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# From the Clubhouse



Good afternoon and welcome to this Combined Counties Premier South match against Cobham.

After our exploits in the FA Vase ended last Saturday, we returned to league action with a significant win on Tuesday evening against Spellthorne Sports in a very eventful match with two red cards and a 96th-minute winner for us from the evergreen, Craig Dundas - well done Craig!!! It was great to see that Kevin Kardell was able to rejoin us as Dan O'Donovan picked up an injury in the FA vase game against VCD Athletic on the previous Saturday.

We turn to our opponents today, our very good friends at Cobham FC. I want to welcome their Chairman, Dave Tippets, Sam and their manager Craig Lewington, and their players to what should be a good game. Cobham are safely in the playoff places in our division after an excellent season so far, however, they will be trying their hardest to avenge our victory at Cobham with a late goal back in mid-November. We must be at our best to get something out of the game; it should be a good game. These notes also allow me to publicly thank Cobham FC for allowing us to ground share with them for our 2023-2024 season.

Enjoy the game.

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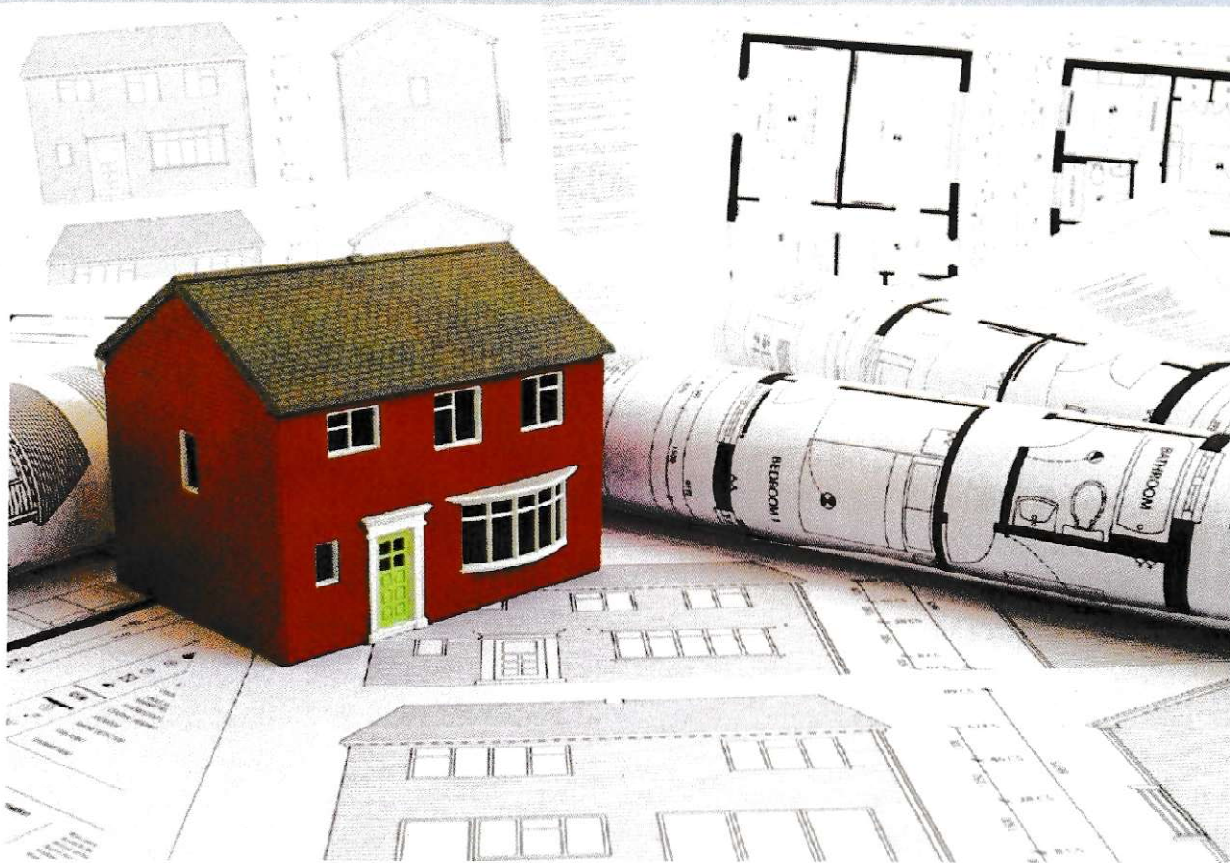
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Champions: 1922-23  
Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup  
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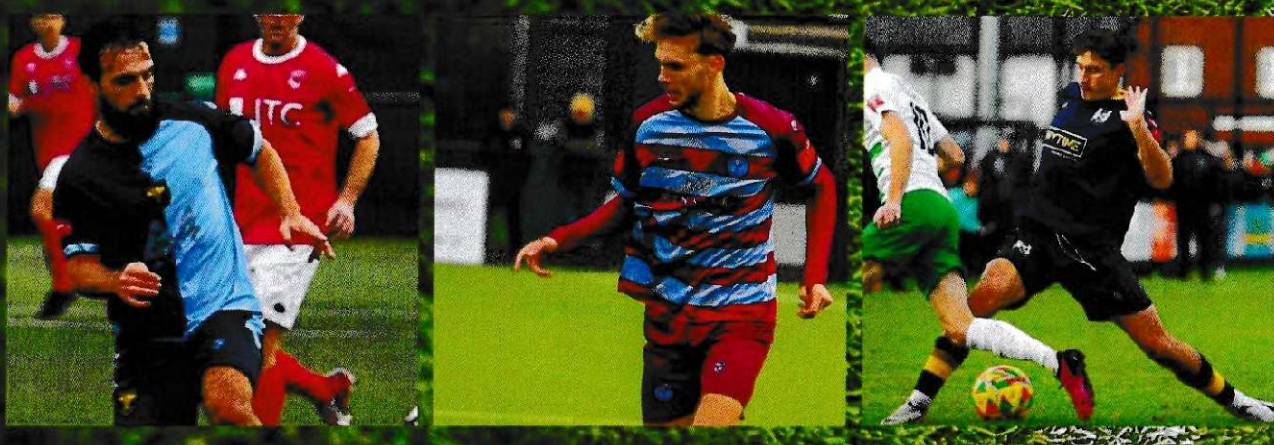
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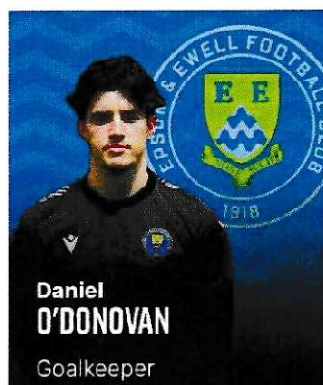




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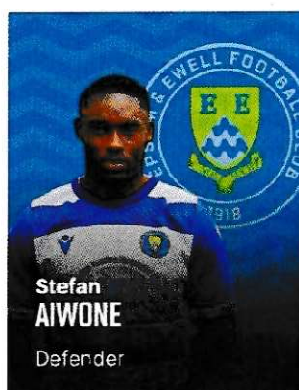


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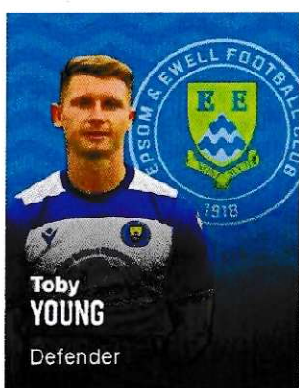
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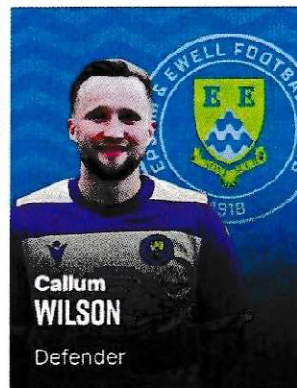
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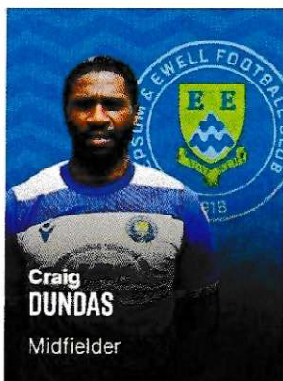
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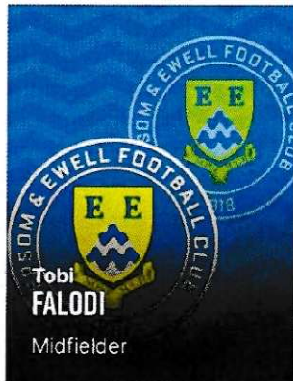
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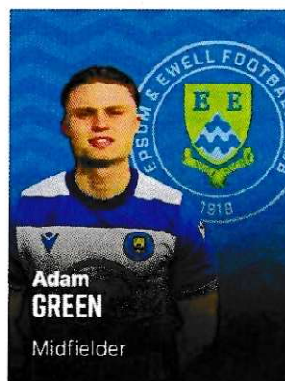
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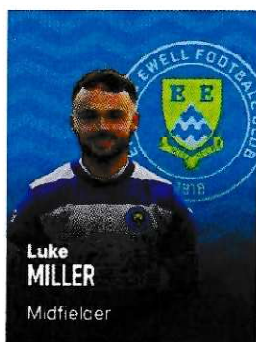
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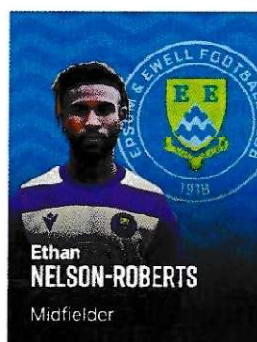
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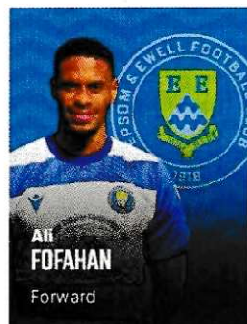
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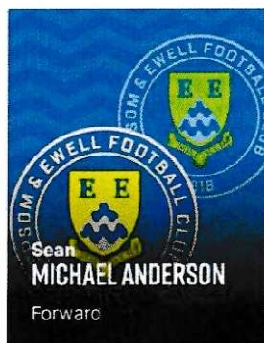
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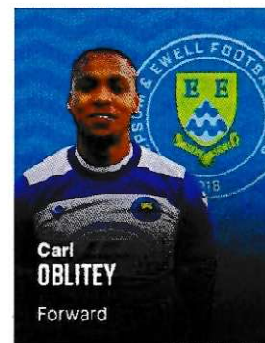
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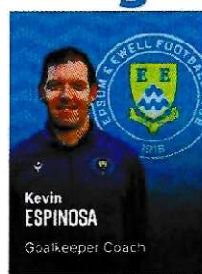
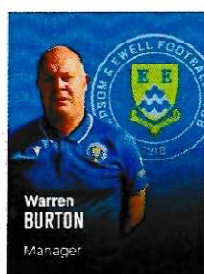


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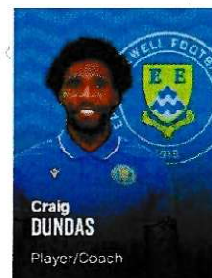
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# Attendance Statistics



## Attendances

	Team	Lowest	Highest	Average	+/-
1	Jersey Bulls	499	1033	675	+0.90%
2	AFC Whyteleafe	171	363	255	-16.12%
3	Fleet Town	175	552	254	-2.68%
4	Corinthian-Casuals	163	321	227	0.00%
5	Redhill	102	351	203	+45.00%
6	Alton	132	358	197	-16.53%
7	Tooting & Mitcham United	134	257	178	-7.29%
8	Horley Town	68	227	130	-17.72%
9	Epsom & Ewell	60	224	109	+36.25%
10	Guildford City	68	148	105	-21.05%
11	Cobham	66	154	100	+2.04%
12	Knaphill	76	205	100	-27.54%
13	Tadley Calleva	68	143	99	+10.00%
14	Sandhurst Town	65	128	96	-18.64%
15	Balham	39	303	92	+84.00%
16	Chipstead	50	130	86	-37.68%
17	Sheerwater	30	138	84	-4.55%
18	Spelthorne Sports	52	125	84	+3.70%
19	Abbey Rangers	38	138	71	+7.58%
20	Camberley Town	44	98	67	-22.99%

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## Season 2024-25 Club Directory



**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*  
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.



# CCL Premier Division South



## Season 2024-25 Club Directory



**Knaphill FC**  
Redding Way  
GU21 2AY

*2023-24 CCLPS 3rd*  
[pitchero.com/clubs/knaphillfoot  
balclub](http://pitchero.com/clubs/knaphillfootballclub)



**Redhill FC**  
Kiln Brow  
RH1 5AE

*2023-24 CCLPS 6th*  
[redhillfc.com](http://redhillfc.com)



**Sandhurst Town FC**  
Bottom Meadow  
GU47 9BJ

*2023-24 CCLPS 10th*  
[sandhursttownfc1910.com](http://sandhursttownfc1910.com)



**Sheerwater FC**  
Albert Drive  
GU21 5RF

*2023-24 CCLPS 19th*  
[pitchero.com/clubs/  
sheerwaterfc2](http://pitchero.com/clubs/sheerwaterfc2)



**Spelthorne Sports**  
Staines Road West  
TW15 1RY

*2023-24 CCLPS 17th*  
[spelthornesportsfc.com](http://spelthornesportsfc.com)



**Tadley Calleva FC**  
Barlows Park  
RG26 3PX

*2023-24 CCLPS 4th*  
[tadleycalleva.com](http://tadleycalleva.com)



**Tooting & Mitcham**  
Imperial Fields  
SM4 6BF

*2023-24 CCLPS 13th*  
[tmunited.org](http://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. Details of how you can comment on 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.

If you wish to add your support, please go to the local plan website on the link above and follow the instructions.

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.



# CCL Premier Division South



## 2024-25 League Table so far

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	AFC Whyteleafe	27	21	2	4	44	65
2	Redhill	25	21	2	2	44	65
3	Jersey Bulls	23	18	4	1	55	58
4	Cobham	30	16	8	6	33	56
5	Fleet Town	21	13	6	2	20	45
6	Tadley Calleva	22	12	4	6	6	40
7	Knaphill	26	11	6	9	-1	39
8	Corinthian-Casuals	30	10	6	14	-9	36
9	Tooting & Mitcham United	23	10	5	8	13	35
10	Abbey Rangers	23	10	4	9	-4	34
11	Horley Town	25	8	6	11	-8	30
12	Sheerwater	29	7	6	16	-10	27
13	Guildford City	25	7	5	13	-6	26
14	Alton	26	6	8	12	-14	26
15	Chipstead	25	8	2	15	-38	26
16	Epsom & Ewell	24	7	4	13	-21	25
17	Camberley Town	23	6	6	11	-10	24
18	Sandhurst Town	24	7	2	15	-21	23
19	Balham	26	2	7	17	-33	13
20	Spelthorne Sports	23	1	5	17	-40	8



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CC	28/01/25 19:45	Reading City		VS	Epsom & Ewell	The Rivermoor	Southern Combination Challenge Cup 2nd Round
PDS	01/02/25 15:00	Sheerwater		VS	Epsom & Ewell	EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Premier Division South
PDS	08/02/25 15:00	Corinthian-Casuals		VS	Epsom & Ewell	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South
PRC	11/02/25 19:45	Wallingford & Crowmarsh		VS	Epsom & Ewell	WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK	Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup_2024 -2025
PDS	15/02/25 15:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS	Abbey Rangers	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South
PDS	22/02/25 15:00	AFC Whyteleafe		VS	Epsom & Ewell	AFC WHYTELEAFE	Premier Division South
PDS	01/03/25 19:45	Knaphill		VS	Epsom & Ewell	BROOKWOOD COUNTRY PARK	Premier Division South
PDS	12/03/25 19:30	Guildford City		VS	Epsom & Ewell	GUILDFORD SPECTRUM	Premier Division South
PDS	15/03/25 15:00	Tadley Calleva		VS	Epsom & Ewell	BARLOWS PARK	Premier Division South
PDS	18/03/25 19:30	Harley Town		VS	Epsom & Ewell	HORLEY TOWN FC	Premier Division South
PDS	22/03/25 15:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS	Balham	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South
PDS	29/03/25 15:00	Spelthorne Sports		VS	Epsom & Ewell	SPELTHORNE SPORTS CLUB	Premier Division South
PDS	05/04/25 15:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS	Alton	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South
PDS	12/04/25 15:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS	Tadley Calleva	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South
PDS	19/04/25 15:00	Epsom & Ewell		VS	Tooting & Mitcham United	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC	Premier Division South

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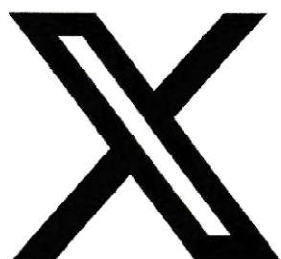
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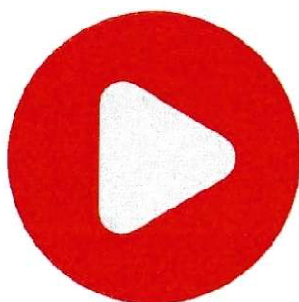
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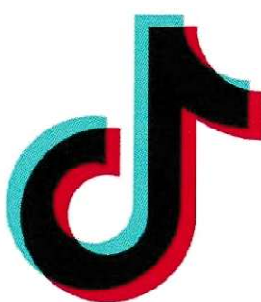
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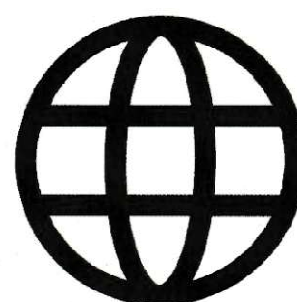
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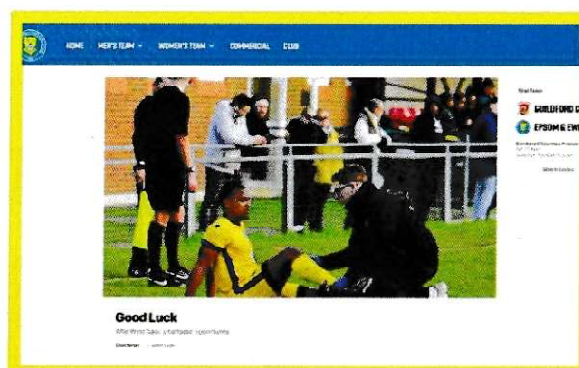
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# Welcome to Cobham



## Cobham History

Cobham Football Club was formed on Friday 5 November 1886 by Founding President, Hon. Alan Egerton MP and villagers connected with the local Coffee Tavern. The Vicar offered to supply it with a football. On 4 November 1890, The Evening Telegraph reported on the death of our Centre Half, Arthur Smith, following injuries sustained in a match vs Kingston Wanderers. In 1892, the Club affiliated to the Surrey FA. The home ground was never settled with various fields around the outskirts of the village being used at different times. During the late 1920's they played in the Kingston and District League winning division 1 in 1928/29 and 1929/30. Following the Club gaining intermediate status in 1933, Cobham won the Surrey Intermediate League Cup (Central) in 1933/34 and 1935/36. The Club achieved senior status in 1938 upon election to the new Surrey Senior League. The war years between 1939 to 1945 saw a vote to agree a temporary merger with the Avorians Sports Club to form Cobham Avorians to ensure local football continued. After the War, the Club made home at Cobham recreation ground until 1955/6 when it moved to Anvil lane also known as the Leg o' Mutton field. The club took its nickname from the word anvil and thus became the Hammers. Phil Walker and Trevor Lee of Millwall FC and Cricketer Bob Willis of Surrey & England are amongst famous ex-players. During the 70's, 80's and 90's the club had a really good local feel with the ground being a vibrant hub of football. The World Famous Rock Band, Moody Blues, played an Annual Charity Match at Cobham Football Club, giving us our record attendance of 2,000 in 1974/75. The floodlights were installed in season 1996/97 and were christened with a game against Conference side Woking FC on 18th February 1997.

he Hammers were founder members of the Combined Counties League moving up from the now defunct Surrey Senior League. They finished second to Ash United in 1998/9. Amongst long serving stalwarts such as Dave Tippetts who first joined the club in the 1980's, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a painting of Reg Madgwick, who served as player, committee member and fund raiser. When he died in 1995, he requested his ashes be scattered on the pitch and left all his worldly possessions to the club and the decision was made to rename the ground The Reg Madgwick Stadium in his honour.



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The Club won the Combined Counties Premier League Challenge Cup in 2001/02 beating Bedfont FC 3-2. After the stand went up in 2004, the club was a mainstay in the Combined Counties Division 1 under the guidance until 2015 of the late Ken Reed who died in 2018. After a new committee was elected in 2015 led by Dave Tippetts, the club has built its Junior football with 16 sides to compliment the men's team and the new seated stand, new fencing and the dual turnstile were put in during April 2016 to allow the ground to achieve a Grade D (Step 4) rating. 2017/2018 saw the club promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division under the guidance of Sam Merison and the introduction of an Under 23 side to support the first team. During the covid years, Cobham enjoyed record cup runs in the FA Cup (1st qualifying round) and last 16 of the FA Vase in 2020/21. The club most recent trophies are the unique weekend double achieved by the Under 23's winning the Surrey Elite Intermediate League's Reserve Division Covid Cup & Challenge Cup in 2021 beating Frimley Green Under 23's & Virginia Water Reserves both on penalties. This adds to their 2019 triumph over SCR FC under 23's also on penalties to win the Combined Counties Development League Cup. Craig Lewington took over as First Team Manager in June 2022. In 2023 Sam Merison and Dave Tippetts led the development of the clubs new £1m artificial grass pitch. Committee stalwarts such as Ewemade Orobator and Mark Cornish have helped to grow the club and gain many of the town's businesses on board as sponsors and suppliers. The Hammers are on a firm footing as a 2 star accredited club, with the town and families at the heart of our plans.

## Cobham Club Facts

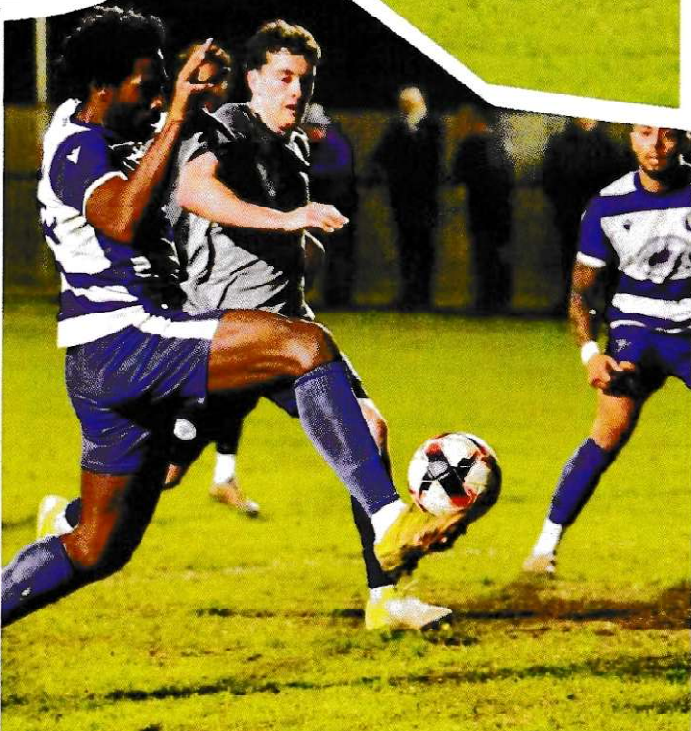
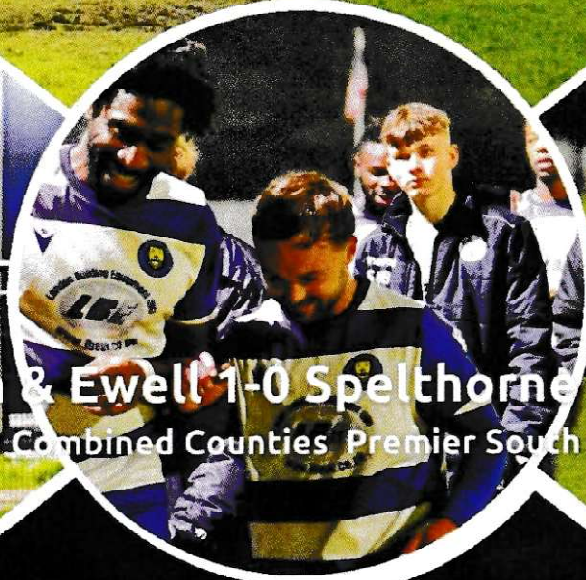
Founded	1866
Nickname	The Hammers
Home Colours	Light & Dark Blue
Away Colours	Grey & Blue
Ground	Reg Madgwick Stadium
Capacity	2000
2024-25	12th

### League honours

Southern Combination Cup[5]  
Combined Counties League  
Premier Challenge Cup winners 2001-02  
Surrey Intermediate (Central) League  
League Cup winners 1933-34, 1935-36  
Kingston & District League  
Division One champions 1928-29, 1929-30

Highest league position: 2nd in the Combined Counties League, 1998-99[12]  
Best FA Cup performance: First qualifying round, 2002-03, 2006-07, 2010-11, 2020-21[12]  
Best FA Vase performance: Fifth round, 2020-21[12]  
Record attendance: 2,000, charity match, 1975[1]





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'))



### 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 87'

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.



## 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!

### **Sir Alex Ferguson delivers beautiful tribute to Denis Law - 'King of Old Trafford**

"It's an interesting thing, why did they call him The King? You know, because you had George Best, Bobby Charlton, the greatest English player of all time, fantastic player for our club, but they called Denis 'The King'.

"I think it's something to do with the determination and the will to win that he showed every time he went on that football field. And that's what he was, he was a, he was a really competitive human being. And no matter which game, that was always there."

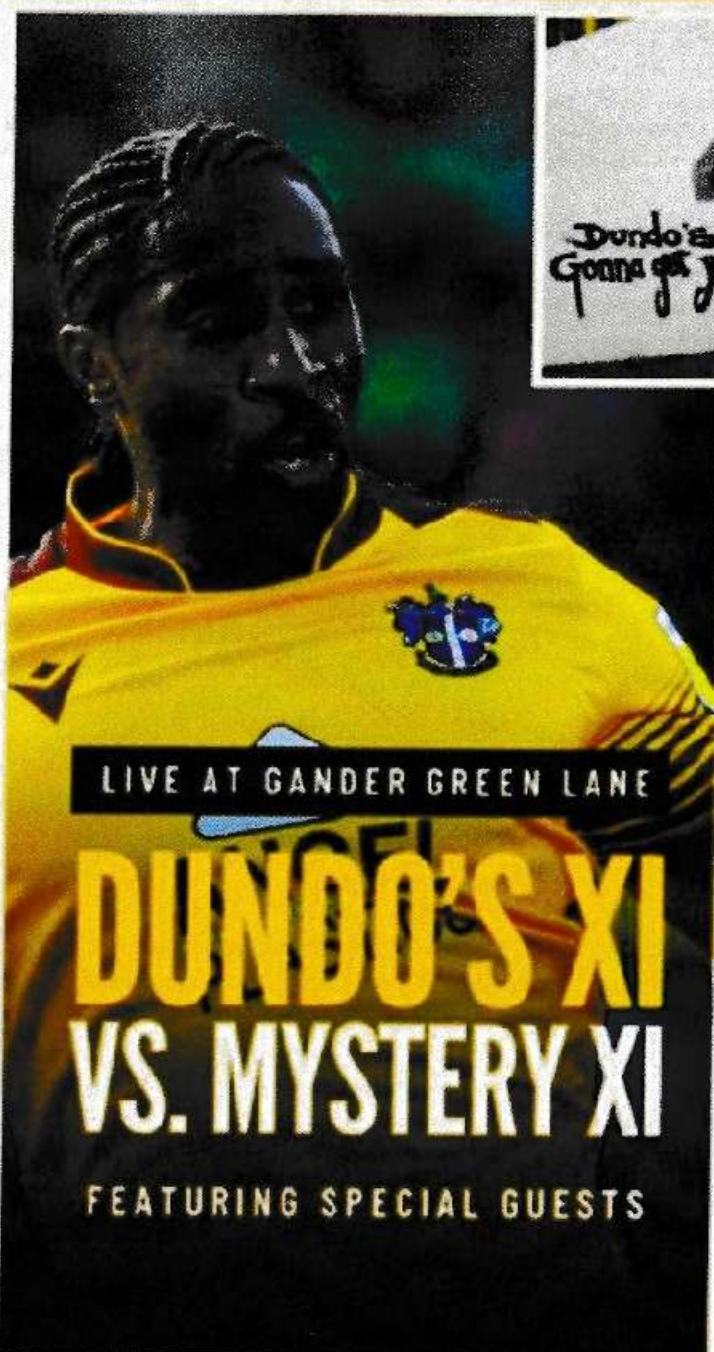
Ferguson also lauded Law's fighting spirit, adding: "He was the best Scottish player of all time. Kenny Dalglish soon after, some fantastic players, but Denis was a fantastic player. He summarised a Scotsman, the fighting element, he could fight in an empty house! An incredible human being."



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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 competition, 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.



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# Ground Regulations 2024-25



All spectators attending home matches are required to read and comply with this Code of Conduct, and to respect the same principles when attending our away fixtures at other clubs.

Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of this Code of Conduct, the rules and regulations of The Football Association and The Isthmian League.

The Club reserves the right to amend, alter or update this Code of Conduct and to eject, ban or prosecute as appropriate/necessary at their sole discretion.

Please remember that your behaviour reflects on Epsom & Ewell FC and could result in fines and in extreme cases heavier sanctions being imposed upon the club.

## Entering and Leaving the ground

Please don't enter if you have Covid or Covid like symptoms or have been in close contact with anyone who has Covid. If you have driven to the ground, please park your vehicle considerately, don't block in others, and in particular don't block our neighbours' access to their houses. Out of respect for our neighbours, please keep noise levels down, especially late-night revelry, and don't litter the area. Don't attempt to bring Flares or Fireworks of any description into the ground. We reserve the right to check all bags and suspicious objects, and any found will be confiscated. No alcoholic drinks are allowed to be brought into the ground. We reserve the right to check all bags and suspicious objects, and any found will be confiscated. Don't attempt to bypass the gate security checks, smuggle drinks of any kind into the ground or bypass the turnstiles without payment. Anyone found doing so will be evicted from the ground.

## Within the ground

Be respectful to club officers, staff, security, stewards, and other fans at all times. Don't obstruct the normal activities of the Club and its officers. Don't stand in seating areas or access gangways or steps. Don't behave in a manner that compromises the comfort, enjoyment or safety of others. Always behave appropriately and don't bring the Club into disrepute. The following behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in immediate eviction and ban. Being drunk or under the influence of drugs and behaving anti socially. Threatening behaviour, use of obscene or abusive language, persistent swearing and/or making vulgar gestures. Racial, homophobic or any other form of discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment. Fighting. Entering the field of play before, during or after the game. The throwing of any missile or object onto the field of play. The letting off of any flare or firework.

Furthermore, **the following are strictly forbidden** and may result in immediate eviction and ban for repeat offenders...

The consumption of alcohol in bottles, glasses or cans in the stands, terraces and other open areas within the ground. The climbing up or onto floodlights, stands, buildings, roofs, fences or any other structure. The obstruction of any walkways and pedestrian routes. The playing of ball games in areas populated by ground visitors. Allowing any animal to roam off the leash within the ground confines. The parking of any vehicle blocking Emergency Vehicle access. The length of any ban imposed will be related to the severity of offence and solely at the discretion of The Club. Any appeal may be made in writing through The Club Secretary and will be given full and due consideration.

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



## Cobham

(red and black)

Conrad Knight  
Ryan MacLean  
Remi Meyers  
Jake Boyer  
Charlie Alexiou ©  
Haks Gbadamassi  
Derick Hayford  
Jacob De Sa  
Reis Stanislaus  
Ryan Marklew  
Nic Osborne  
Elijah Simpson  
Rourke Pickford  
Patrick Murray  
Sam Hurrell  
Louis Toissaint  
Ashby Charles  
Kallum Peart  
Oscar Billington  
Tom Weston  
Theo Huey-Walker  
Marco Haigh  
Jordi Sada-Paz

**MANAGER** Craig Lewington  
**ASSISTANT** Adrian Browne  
**Coach** Franco Abbattecola,  
Jack Rossi, Paul Cross,  
Ross Chalke and Nick Robertson  
**Physio** Dawn Adams

**Next Home Game**  
Saturday 15th February 3.00pm  
**Abbey Rangers**

### Today's Match Officials

**REFEREE** Thomas Murray  
**ASSISTANT** Gareth Mays  
**ASSISTANT** Ian Hempel