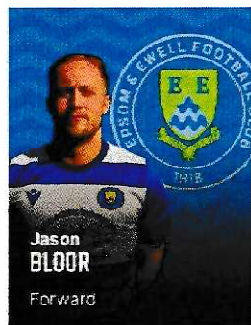


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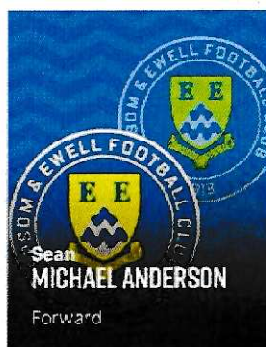
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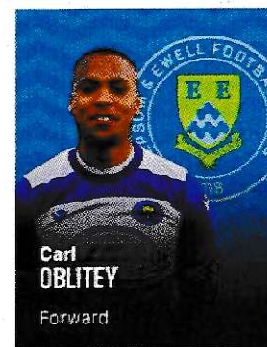
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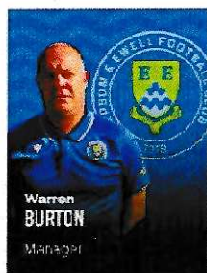


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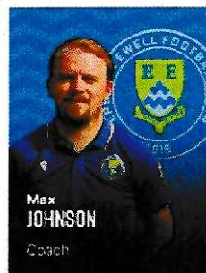


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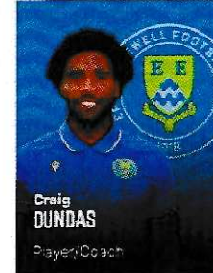
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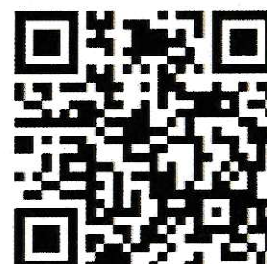


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AFC Whyteleafe		3 - 1		Epsom & Ewell
Abbey Rangers		1 - 1		Tooting & Mitcham United
Balham		3 - 1		Chipstead
Horley Town		1 - 6		Tadley Calleva
Knaphill		1 - 3 (HT 0-1)		Jersey Bulls
Sheerwater		3 - 1		Fleet Town
Spelthorne Sports		1 - 1 (HT 0-0)		Camberley Town
Amersham Town		6 - 2 (HT 5-0)		Risborough Rangers
Ardley United		1 - 2 (HT 0-0)		North Greenford United
Bedfont Sports		6 - 0		Wokingham Town
Edgware & Kingsbury		2 - 0		British Airways
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Virginia Water		3 - 2		Harefield United
Wallingford & Crowmarsh		0 - 1		Egham Town

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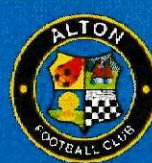
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Abbey Rangers FC
Addlestone Moor
KT15 2QH
2023-24 CCLPS 20th
abbeyrangers.co.uk



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



Alton FC
Anstey Park
GU34 2NB
2023-24 CCLPS 7th
altonfc.com



Balham FC
Imperial Fields
SM4 6BF
2023-24 CCLPS 9th
balhamfc.com



Camberley Town
Krooner Park
GU15 2QW
2023-24 CCLPS 15th
camberleytownfc.co.uk



Chipstead FC
High Road
CR5 3SF
2023-24 ISTH15C 20th
chipsteadfc.com



Cobham FC
Downside Bridge Rd
KT11 3EP
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
bullsje

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.

CCL Premier Division South



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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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	1 AFC Whyteleafe	31	25	2	4	87	32	+55	77
	2 Redhill	30	25	2	3	75	26	+49	77
	3 Jersey Bulls	29	23	5	1	80	16	+64	74
	4 Cobham	33	18	9	6	72	32	+40	63
	5 Fleet Town	26	16	7	3	51	27	+24	55
	6 Knaphill	32	12	8	12	46	51	-5	44
	7 Tadley Calleva	27	13	4	10	52	51	+1	43
	8 Tooting & Mitcham United	28	11	6	11	47	36	+11	39
	9 Sheerwater	34	10	8	16	56	61	-5	38
	10 Abbey Rangers	29	10	7	12	43	52	-9	37
	11 Corinthian-Casuals	32	10	7	15	54	65	-11	37
	12 Horley Town	30	10	6	14	55	70	-15	36
	13 Alton	30	9	8	13	42	53	-11	35
	14 Guildford City	29	8	7	14	40	48	-8	31
	15 Epsom & Ewell	27	8	5	14	36	58	-22	29
	16 Camberley Town	28	6	9	13	37	49	-12	27
	17 Chipstead	29	8	3	18	39	84	-45	27
	18 Sandhurst Town	29	7	5	17	49	73	-24	26
	19 Balham	31	4	7	20	31	66	-35	19
	20 Spelthorne Sports	28	2	7	19	20	62	-42	13

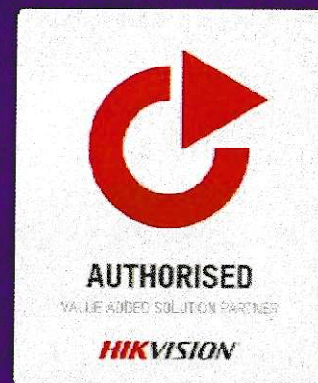
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Tue 4 Mar	H	Cobham	Combined Counties Prem S	7.45pm
Wed 12 Mar	A	Guildford City	Combined Counties Prem S	7.30pm
Sat 15 Mar	A	Tadley Calleva	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm
Tue 18 Mar	A	Horley Town	Combined Counties Prem S	7.30pm
Sat 22 Mar	H	Balham	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm
Tue 25 Mar	A	Corinthian-Casuals	Combined Counties Prem S	7.45pm
Sat 29 Mar	A	Spelthorne Sports	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm
Sat 5 Apr	H	Alton	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm
Sat 12 Apr	H	Tadley Calleva	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm
Sat 19 Apr	H	Tooting & Mitcham United	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm

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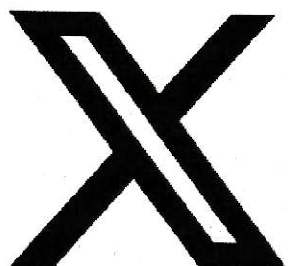
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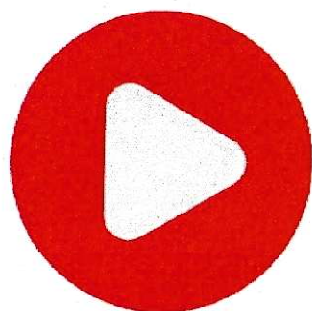
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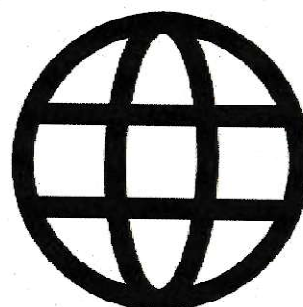
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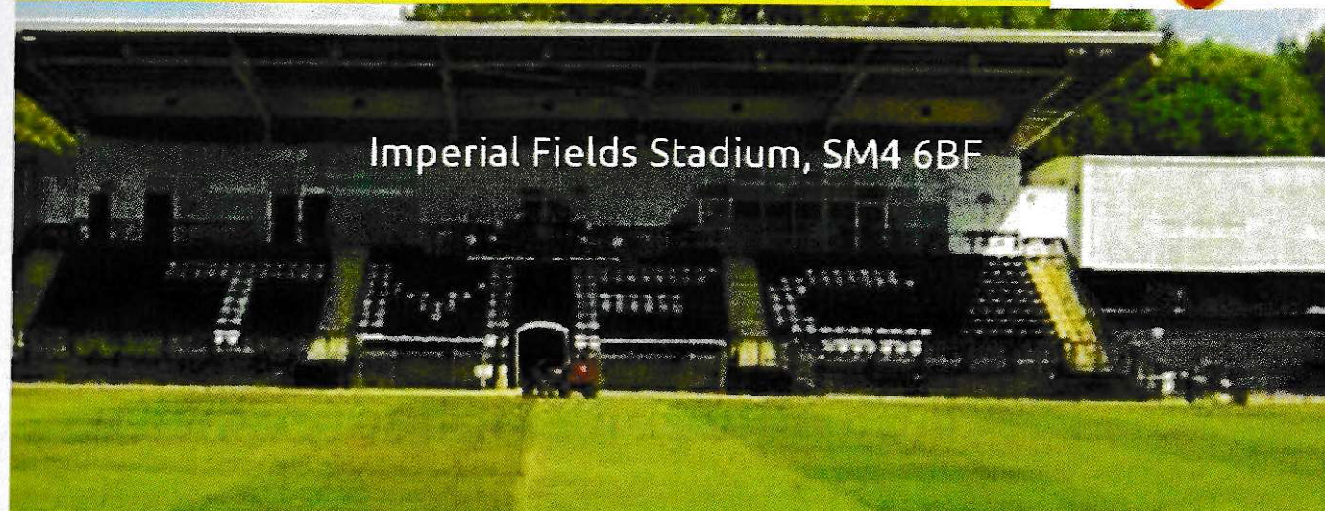
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Welcome to Balham



Balham History

Balham FC is run by a Board of Directors: Greg Cruttwell, Derek Fordham and Jennie Molyneux. They are joined on the Club Committee by Zoe Appleton, Len Chapman and Steve Pigott. The club was originally founded by Greg Cruttwell in 2001 as Balham Blazers FC. It started with one Under 10 team in 2001/02 playing in the London County Saturday Youth Football League. Following on from their success more age group teams have gradually been added and the club now offers a direct pathway in boys' football from Under 7 to Senior First Team semi-professional level at Step 5 in the Football League Ladder. The club also has an ever-expanding, high achieving, County Cup winning girls section which currently offers Football from Under 10 to Under 16 and a pathway into the Senior Women's team who play in the Greater London Women's Football League Division 2 South. Following a playing ethos of trying to bring a bit of Barcelona to Balham the age group section of the club has been extremely successful to date, winning and being runners up in over 600 League and Cup Competitions, which includes being Champions of London. The club, which has a partnership agreement with Fulham FC, has also been an unprecedented three-time winner of the London FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year Award and a four-time winner of the Wandsworth Sports Club of the Year Award. After nine seasons of age group football between 2001-2010 an Under 18 Youth team was launched. The team played for seven seasons in the Southern Youth League. The team moved into the newly formed Combined Counties League Youth Section for the 2017/18 season. In 2018/19 the team were League Champions and League Cup Winners and in 2022/23 they were East Division Runners Up. Following the launch of a Youth team the flagship First Team was founded as Balham FC in 2011.

Welcome to Balham



Balham Club Facts

Founded	2001
Nickname	The Blazers
Home Colours	White & Black
Away Colours	Marron
Ground	Imperial Fields
Capacity	3500
2023-2025	9th

- * In 2010/11 they were Central Division Runners Up.
- * In 2011/12 they were SYL Invitational Plate Winners.
- * In 2013/14 they were SYL Challenge Cup and SYL Invitational Plate Runners Up.
- * In 2014/15 they were Central Division Winners, overall SYL Champions and SYL Challenge Cup Runners Up.
- * In 2015/16 they were West Division Winners and overall SYL Runners Up.
- * In 2016/17 they were West Division Runners Up.

Having won back-to-back promotions in 2011/12 and 2012/13, Balham did the League and Cup double in the Surrey South-Eastern Combination League in 2013/14.

In 2014/15 Balham finished in a promotion position again, in the Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League, however promotion was denied due to Combined Counties League facility requirements not being met.

Having moved to ground share with Cobham FC, to meet the facility requirements, Balham finished as Runners Up in the SEIFL in 2015/16 and as a result were promoted to Division One of the Combined Counties League for the 2016/17 season.

The club had an exceptional first league campaign at Step 6, finishing in a promotion position for the sixth consecutive season and winning the London Senior Trophy.

In 2017/18 the club had an equally exceptional season finishing 5th at Step 5 in the Premier Division of the CCL and winning the London Senior Cup.

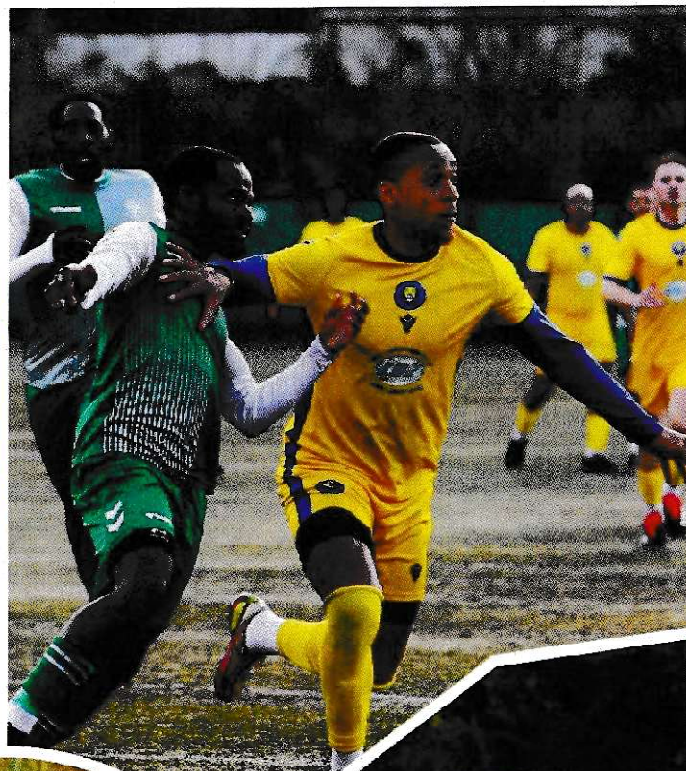
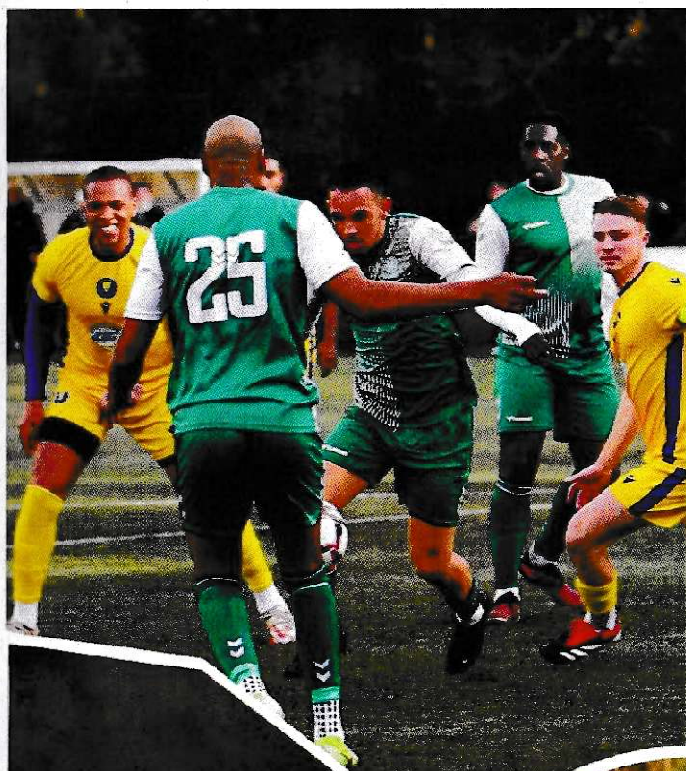
2023/24 will be the club's seventh season at this level after flirting with relegation in 2018/19 and then having null-and-void seasons in 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to COVID-19.

Having begun on Wimbledon Extension, before moving to Cobham and then to the Wibbandune Stadium, where the club ground shared with Colliers Wood United, Balham moved again in 2020, this time to the Mayfield Stadium, where the club embarked on a ground share agreement with AFC Croydon Athletic, which comes to an end in 2024.

Moving location meant having to move sideways in the Football League Pyramid, from the Premier Division of the CCL into the Premier Division of the SCEFL (South East Counties Football League)

After one single season in the SCEFL however, the FA brought Balham back to the Combined Counties League for the 2021/22 season, at the same level, in a newly formed Premier League South.

Since returning, the club has finished 8th in the league in the 2021/22 season, 9th in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 season



Whyteleafe 3 - 1 Epsom & Ewell
Combined Counties Premier South



Match report 1



Whyteleafe 3

Epsom & Ewell 1

Combined Counties Premier

Saturday 22 March 2025

Attendance: 331

Scorers: (Oblitey 37')



Facing the league leaders, the Salts had to make some late changes as goalkeeper Kevin Kardel was ruled out through injury. Former Corinthian-Casuals keeper Sami Nabbad stepped in and delivered an impressive performance between the sticks. New signing Jayden Barber was also named on the bench.

Whyteleafe applied pressure from the start and took the lead after just six minutes through Daniel Bennett. However, the Salts didn't crumble and began to play on the front foot, pressing Whyteleafe higher up the pitch. Captain Adam Green was booked for handball, but as the half progressed, Epsom & Ewell grew into the game.

In the 37th minute, forward Carl Oblitey scored a superb goal to level the match at 1-1. The Salts continued to push forward, forcing the home keeper into several errors. Despite their momentum, the score remained level at half-time.

At the start of the second half, Jayden Barber made his debut, replacing Ethan Brazier. On 62 minutes, Daniel Bennett struck again to restore Whyteleafe's lead. In response, the Salts made changes, with Conrad replacing Niall Stillwell and the injured Callum Wilson making way for Craig Dundas.

Further substitutions followed in the 82nd minute, as Jack Torbett and Campbell Scott came on for Luke Miller and Ethan Nelson-Roberts. With the Salts pushing forward in search of an equaliser, they lost possession in midfield, allowing Whyteleafe to break and score at the far post through Aaron Watson in the 85th minute.

Right at the end, Jayden Barber picked up a yellow card. The final scoreline was somewhat harsh on the Salts, who had battled bravely against the league's top side.

Lineup

- 1 Sami Nabbad
- 2 Ethan Brazier
Sub Off 46'
- 3 Kionte Gillfillian-Waul
- 4 Adam Green
- 5 Stefan Aiwone
- 6 Callum Wilson
Sub Off 70'
- 7 Luke Miller
Sub Off 82'
- 8 Niall Stillwell
Sub Off 67'
- 9 Carl Oblitey
- 10 Ali Fofahan
- 11 Ethan Nelson-Roberts
Sub Off 83'

Substitutes

- 12 Craig Dundas
Sub On 70'
- 14 Conrad Essilfie-Conduar
Sub On 67'
- 15 Jack Torbett
Sub On 82'
- 16 Campbell Scott
Sub On 83'
- 17 Jayden Barber
Sub On 46'

South East Counties Womens Football League

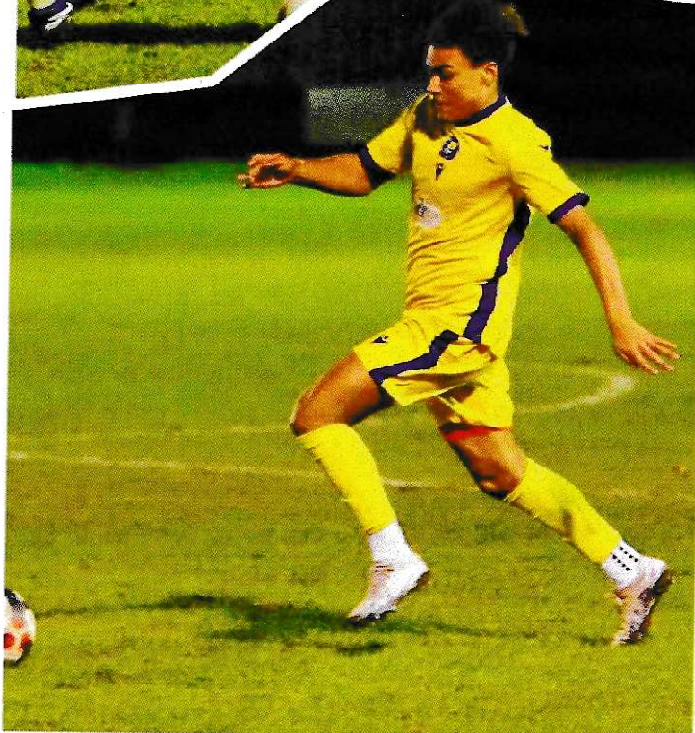
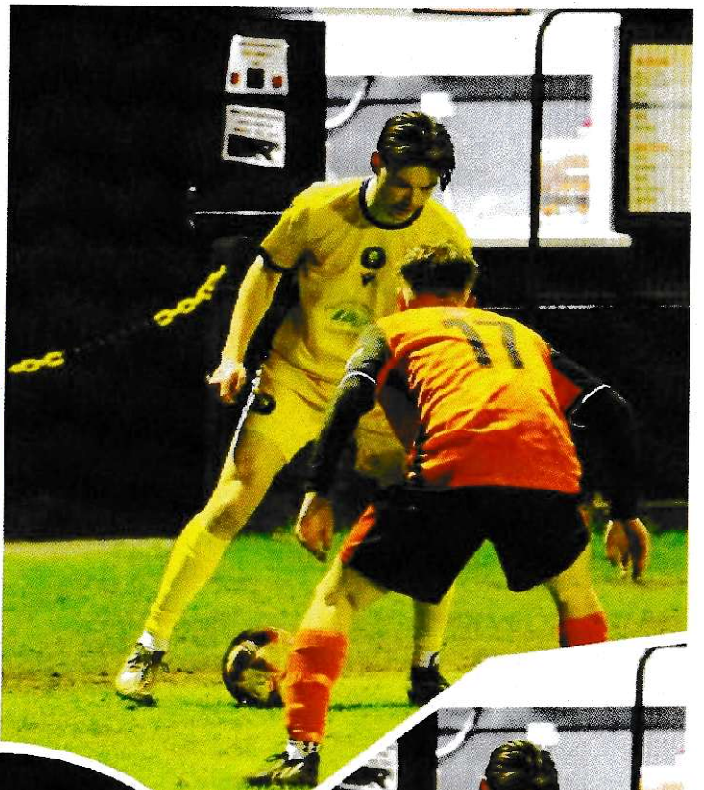


Surrey Premier Division

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Dorking Wanderers Development	11	7	2	2	11	23
2	Carshalton Athletic	10	7	1	2	41	22
3	Farnham Town	7	7	0	0	38	21
4	Leatherhead Youth	9	7	0	2	19	21
5	Sutton United Reserves	9	4	2	3	1	14
6	Croydon	9	2	1	6	-11	7
7	Beechholme Belles	8	2	0	6	-16	6
8	Epsom & Ewell	9	2	0	7	-18	6
9	Old Tiffinians	10	0	0	10	-65	0



02/03/25 13:30	Old Tiffinians		VS		Epsom & Ewell	GRISTS MEMORIAL GROUND	Surrey Premier Division
16/03/25 15:30	Epsom & Ewell		VS		Carshalton Athletic	THE REG MADGWICK STADIUM	Surrey Premier Division
23/03/25 14:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS		Croydon	THE REG MADGWICK STADIUM	Surrey Premier Division
30/03/25 15:30	Epsom & Ewell		VS		Beechholme Belles	THE REG MADGWICK STADIUM	Surrey Premier Division
06/04/25 15:30	Epsom & Ewell		VS		Farnham Town	THE REG MADGWICK STADIUM	Surrey Premier Division
13/04/25 14:00	Sutton United Reserves		VS		Epsom & Ewell	COLLINGWOOD ROAD RECREATION GROUND	Surrey Premier Division
27/04/25 14:00	Croydon		VS		Epsom & Ewell	CROYDON SPORTS ARENA	Surrey Premier Division



Wallingford & Crowmarsh 3 Epsom & Ewell 0

Match report 2



Wallingford & Crowmarsh 3

Epsom & Ewell 0

Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup

Tuesday 18 February 2025

Attendance: 65



Epsom & Ewell faced another North Division side in the League Cup, making the gruelling 130-mile midweek journey to take on Wallingford & Crowmarsh. The squad welcomed back George Owusu, who played for the club last season, along with new signing Naseem James. Callum Wilson also returned to the starting line-up.













The Salts started brightly but struggled to penetrate the opposition's box, with their long balls being dealt with too easily by the Wallingford defence. It was the hosts who broke the deadlock in the 19th minute through James Williams.

Kevin Kardel produced a fine save in the 26th minute to keep Epsom & Ewell in the game, and despite their efforts, the score remained 1-0 at half-time. Hopes of a second-half improvement quickly faded as the Salts struggled to string passes together.





Wallingford doubled their lead in the 62nd minute when James Williams netted his second of the evening. Just five minutes later, Luke Miller brought down his marker in the box, conceding a penalty and receiving a booking in the process. Williams stepped up and completed his hat-trick in the 68th minute, making it 3-0 to the hosts.

The Salts responded by making four substitutions, with Campbell Scott, Ethan Brazier, Naseem James, and George Owusu replacing Jack Torbett, Sean Anderson, Kionte Gillfillian-Waul, and Luke Miller. Despite creating several late chances, Epsom & Ewell were unable to find the net and ultimately crashed out of the Cup. A disappointing night ended with a long journey home for the team and supporter

Lineup

- 1  Kevin Kardel
- 2  Callum Wilson
- 3  Kionte Gillfillian-Waul
Sub Off 69'
- 4  Adam Green
- 5  Anthony Nazareth
- 6  Jack Torbett
Sub Off 69'
- 7  Luke Miller
Sub Off 69' 
- 8  Craig Dundas
- 9  Sean Michael Anderson
Sub Off 69'
- 10  Ali Fofahan
- 11  Ethan Nelson-Roberts

Substitutes

- 12  Campbell Scott
Sub On 69'
- 14  Ethan Brazier
Sub On 69'
- 15  Naseem James
Sub On 69'
- 16  George Owusu
Sub On 69'



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Non League Article



By Andrew Simpson

Home advantage is serious when it comes to knockout competitions – but Bourne Town are happy to be bucking that trend.

Their reward for last weekend's gripping penalty shoot-out success against Atherton LR in the Isuzu FA Vase is a SEVENTH successive away trip in the quarter-finals.

"What we really wanted was a home tie for the town," manager Michael Goode told The NLP.

"But we've proven we're a good side on the road, and the relentless nature of our league from the top to the bottom has helped us with that – wherever you go, you're in a game.

Dream

"We've learned how to handle that."

The Wakes' next stop will be Surrey, specifically Combined Counties League Premier Division South title challengers AFC Whyteleafe, for a last-eight clash on March 1.

It's often said the route to Wembley is a long one in the FA Vase, and Monday's last eight draw took place some 163 days on from a first qualifying round success against Harrowby United at the JJ Mac Stadium back in August.

Not that Bourne's supporters seem to care; seats have sold out already on two buses for next month's 300-mile round trip to the Leafe's Church Road home.

Goode added: "It's a dream for our fans, and for us.

"The backing we've had on this run is something else.

Contention

Bourne have never reached this stage of the FA Vase in 44 previous attempts, and they remain in contention for honours on four fronts.

They sit second in the United Counties League's Premier Division North table following a 2-1 defeat at fellow promotion hopefuls Lincoln United in midweek, halting a 19 game unbeaten sequence in all competitions that started in mid-October.

Goode's side will attempt to reach the Lincolnshire FA Senior Trophy final on Wednesday, and are also through to the league cup's latter stages.

He said: "There are no distractions.

"We don't care what competition it is; we just want to win the next game, and then the one after that.

"I know the players have quality, but I'm about the people too.

"And there are loads of good ones in our dressing room.

"They've come through demanding situations before, and that's exactly what they did [against Atherton LR]."

Heroics

No rival still standing has scored more goals than the Wakes' tally of 22 in seven ties, led by star player Zac Allen with five, and they have netted late to prevail on three occasions.

Goalkeeper Dan Swan's heroics in Lancashire – where he saved three spot-kicks to secure a sudden-death success – further demonstrated Bourne's resilience.

Goode added: "I was exhausted afterwards but what a special feeling.

"We want more of that."



Epsom & Ewell 2-1 Abbey Rangers

Match report 3



Epsom & Ewell 2

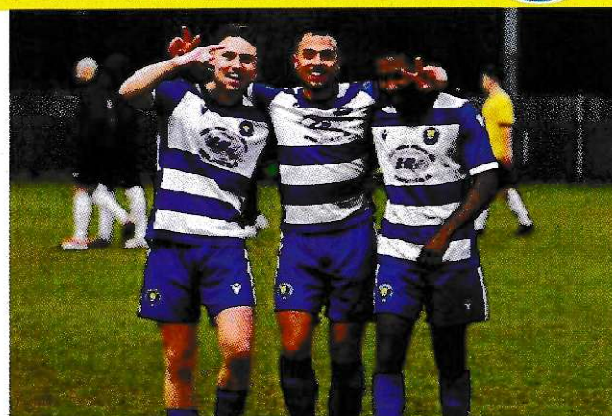
Abbey Rangers 1

Combined Counties Premier

Saturday 15 February, 2025

Attendance 70

Scorers: Nelson-Roberts (10') Fofahan (41')



We welcomed Campbell Scott, newly signed from Fleet Town, who started on the bench, while Jack Torbett made his first start at full-back.

Epsom & Ewell began brightly, playing some excellent attacking football, and took the lead in the 10th minute. A superb pass from Carl Oblitey found Ethan Nelson-Roberts, who powered the ball past former Salts goalkeeper Shay Honey to make it 1-0. Shortly after, Kevin Kardel produced a crucial save to deny Abbey what looked like a certain equaliser.




In the 41st minute, another fantastic through ball from Carl Oblitey set up Ali Fofahan, who fired home to double the lead. Just before half-time, Ethan Nelson-Roberts received a harsh yellow card, but the Salts went into the break 2-0 ahead.

Abbey Rangers came out stronger in the second half and pulled a goal back in the 60th minute through substitute Stuart Mortimer. Four minutes later, Scott Campbell replaced Jack Torbett, who had picked up an injury. Abbey continued to apply pressure and committed some tough challenges, earning three yellow cards before Ali Fofahan was booked in the 81st minute.

In the 83rd minute, Ethan Brazier made a welcome return from a long injury layoff, replacing Jason Bloor. The Salts continued to push forward in search of a third goal but ultimately saw out the game to secure a hard-fought 2-1 victory and all three points.

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Lineup

- 1  **Kevin Kardel**
- 2  **Anthony Nazareth**
- 3  **Jack Torbett**
Sub Off 64'
- 4  **Adam Green**
- 5  **Stefan Aiwone**
- 6  **Ethan Nelson-Roberts** 🟡
- 7  **Luke Miller**
- 8  **Craig Dundas**
- 9  **Carl Oblitey**
- 21  **Jason Bloor**
Sub Off 83'
- 11  **Ali Fofahan** 🟡 🟡

Substitutes

- 12  **Campbell Scott**
Sub On 64'
- 14  **Ethan Brazier**
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Today's game

Southern Combination Challenge Cup



Epsom & Ewell

(Blue and White)

Stefan AIWONE
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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
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Balham

(Maroon)

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Jack Banks
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Max Emmery
Sebastian Fallowfield
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Luke Hedges
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Connor Keene
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Piers Oldland
Samuele Pagano
Mark Palmer
Will Rees
John Ross (GK)
Jordan Skeene
Omar Stewart
Rylan Withers
Tomasz Wocial

MANAGER Daré Jean-Pierre

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