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From the Boardroom



Good evening and welcome again to the Spectrum for this CCL match against Epsom & Ewell. We issue our usual warm welcome to The Salts players, officials and supporters who have travelled to be here today. Once again we are playing a side adjacent to us in the league table, and again it seems clear that like ourselves Epsom are a better side than their current league position suggests. Indeed, this season they showed good form by having a decent run in the FA Vase. I am sure we are in for another close, competitive encounter today.

Our last home match against Alton was extremely disappointing. Take nothing away from Alton whose win on the day was their fifth consecutive victory. We just weren't at the races, especially in attack where we didn't offer very much at all. Things weren't helped by the unavoidable withdrawal of two players in the hour before the game, but even so we would have hoped for much more. So then on Saturday with the M25 closed we made a lengthy journey to Chipstead. In the last week Chipstead have signed a number of big physical players with higher league experience. Indeed on arrival I bumped into Theo Crawford (formerly Woodhouse) who was their latest addition. Theo was our combative captain for a couple of seasons, but much more recently has been an important part of Hanworth Villa's successful side. But we played well and both of our goals late in the game are contenders for our goal of the season. The overhead volley by Deven Reid-Solanki was especially memorable, and can be seen in the photo on page 20 of this programme.

As a reminder the club are to hold their annual Player of the Year awards evening on Saturday 19 April, after our final home match of the season. All supporters are welcome to attend. Voting for the Supporters' Player of the Year will take place at the Fleet Town match on Saturday 5 April.

Enjoy the match today.

Barry Underwood



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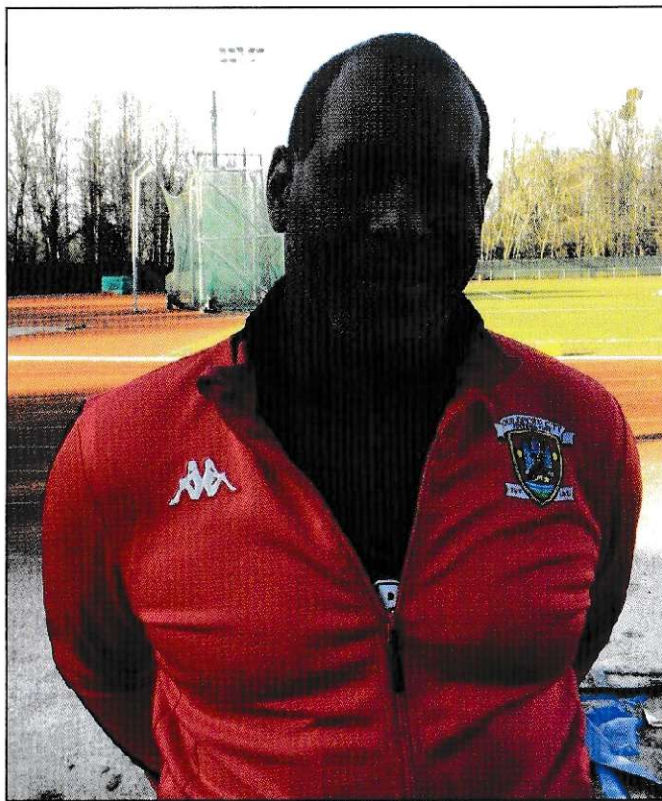


Good afternoon Sweeney.

A warm welcome today to the Epsom & Ewell committee, manager, players and supporters. Hopefully you were all smiling at the weekend after a good victory at Chipstead. We felt robbed in our home match against them so to go and level things up was nice, especially after the disappointing defeat in midweek to hard working Alton. A special welcome today to last year's City player of the

season Niall Stillwell. It's good to seeing him playing regularly after I wasn't able to give him the playing time he would have liked earlier in the season. Let's hope he doesn't come back to bite us today.

So to tonight where the two teams playing have had a mixed bag of a season with good results but inconsistency has seen both sides in lower positions in the league than they will be feel should be the case. In our



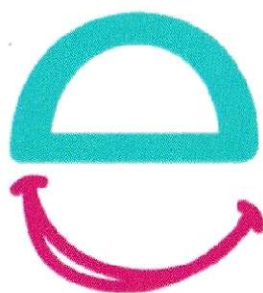
case our first season together has seen us gel together slowly but definitely we are moving in the right direction for a good finish to the season. We are also definitely shaping up for a much better season at the higher end of the table. Epsom, having had a good run in the Vase, find themselves playing catch-up in the league and so make no mistake this is a tough encounter. Once again we'll have to be at our best to get the three points. After both sides narrowly

missed relegation last year both clubs have consolidated in what is a very competitive league this year. Let's hope it's a good spectacle for all that are here to watch.

Thank you to all of you who support us it is always a pleasure to compete for you and trying to put this club back on the map. We'll do our best as always for you.

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Carl Taylor



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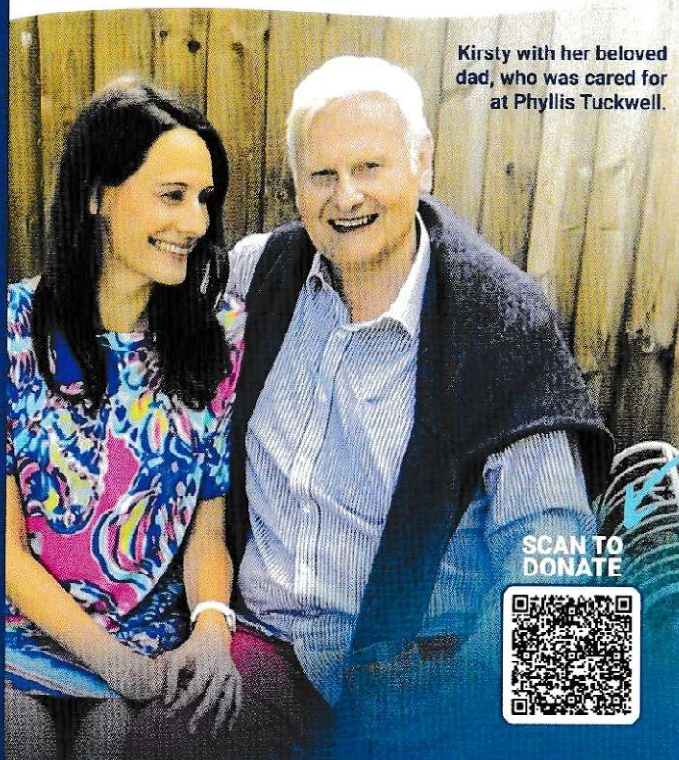
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City Chatter



Southern Combination Cup Semi-Final:

It has been agreed that our semi-final against Abbey Rangers will take place at the Spectrum on Wednesday 9 April. Kick-off at 7.30pm. This will be a big match for the club and we will need as much support as possible. We as a club last reached a cup final in 2005! For info the winners of our tie against Abbey will play away in the final to either South Park (Reigate), Balham or Epsom & Ewell.



Player of the Year Awards Evening: This annual event will be held on Saturday 19 April after the Redhill match. Voting for the Supporters' Player of the Year will take place at our home match on Saturday 5 April. There will be awards for Supporters' Player of the Year, Women's Player of the Year and Manager's Player of the Year. The venue and more information about this evening will be available shortly.

Pitch Maintenance: GBC Parks have notified us that they will be undertaking some work on the Spectrum pitch between the dates of 17-23 March. The pitch will be top dressed with sand and vertidrain. Normally this type of work is undertaken in the close season. However because the athletics club start their season immediately at our season's conclusion, the work, if it is to be undertaken at all, must be done at this time!

FWP - Football Web Pages: We

recommend this recently upgraded app to our supporters. It is available from the App Store or Google Play free of charge. It gives full up to the minute coverage of all Combined Counties League matches including line-ups, scorers, yellow cards and league tables.

Player News: We welcome Daniel Emmanuel to the club. Daniel is a striker who joins us from Ilford. Daniel has impressed in training and has now registered for the club. He originally played for Bromley U18s before playing in Poland for two years. We also welcome young goalkeeper Oliver Davies who joins us on dual registration from Hampton & Richmond Borough. Meanwhile Keoindre Ellis-Vassell has joined Frimley Green on dual registration in order to gain further experience.

Fixtures: The recent home postponed match against Sandhurst Town has now been rearranged for Wednesday 26 March. Our postponed match at Fleet Town on Tuesday last week will now be played on Saturday 29 March.

History of EPSOM & EWELL FC Football Club



We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where we finished third. In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Bradshaw. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup "double".

In 1929 Redhill defeated us 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in our first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final! The thirties were a very successful era, and we won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield. However, the proudest moment of our pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the FA Cup in 1933/34, when we lost 4-2 against Clapton Orient in front of a 9,485 crowd at the Lea Bridge Stadium. After the war, Epsom FC restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. In 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park.

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. But the sixties were full of poor results, and we were relegated in 1965. However, in 1973 we rejoined the Surrey Senior League. The new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and the following season, 1974/75 achieved a second Surrey Senior League "double". However, the season would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural



FA Vase, where 9,500 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion was achieved in that first season. In 1976/77 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter. By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78 and were placed in the new Division Two. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their pitch, where the opposition was blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. In 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we

missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Final at Imber Court. In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. In April of 2010, we terminated our seventeen-year ground-sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season, where we would spend eight seasons. In 1981 we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup.

The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground. 2022/23 season saw us reach the Play-off semi-final where we beat Selsey on penalties. In the final in front of almost 400 fans at Leatherhead FC we won 2-1 against Wick. Back in the CCL at Step 5 for 2023/24 we started a new ground share with Cobham FC, and the following year we moved to play at Corinthian Casuals. Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough....

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Match Review

By Barry Underwood



Guildford City (0) 0

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Alton (0) 3

In-form Alton gained their fifth consecutive win at the Spectrum to rise to eighth position in the league table. For Guildford this was a disappointing result, made worse by two goals conceded in stoppage time at the end of the game. It was goalless at the interval and although the visitors had looked a little sharper, City were very much in the game. But throughout, and despite considerable



possession, Guildford looked tame in attack. You felt that if Alton were to score it would be a tough ask to get back on level terms. On just two minutes City's new keeper Oliver Davies saved smartly after a misjudgement in defence. Later Alex Rodway-Brown made a superb block in the box to avert a chance on goal. For lengthy periods the first half consisted of midfield sparring, although the home side was guilty of conceding possession too cheaply. On 20 minutes Rodway-Brown shot acrobatically but his effort went well wide. On the half hour Alton came mighty close to taking the lead. Interplay on the edge of the box gave a shooting chance and the ball rolled just wide of the back post. Five minutes before the interval Alton saw a half volley clear the crossbar, and there was all to play for after the break.

Alton shot wide early in the half after City lost possession. Minutes later Manny Acheampong shot over the bar when the ball fell to him following a free kick. But around the hour mark Alton had a good spell, several times causing some consternation in the City defence. It was no real surprise when Alton took the lead. Oliver Davies saved firstly with his legs but amidst

circling defenders Ed Dryden netted smartly on the turn. Guildford sparked into life after conceding the goal, and suddenly they were able to move the ball around in a confident manner. But chances on goal were still few and far between. As the game neared its end Oliver Davies saved well low down, and the keeper owed his captain some thanks for clearing the ball after Davies had slipped over on the edge of the box. Hopes of a late equaliser for the home side were thwarted when in the first minute of stoppage Liam Marshall netted with the help of a small deflection. Alton rubbed it in in 90+4 when Tommy Whitby lobbed Davies for a third, although to the naked eye he did seem yards offside.

Team: Oliver Davies, Sam Sesay, Ben Gambrah, Freddie Robins, Lex Stingelin, Joe Atkins (Ben Drake 60), Deven Reid-Solanki (Luca Le Page 83), Jaiden Chang-Brown (Keoindre Ellis-Vassell 83), Jake Brown (Qasim Khan 60), Manny Acheampong (Daniel Emmanuel 74), Alex Rodway-Brown.

Referee: Joe Alborough

Attendance: 82

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Programme History



Today our Guildford City programme excerpt is from the visit of Tonbridge in the Southern League on 22 October 1949. The directors notes talk about the possible formation of a fourth division in the Football League, and Guildford's hopes to be included in it. In the event division four wasn't created until 1958 when the two regional third divisions split into divisions three and four. On the day City beat Tonbridge 1-0 in front of a 3,246 crowd at Joseph's Road. Guildford's goal came from Joe O'Kamback via the penalty spot.

Directors' Notes

This afternoon we welcome the Tonbridge senior team to Joseph's Road, and after witnessing the strength of their London League side last Saturday, we can expect a hard struggle for what will be valuable points to either Club.

On the 31st August last we held Tonbridge to a draw on their own ground, and so far this is our only success away from home this season.

Our visitors to-day were beaten on their own ground last Saturday by the all-conquering Colchester team, who are at the moment League leaders. Our annual Easter Monday fixture with Colchester therefore looks like being the match of the season.

To-day, the Southern League representative team play their annual match v. the Cheshire League on the Gillingham ground, and whilst we have no direct representation in the League side, the selectors have chosen Johnny Baynham as reserve for the outside left position.

Whilst we would be very happy to see Johnny gain his place, our position at the moment makes it necessary for us to be able to field all our regular players. If, however, Baynham is required for the League side, we have no alternative but to release him, and shall wish him good luck.

Speculation seems to be rife these days regarding the possibility or otherwise of a Fourth Division of the Football League, and from information to hand, it certainly appears that this will become an established fact sooner or later.

We, as members of the National Association of Non-League Clubs, will be one of the clubs to come up for election as and when the Football League decide to form the Division.

Already we have received a communication from the Football League asking for particulars of the official attendances and financial returns of our home matches last season, and this information has been provided.

The Southern League Management are also considering a scheme to make their League more attractive and com-

petitive next season, as they realise the advent of a Fourth Division would seriously affect the strength of their League.

Whatever the outcome of the possibilities of League football, the stark facts are that election will be granted to those clubs who can show good attendance returns. Now, therefore, is the time and moment to show the legislators that this town can provide attendances at Joseph's Road large enough to support League football.

Whatever the merits or otherwise might be for our claim for Fourth Division football in Guildford, we must all work together to increase our attendances. Our lack of success so far this season is, of course, reflected in our gate returns — we appreciate that a losing side cannot command large "gates," but we would ask all our supporters to remain faithful and loyal to the Club, and work hard both vocally and with their "pence" and increase our attendances, so that if we are considered worthy of League recognition, we can prove by our returns that we can justify their confidence.

Our London League side travel to Tilbury this afternoon to keep what will be a most difficult fixture. These notes are written early in the week, so it may be we shall have a different fixture, judging by the many recent re-arrangements of our London League fixtures.

In keeping with our general policy of assisting deserving charities, this afternoon permission has been granted to the National Institute for the Blind to hold a collection. This collection will be used to augment the funds to assist nearly 1,800 Surrey people.

This cause receives no assistance through the Government's Insurance Scheme, and as the Directors have found pleasure in giving permission for this collection, we feel sure that they can look to you all to give it your generous support.

Next Saturday our London League side are at home to Leavesden in a League fixture, kick-off 3 p.m.

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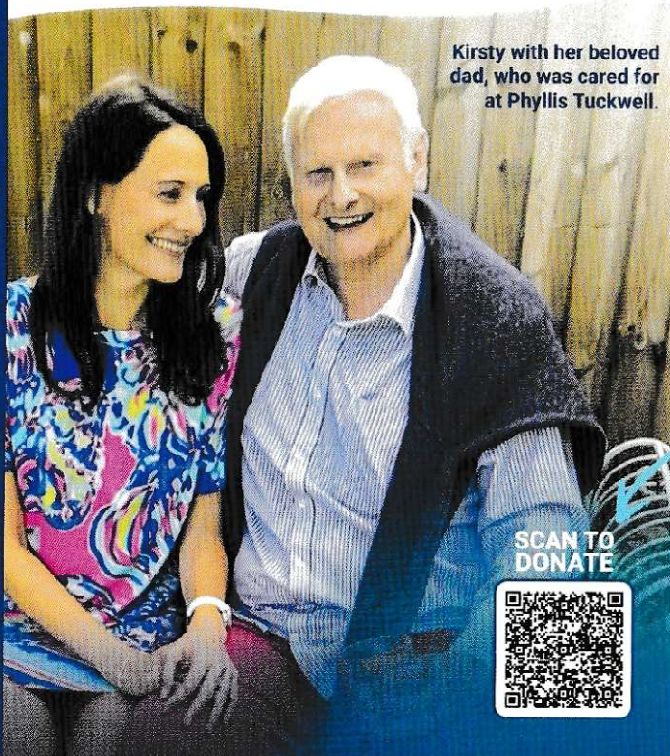
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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Redhill	32	27	2	3	54	83
2	Jersey Bulls	31	25	5	1	71	80
3	AFC Whyteleafe	32	25	2	5	54	77
4	Cobham	35	20	9	6	46	69
5	Fleet Town	29	18	7	4	28	61
6	Tadley Calleva	30	15	5	10	4	50
7	Knaphill	34	13	9	12	-4	48
8	Alton	33	12	8	13	-4	44
9	Abbey Rangers	33	11	8	14	-13	41
10	Tooting & Mitcham United	30	11	7	12	8	40
11	Sheerwater	35	10	8	17	-9	38
12	Corinthian-Casuals	34	10	7	17	-13	37
13	Horley Town	32	10	6	16	-22	36
14	Guildford City	32	9	7	16	-11	34
15	Camberley Town	32	8	9	15	-15	33
16	Sandhurst Town	31	9	5	17	-20	32
17	Epsom & Ewell	29	8	5	16	-25	29
18	Chipstead	32	8	3	21	-50	27
19	Balham	34	6	7	21	-33	25
20	Spelthorne Sports	30	2	7	21	-46	13



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CITY APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 2024-25				
Player	Season 2024-25		GCFC Career	
	League & Cup only		League & Cup only	
	Appearances	Goals	Appearances	Goals
Manny Acheampong	42	12	67	14
Joshua Adjei	20	0	20	0
Joe Atkin	29	0	29	0
Jake Brown	32	7	32	7
Jaiden Chang-Brown	13	0	13	0
Isaac Collins	7	0	7	0
Montague Conway	6	0	6	0
Oliver Davies	1	0	1	0
Ben Drake	36	2	36	2
Azeez Elegushi	2	0	2	0
Keoindre Ellis-Vassell	28	2	30	2
Daniel Emmanuel	2	0	2	0
Joshua Fitzgerald-Smith	7	0	7	0
Jeremiah Frimpong	1	0	1	0
Benji Gambrah	33	1	33	1
Darnell Jon-Peter	30	9	30	9
Qasim Khan	11	1	11	1
Nikolai Krokhnin *	23	3	23	3
Nick Inwugwu	4	0	4	0
Luca Le Page	27	0	29	0
Tarek Najia	1	0	1	0
Abayomi Obafemi	11	1	11	1
Deven Reid-Solanki	16	4	16	4
Alex Rodway-Brown	24	0	24	0
Freddie Robins	35	0	38	0
Reece Robins	26	9	26	9
Sam Sesay	14	3	14	3
Alex Stingelin	29	0	29	0
Jacob Terry	30	0	30	0
Dominik Vakulya	9	1	9	1
Jordan Wynter	1	0	1	0
Kai Zini	3	0	3	0

* denotes former player



Around the CCFL



AFC Whyteleafe: The Surrey side advanced to the semi-final stage of the Isuzu FA Vase on St David's Day beating Bourne Town of the United Counties League 1-0. Chairman/Manager Kelly Waters felt that the win should have been more comfortable. Gaspar Mico scored the all-important goal in front of a bumper 1,540 crowd.

Corinthian Casuals: The Casuals announced that their groundshare agreement with Epsom & Ewell would be terminated after just one season. Pressure on the pitch was cited as the main reason. It leaves Epsom attempting to formally agree a new groundshare before the 31 March deadline.

Epsom & Ewell and Balham:

Both sides played out their Southern Combination Cup tie last week with Balham winning the game 1-0. However a refereeing error saw an Epsom player sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Sin bins are not though used in this competition and the organisers have thus called the match null and void, and now subject to a replay.

Jersey Bulls: The Bulls have strengthened their squad for a final playoff push. Two players with Football League experience have joined the St Helier based club. Kurtis Guthrie was born in Jersey and has played for England C. His former clubs include Forest Green, Colchester United and Stevenage. The second player is Paul McKay who has formerly played for Doncaster Rovers, Leeds United, Cardiff City and Morecambe.



Fleet Town: The club has recently secured its future by signing a long-term lease on their historic Calthorpe Park ground. The club's vice-chairman Darren McGrath said "We are absolutely delighted to have secured this long-term lease, a result of tireless work from our volunteer committee and key stakeholders. This agreement not only safeguards the club's future but also strengthens our bond with the community. It gives us the foundation we need to grow, invest, and continue providing opportunities for local players, supporters and grassroots football.

Spelthorne Sports: Spelthorne finally got on the score sheet on 4 February after 703 minutes without a league goal. The goal came in the 23rd minute of a 3-3 draw against Sandhurst Town. The previous goal was scored by Glenn Yala scored against Sheerwater on 26 November.

Promotion and Relegation: As per last season the Premier Division champions will automatically earn promotion. The 2nd-5th placed clubs will then play-off for a second promotion slot. At the bottom of the division the teams in 19th and 20th will be relegated to Step Six.

Premier Division South Leading

Goalscorers: **29 goals** – Nathan Hogan (Redhill), **24 goals** – Derek Hayford (Cobham), **23 goals** – Dean Rule (Fleet Town), Lewis Peach (Horley Town), **19 goals** – Aaron Watson (AFC Whyteleafe), **17 goals** – Kieran Rodgers (Tadley Calleva), Daniel Bennett (AFC Whyteleafe).

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Fixtures and Appearances 2024-2025

HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS USED SUBS IN BRACKETS

Date	Versus	Comp	Score	Att	Referee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	13/17
AUGUST																					
Sat 3 Aug	AFC Craydon Athletic	FACPE	1-3	154	P.Jaffre	Ball		Garrath	Brown	Allen	Singh	Falodi	Drake	Cole	Collins	Achampong 1	Jon-Peter	Ellis-Vassell	Sabek	Elagushi	Odiam
Tues 6 Aug	Sandhurst Town	COLS	1-1	91	I.Oritshobolu	Ball		Falodi	Drake	Brown	Singh	Robins	Cole	Odiam	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Grigbade	Ellis-Vassell 1	Garrath	Sabek	Kwashe
Sat 10 Aug	Esom & Swell	COLS	5-0	103	P.Olayin	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Brown	Allen	Singh	Cole 1	Falodi	Achampong 1	Gray	Collins	Ellis-Vassell	Shoyye	Gray	Shoyye
Tues 13 Aug	Redhill	COLS	2-3	131	D.Ann	Terry		Falodi	Drake 1	Brown	Allen	Singh	Ellis-Vassell	Jon-Peter	Achampong	Collins	Cole	Bassett	Garrath	Robins	Odiam
Sat 17 Aug	Cobham	COLS	0-1	89	D.Harvey	Terry		Falodi	Sabek	Brown	Allen	Singh	Wayway Brown	Alunogbo	Achampong	Garrath 1	Robins	Grigbade 1	Shoyye	Kwashe	Ellis-Vassell
Tues 20 Aug	Arley Rangers	COLS	4-2	94	A.Akpan	Terry		Falodi	Drake	Brown	Allen	Singh	Cole	Jon-Peter 2	Achampong 3	Garrath 1	Shoyye	Le Page	Kudin	Gray	Odiam
Sat 24 Aug	WORTHING UNITED	FAW10	3-1	71	M.Barrett	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Brown	Allen	Singh	Kamrout	Jon-Peter	Achampong 1	Garrath 1	Robins	Grigbade	Kamrout	Adel	Ellis-Vassell
Mon 26 Aug	Taibay Calava	COLS	1-4	121	P.Sangster	Terry		Falodi	Drake	Brown	Allen	Singh	Imwogu	Jon-Peter	Achampong	Garrath 1	Shoyye	Grigbade	Kamrout	Adel	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 31 Aug	CHIPSTEAD	COLS	2-3	94	N.Dwan	Terry		Gray	Drake	Brown	Allen	Singh	Le Page	Jon-Peter	Achampong 2	Garrath	Shoyye	Grigbade	Bassett	Robins	Adel
SEPTEMBER																					
Sat 7 Sept	SPELTHORNE SPORTS	COLS	1-1	88	D.Jonston	Ball		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Singh	Imwogu	Bassett	Ellis-Vassell 1	Achampong	Robins	Cole	Impong	Writer	Kwashe	Le Page
Wed 11 Sept	HOLEY TOWN	COLS	1-0	108	S.Weston	Terry		Falodi	Drake	Kochin	Allen	Singh	Brown 1	Jon-Peter	Achampong	Garrath	Grigbade	Robins Brown	Correa	Shoyye	Impong
Sat 14 Sept	Jersey Bulls	COLS	0-1	615	C.Griffiths	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Singh	Brown	Cole	Jon-Peter	Achampong	R.Robins	F.Robins	Ellis-Vassell	Le Page	Adel	Allen
Sat 21 Sept	TOOTING & MITCHAM U	FAW20	1-0	78	P.O'Reilly	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Singh	F.Robins	Cole	Duncan	Bassett	Ellis-Vassell	Le Page	Achampong	Jon-Peter 1	Adel	Odiam
Tues 24 Sept	Hyport	LC1	2-4	47	A.Robey	Mead		Gray 1	Drake	Brown	Singh	Correa	Duncan	Shoyye	Chn	Le Page	Grigbade	Achampong	Jon-Peter	F.Robins	Quins
Sat 28 Sept	Alton	COLS	2-2	194	C.Bonney	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Imwogu	R.Robins 2	Bassett	Duncan	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Brown	Cole	Le Page	Gray	Odiam
OCTOBER																					
Sat 5 Oct	TOOTING & MITCHAM U	COLS	2-1	137	T.Murray	Terry		Garrath	Brown	Kochin	Singh	R.Robins 1	Cole	Duncan	Achampong	Jon-Peter 1	Alun	Ellis-Vassell	R.Robins	Le Page	Shoyye
Wed 12 Oct	Kingshill	COLS	1-2	112	L.Lane	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Singh	R.Robins 1	Cole	Jon-Peter	Achampong	Gray	Brown 1	Ellis-Vassell	Odiam	Le Page	Gray
Wed 16 Oct	WESTFIELD	SS01	2-1	95	D.Alick	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin 1	Allen	Brown	Le Page	F.Robins	Achampong	Gray	R.Robins	Ellis-Vassell	Jon-Peter 1	Shoyye	Singh
Sat 19 Oct	ARUNDEL	FAW1	0-0	107	L.Aitch	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Singh	F.Robins	Cole	Jon-Peter	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Brown	Ellis-Vassell	F.Robins	Odiam	Odiam
Wed 23 Oct	ASH UNITED	AS01	1-1*	61	M.Funnell	Ball		Gray	Drake	Allen	Brown	Le Page	Bassett	Shoyye	Ellis-Vassell	Odiam	R.Robins	F.Robins	Achampong	Nwadior	Odiam
Sat 26 Oct	CAMBERLEY TOWN	COLS	2-4	91	E.Stacey	Terry		Garrath	Drake 1	Kochin	Singh	F.Robins	Duncan	Allen	Achampong 1	Jon-Peter	F.Robins	F.Robins	Cole	Falodi	Ellis-Vassell
NOVEMBER																					
Wed 6 Nov	TADLEY CALLEVA	COLS	1-2	83	M.Funnell	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Le Page	R.Robins	Duncan	F.Robins	Achampong 1	Falodi	Cole	Robins Brown	Gray	Shoyye	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 9 Nov	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	COLS	1-2	148	D.Solomon	Terry		Robins Brown	Drake	Allen	Le Page	R.Robins	Cole	F.Robins	Achampong	Gray	Brown 1	F.Robins	Shoyye	Singh	Shoyye
Sat 16 Nov	Baham	COLS	1-1	72	O.Kell	Terry		Robins Brown	Drake	Kochin	Le Page	R.Robins	Cole	F.Robins	Achampong	Brown 1	Allen	Bassett	Odiam	Singh	Shoyye
Tues 19 Nov	Shereader	COLS	1-2	95	L.Chick	Terry		Bassett	Drake	Kochin	Le Page	R.Robins	Cole	Le Page	Achampong 1	Ellis-Vassell	Jon-Peter	English	Odiam	Odiam	Odiam
Sat 23 Nov	AFC WHITELEAF	COLS	1-2	68	L.Oswald	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Le Page	R.Robins 1	Brown	Jon-Peter	Achampong	F.Robins	Singh	Ellis-Vassell	F.Robins	Cole	Allen
Tues 26 Nov	Virginia Water	SC2	4-1	32	D.Ann	Najia		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Allen	Red-Solanki	Cole	F.Robins	Jon-Peter 1	F.Robins	R.Robins 2	Robins Brown	Achampong	Ellis-Vassell	Brown 1
Sat 30 Nov	COBHAM	COLS	0-4	108	J.Healy	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin	Le Page	R.Robins	Brown	F.Robins	Achampong	Red-Solanki	Singh	Robins Brown	Allen	Cole	Fraser
DECEMBER																					
Wed 4 Dec	WESTFIELD	AS02	1-2	49	S.Hawes	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Kochin 1	Allen	Brown	Le Page	Vakulya	Achampong	Sesay	Singh	Chang Brown	F.Robins	Cole	Fraser
Tues 10 Dec	Corinthian Casuals	COLS	2-1	177	B.Mesery	Terry		Chang Brown	Sesay	Kochin	Singh	Red-Solanki 1	Le Page	F.Robins	Achampong 1	Jon-Peter	Robins Brown	Ellis-Vassell	Fraser	Allen	Vakulya
Sat 14 Dec	Herby Town	COLS	1-2	189	O.Hind	Terry		Robins Brown	Chang Brown	Kochin	Singh	Red-Solanki	F.Robins	Le Page	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Collins	Vakulya	Fraser	R.Robins	Brown 1
Sat 21 Dec	Tooting & Mitcham Ltd	COLS	2-1	137	S.Hart	Conway		Collins	Drake	Kochin	Allen	R.Robins 1	Chang Brown	Red-Solanki	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Fraser	Robins Brown	Vakulya	Adel	Singh
Sat 28 Dec	ABBEY RANGERS	COLS	2-0	132	J.Symes	Conway		Collins	Drake	Kochin	Allen	R.Robins	Le Page	Red-Solanki 1	Achampong	Jon-Peter	Vakulya 1	F.Robins	Khan	Brown	Adel
JANUARY																					
Sat 4 Jan	SHEERWATER	COLS	1-1	105	L.Chesby	Conway		Collins	Drake	Kochin 1	Singh	Allen	Khan	Vakulya	Brown	Jon-Peter	Achampong	R.Robins	Sesay	F.Robins	A.Robins Brown
Tues 12 Jan	Redhill	SS22	1-4	70	B.Mesery	Conway		Garrath	Le Page	Kochin	Allen	Red-Solanki	Chang Brown	R.Robins 1	Achampong	Jon-Peter	F.Robins	J.F.Robins-Smith	Adel	Khan	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 25 Jan	Camberley Town	COLS	1-1	75	C.Edgcombe	Conway		Garrath	Le Page	Kochin	Allen	Red-Solanki	Chang Brown	R.Robins 1	Achampong	Khan 1	F.Robins	J.F.Robins-Smith	Robins Brown	Vakulya	Ellis-Vassell
FEBRUARY																					
Sat 1 Feb	DALHAM	COLS	1-0	78	R.Alderton	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Singh	Allen	Red-Solanki	Brown 1	Khan	Achampong	Chang Brown	Le Page	Robins Brown	Ellis-Vassell	Ellis-Vassell	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 8 Feb	AFC Whiteale	COLS	1-4	435	L.Lane	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Singh	Allen	Red-Solanki	Robins Brown	Khan	Chang Brown	Adel	Red-Solanki	Achampong 1	F.Robins	Le Page	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 15 Feb	KNAPHILL	COLS	0-0	106	C.Griffiths	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Singh	Allen	R.Robins	F.Robins	Khan	Achampong	Brown	Red-Solanki	Ellis-Vassell	Robins Brown	Zini	Chang Brown
Tues 18 Feb	Cobham	SC3	2-2 #	89	P.Hetherington	Terry		Garrath	Drake	Singh	Allen	Red-Solanki 1	Chang Brown	Brown	R.Robins	Robins Brown	Zini	Achampong	Khan	F.Robins	Vakulya
MARCH																					
Sat 1 Mar	JERSEY BULLS (1.30pm)	COLS COLS	0-2	128	M.Barrett	Conway		Garrath	Drake	Singh	Allen	R.Robins	Chang Brown	Brown	Achampong	Le Page	Zini	Red-Solanki	F.Robins	Jon-Peter	Robins Brown
Wed 5 Mar	ALTON	COLS	0-3	82	J.Aldrough	Davies		Garrath	F.Robins	Singh	Allen	Red-Solanki	Chang Brown	Brown	Achampong	Robins Brown	Le Page	Ellis-Vassell	Emmanuel	Le Page	Allen
Sat 8 Mar	Chislehead	COLS	2-0	90	P.Hetherington	Terry		Robins Brown	Drake	Singh	Allen	Red-Solanki	F.Robins	Khan	Sesay 1	Garrath	Brown	Red-Solanki 1	Emmanuel	Vakulya	Chang Brown
Wed 12 Mar	EPSOM & EWELL	COLS																			
Wed 26 Mar	SANDHURST TOWN	COLS																			
Sat 29 Mar	Fleet Town	COLS																			
APRIL																					
Sat 5 Apr	FLEET TOWN	COLS																			
Wed 9 Apr	ABBEY RANGERS	SC4																			
Sat 12 Apr	Spelthorne Sports	COLS																			
Sat 19 Apr	REDHILL	COLS																			

HOME matches in bold. Scores are F-A

Key: FAC = FA Cup, FAV = FA Vase, SSC = Surrey Senior Cup, LC = League Cup, SC = Southern Combination Cup and ASC = Aldershot Senior Cup

161 Guildford City

17 Guildford City

* denotes lost & 3 on pens
** denotes won 7-6 on pens



Guildford City Football Club Player



Manny Acheampong:

An exciting wide player with huge energy who can both create and score goals. He stepped up from local football when signing for City in July 2023. A big favourite of the supporters.

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Joshua Adjei:

A full back who signed for City in August 2024. His previous clubs include Thatcham Town and Westfield.



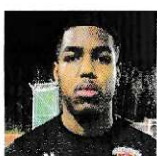
Joe Atkin:

A powerful defender who has returned after two years out of the Saturday game. He is a good distributor of the ball. He formerly played for Banstead Athletic and Chipstead **SPONSORED BY ADRIAN CHANDLER.**



Jake Brown:

A versatile defender who is strong in the tackle. He also poses a goalscoring threat from set pieces. His former clubs include Bedfont, Bedfont Sports, CB Hounslow and Hanworth Villa.



Jaiden Chang-Brown:

A midfield player who has impressed following his arrival from Sutton Common Rovers in December 2024.



Isaac Collins:

A talented wing back who is available when his university studies allow.



Montague Conway:

A young goalkeeper who joined City in December 2024 from Basingstoke Town. He has also played for Fulham and Bromley.



Oliver Davies:

A 19-year-old goalkeeper who has signed on dual registration from Hampton & Richmond.



Ben Drake:

A stylish and versatile player who signed for City in July 2024. He formerly played for Horley Town and Banstead Athletic. **SPONSORED BY JACK UNDERWOOD.**



Azeez Elegushi:

A powerful wide player who signed for City from Horley Town during pre-season but has been missing through injury since August.



Keoindre Ellis-Vassell:

Played last season for both City's Under 18's side and Guildford United. A pacy wide player he is now looking to make his mark in senior football. **SPONSORED BY PHIL SMITHYES.**



Daniel Emmanuel:

A striker who joined City in February 2025 from Ilford FC. Initially he played at Bromley academy before playing in Poland for two years.



Joshua Fitzgerald-Smith:

A ball playing defender who joined City from Sheerwater in October 2024. He came through the AFC Whyteleafe youth and U23 sides and also played for Rising Ballers Kensington.



Benji Gambrah:

A young left back who signed for City in July 2024. A former Fulham and Woking academy player who played last season for Colliers Wood United.

Profiles 2024-25



Darnell Jon-Peter:

At his best an exciting attacking midfielder or forward. Played at MK Dons, Aldershot Town and Maidenhead United as a junior, and has returned this season after a lengthy absence from the game.



Qasim Khan:

An imposing centre-forward who joined City from Kings Langley on dual registration in December 2024. His former clubs include Hyde United, Ashford Town (Middx), Wembley and North Greenford United.



Luca Le Page:

A powerfully built midfield player who has graduated this summer from City's U18 side. He made his first team debut at Jersey Bulls in March 2024. He has impressed during pre-season.

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Deven Reid-Solanki:

A 19-year-old winger with good footwork who has considerable experience for a young player. He joins City from Ashford Town (Middx).



Freddy Robins:

A tigerish midfield player who gained Step 4 experience at Badshot Lea, but also played last season for Alton and Guildford City.



Reece Robins:

Brother of Freddie. An attacking wide player who joined us from Uxbridge in September 2024. His former clubs include Walton Casuals, Leighton Town and Badshot Lea. **SPONSORED BY BARRY & SHEILA UNDERWOOD**



Alex Rodway-Brown:

A full back who has signed for City from Kingstonian. He has also played for Leiston, Mulbarton Wanderers, Sheringham and Fakenham Town.



Sam Sesay:

A skilful midfield player with step 4 experience at Sutton Common Rovers and Ashford Town (Middx).



Alex Stingelin:

Captain of the side this season. A composed central defender who formerly played for Ashford Town and Banstead Athletic.



Jacob Terry:

A young goalkeeper who joins City from Loxwood where he was last year's Supporters' Player of the Year.



Dominik Vakulya:

An 18 year old, 6ft 4in forward who signed on dual registration from Dagenham & Redbridge in December 2024.



Kai Zini:

A central midfield player who joined City in October 2024 from Corinthian Casuals. He also has first team experience at Ashford Town (Middx). His City debut has been long delayed following a significant foot injury.

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Match Review

By Barry Underwood

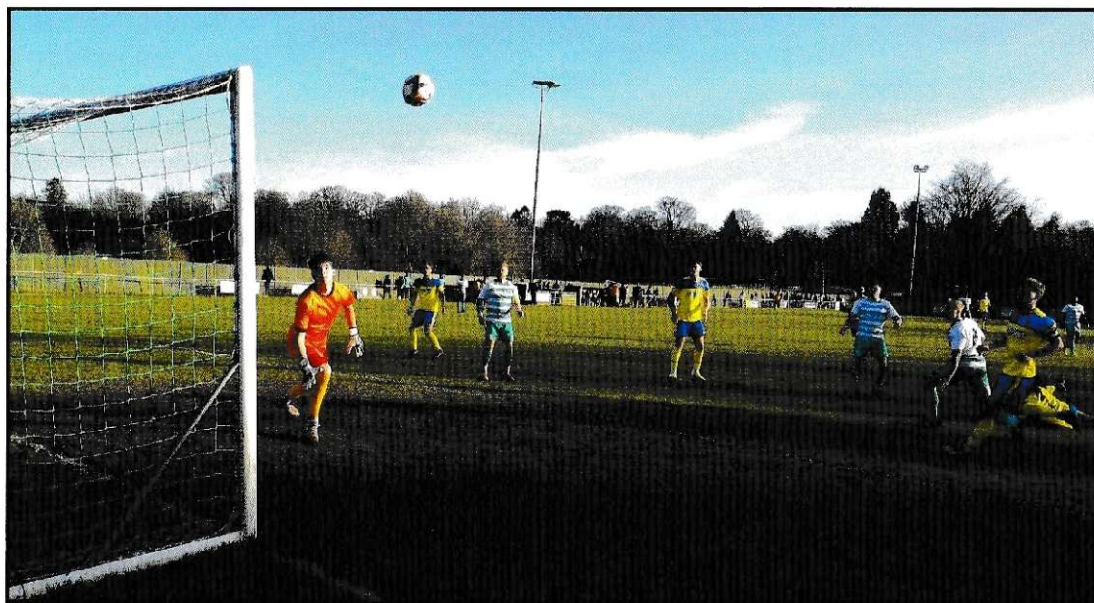


Chipstead (0) 0

vs

Guildford City (0) 2

Both of these sides have been looking anxiously over their shoulders at the CCL relegation places. This win for City will lift players and supporters alike as the season's defining moments loom on the near horizon. Prior to the game Chipstead



had been struggling for form, but the recent signings of a number of established players including ex-City captain Theo Crawford (formerly Woodhouse) showed that a tough battle could be expected at High Road. Guildford opened the game brightly, and they could have had an early penalty when Ben Gambrah's heels were clipped just inside the box. There was definitely contact but I with a higher bar often set for fouls in the box and no penalty was awarded. A minute later Qasim Khan under pressure from a defender found space for a shot but his effort went wide. On 12 minutes Sam Sesay volleyed wide from Freddie Robins free-kick, and in what proved to be the home sides best chance of the game, Jacob Terry saved well with his legs at the near post. Darnell Jon-Peter saw a customary long range effort sizzle wide. On 36 minutes Chipstead keeper Klevis Muca superbly saved Joe Atkin's header but at the interval the game remained goalless.

Much of the second period was midfield dominated with limited action in either goalmouth. On the hour Freddie Robins fired a half volley that went well wide. Similarly, Theo Crawford for Chipstead shot powerfully wide of

the target. With the introduction of Deven Reid-Solanki and big Dominik Vakulya off the bench, City started to pose a threat. On 77 minutes Guildford took the lead and what a goal it was! A free-kick to the back of the box was met by Alex Stingelin's head, and **Deven Reid-Solanki** reacted well with an overhead volley that looped into the top corner of the net. Dom Vakulya also saw a volley tipped over the bar by Muca. In the 88th minute City scored their second. Vakulya rang powerfully to the edge of the box before finding Jake Brown. Brown in turn played the ball across to Sam Sesay fast approaching in space on the right. Sesay had the composure to cut inside and curl a splendid effort inside the far post.

Team: Jacob Terry, Josh Adjei (Deven Reid-Solanki 66), Alex Rodway-Brown (Jaiden Chang-Brown 46), Ben Drake, Alex Stingelin, Joe Atkin (Jake Brown 71), Darnell Jon-Peter (Daniel Emmanuel 85), Freddie Robins, Qasim Khan (Dominik Vakulya 66), Sam Sesay, Benji Gambrah.

Referee: Ryan Hetherington

Attendance - 90



View from the Stand

Jan Pilested



For the considerable time that I have watched Guildford City I know what is quite rare, and that is a goalless draw. As we all know that is what happened a few weeks ago when we hosted our local rivals Knaphill. It was only our second goalless draw this season and the other one was the FA Vase game in October against Arundel, in a match that we went on to lose on penalties.

The previous week we had lost 4-1 at AFC Whyteleafe against a very good side. But we had played well and we were hoping to continue our recent good form in the derby against Knaphill. I think some of us know that supporting City is a bit of a rollercoaster and goalless draws are rare for us. Knaphill themselves had a bit of a laugh with their social media afterwards posting the "highlights" of the match. The video consisted of the introduction of the game and then the full-time whistle at the end of the match, which indeed made me laugh. It was a game that lacked goals, but it did have some chances and also some good battles between two well matched teams. The feeling after the match was Knaphill being

disappointed not to get the win in their chase for an end of season playoff place, but anyone who saw the match saw a good battle against two sides whose defences dictated the final result. Meanwhile after the game we were disappointed not to get the win ourselves, which was encouraging I felt as this showed how far we have progressed this season, that we were disappointed to not win against a good Knaphill side. The draw kept our good form going with four wins and three draws in nine matches and one of the defeats was the previous week at championship chasing AFC Whyteleafe.

I just find it strange going to a match and not seeing a goal. Although of course the match was entertaining and none of the chances created ended in a goal. Although as I said above it does show how far we have moved forward since earlier in the season and in recent seasons. With the draw our points total was now 31 and we only managed to get 29 points all of last season. It is the bottom two that go down this season so we will need to continue to get more points, but this season has been a lot better than many of the other seasons recently.



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Guildford City FC Club Records

(Senior Football)

Record Win

1921 - 1974	10-0 versus Dartford (H) 31 August 1946
1996 -	9-0 versus Cranleigh (H) 27 September 2003

Record Defeat

1921 - 1974	12-0 by Watford Reserves (A) 27 December 1924
1996 -	12-0 by Merthyr Town (A) 8 February 2014

Record Career Senior Appearances

1921 - 1974	488	Darby Watts 1961-1974
1996 -	221	Antony Hall 2009-14

Record Career Senior Goalscorer

1921 - 1974	152	Tony Burge 1966-74
1996 -	69	Dan Moody 2011-13

Most Senior Goals in a Season

1921 - 1974	68	Jock Thom 1934-35
1996 -	33	Joel Greaves 2010-11

Record Attendance

1921 - 1974	Overall: 9,932 at Joseph's Road versus Aldershot (FA Cup) on 30 November 1938. League: 9,443 at Joseph's Road versus Colchester United on 10 April 1939
1996 -	Overall: 545 at the Spectrum versus Woking (Surrey Senior Cup) on 15 March 2017 League: 272 at the Spectrum versus Farnham Town on 30 December 2023

Longest Cup Runs

1921 - 1974	FA Cup – Second Round proper 1928-29, 1937-38, 1951-52, 1965-66, 1967-68 and 1971-72 FA Trophy – Second Round proper 1973-74
1996 -	FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round 2010-11 FA Trophy – Second Qualifying Round 2012-13 FA Vase – Fourth Round 2010-11 Combined Counties League Cup – Finalists 2004-05 Surrey Senior Cup – Semi-Finalists 2016-17



Match Day Sponsorships



Date	Opponents	Match Sponsor (£100)	Match Ball (£50)
Sat 24 Aug	Worthing United		
Sat 31 Aug	Chipstead		Keith Bates
Sat 7 Sept	Spelthorne Sports		
Wed 11 Sept	Horley Town		
Sat 5 Oct	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	Millmead Baptist Church	Keith Bates
Wed 16 Oct	Westfield (Surrey Cup)		
Sat 19 Oct	Arundel (FA Vase)		
Wed 23 Oct	Ash Utd (Aldershot Cup)		
Sat 26 Oct	Camberley Town		Michael Lee
Wed 6 Nov	Tadley Calleva		Keith Bates
Sat 9 Nov	Corinthian Casuals		
Sat 23 Nov	AFC Whyteleafe		
Sat 30 Nov	Cobham		
Sat 28 Dec	Abbey Rangers		Brian Holt
Sat 4 Jan	Sheerwater		
Sat 1 Feb	Balham		
Sat 15 Feb	Knaphill	Tristan Rees	Keith Bates
Sat 22 Feb	Sandhurst Town		Old Vote Officers
Sat 1 Mar	Jersey Bulls	David West	David Knight
Wed 5 Mar	Alton		Kevin Parker
Wed 12 Mar	Epsom & Ewell		
Sat 19 Apr	Redhill		Dennis & Marion May

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City Women



Fixtures & Results

South East Counties Women's Football League, Surrey Division One South

(Home matches played at Horsley FC)

		score	
8 Sept	Oxted (H) Lost	0	8
15 Sept	Ash United (A) Lost	0	2
6 Oct	South Park (Reigate) (A) Lost	3	6
13 Oct	Guildford Saints (H) Won	6	5
3 Nov	Milford & Witley (SUDC) (A) Lost	0	5
10 Nov	Camberley Town U18 (Capital Cup) (H) Lost	0	5
8 Dec	Cranleigh (A) Won	3	2
15 Dec	Milford & Witley (A) Lost	1	2
19 Jan	Milford & Witley (H) Lost	1	3
26 Jan	Guildford Saints (A) Won	4	1
2 Feb	Cranleigh (H) Won	3	1
9 Feb	Ash United (H) Lost	0	2

23 Feb	Guildford Saints (H) Won	14	0
9 Mar	South Park (Reigate) (H) Lost	0	1
16 Mar	Oxted & District (A)		
23 Mar	Cranleigh (A)		
6 Apr	Milford & Witley (A)		
13 Apr	South Park (Reigate) (A)		
27 Apr	Oxted & District (H)		
4 May	Ash United (H)		



City U'18s



Fixtures & Results

Allied Counties Youth League, South Division.

(Home matches played at the Spectrum)

		score	
14 Aug	Newhaven (H) FA Youth Cup	1	5
11 Sept	Hartley Wintney (A) Lost	0	5
18 Sept	Walton & Hersham (H) Lost	0	8
30 Sept	Abbey Rangers (A) Lost	0	7
23 Oct	Yateley United (A)	1	4
13 Nov	Eversley & California (H) Drew	3	3
18 Nov	Hartley Wintney (H) Won	4	2
18 Dec	Walton & Hersham (A) Lost	0	9
15 Jan	Eversley & California (A) Lost	0	4

20 Jan	Westfield (A) Lost	0	6
5 Feb	Westfield (H) Lost	1	7
12 Feb	Badshot Lea (H) Lost	0	4
19 Feb	Abbey Rangers (H) Lost	1	2
10 Mar	Yateley United (H) Lost	0	2
13 Mar	Badshot Lea (A)		
24 Mar	Walton & Hersham (A)		



GCFC History



1921 - 1974

In May 1921 Guildford were accepted into the Southern League, the equivalent of today's National League. 1927 saw Guildford become a Diocese and coupled with the planned cathedral the club was renamed Guildford City. In 1928-29 City were drawn at home to Queen's Park Rangers in the FA Cup First Round proper and won 4-2 in front of almost 8,000 spectators. The immediate pre-war years saw another famous FA Cup victory, this time over Reading, whilst 1937/38 saw Guildford City lift the Southern League Championship trophy for the first time. The following year a record crowd of 9,932 spectators crammed into Joseph's Road to watch an epic FA Cup First Round replay versus local rivals Aldershot. In 1951, City sold future England cap Jimmy Langley to Leeds. Another League Championship was achieved in 1955-56, and then in 1967-68 Guildford embarked upon a memorable FA Cup run. Leading 2-1 at Brentford in the First-Round proper, the match was abandoned due to snow. A 2-2 draw in the rearranged fixture saw 7,289 fans cram into Joseph's Road to roar City on to a famous 2-1 victory in the replay. A further 8,774 saw City fall narrowly to Newport County in the Second Round, but the heroes of that era, players like Tony Burge and long-serving Darby Watts, will long be remembered. In 1974 on-going financial problems came to a head and it was announced that the Club was to merge with Dorking. Subsequently the final game at Joseph's Road was played on 12 February 1974, when City beat Folkestone 2-0 in front of 625 fans. The club limped on for a further two seasons playing as Guildford & Dorking at Meadowbank before finally succumbing on 9 December 1976.

1996 - Present

The club re-emerged initially as AFC Guildford in 1996, and then for one season Guildford United, when the then Mayor John

Woodhatch persuaded Burpham FC to change its name and move to the Spectrum Leisure Centre. After a brief spell in the Surrey Premier League, Guildford joined the newly formed Combined Counties League, winning Division One in 2003-04. In 2005 the club was re-named the historically significant 'Guildford City' after an absence of thirty years. 2007-2008 saw City claim a runner up finish in the CCL Premier League, under the management of Scott Steele and Lloyd Wye. Then a period of struggle was halted by the inspirational appointment of Kevin Rayner who took charge in spring 2009. Rayner's second season saw a good run in the FA Vase, an incredible FA Cup victory at Isthmian Premier Tonbridge Angels, but also the CCL Premier Division Championship. A second CCL Championship was gained in 2012, resulting in an emotional return to the Southern League after a gap of 38 years. That first Step 4 season saw a creditable ninth place finish in the Central division. At the conclusion of 2012-13 Rayner departed for a new chapter in his career. In November 2013 Rayner returned to lead an ultimately unsuccessful battle against relegation. After a poor start to the 2014-15 CCL season, Kevin Rayner departed in November to be replaced by Donovan Chislett who saved the club from relegation in an exciting climax to the season. Chislett himself departed in September 2015 to be replaced by former Godalming & Farncombe manager Dean Thomas, who in turn was succeeded by Steve Dormer and Chris Balchin. After four seasons Balchin departed in December 2020 to be replaced by ex-Staines Town manager Paul Barnes whose tenure proved to be short lived. Pete Ruggles and then Tristan Rees took the reins for a year each, before in May 2024, the experienced Carl Taylor arrived to manage the side in the 2024-25 season. Off of the field in a major restructure the Club became a limited company in July 2024 headed up by George Haddad and Azmir Begovic.



City on the road



Saturday 29 March: Fleet Town v Guildford City

Competition: Cherry Red Combined Counties League, Premier Division South

Ground Information: Calthorpe Park, Crookham Road, Fleet, Hants GU51 5FA

Admission Prices: Adults £8 and Concessions £5.

Home Colours: Sky Blue shirts, Navy Blue shorts.

Mileage from the Spectrum: 19 miles

Approximate Travel Time by Road: 40 minutes

Kick-off: 3.00pm

Pitch: Grass 100m x 64m

Rail & Bus Information: The nearest rail station is Fleet.

Fleet Town have enjoyed a good season and have been amongst the front runners throughout. A good FA Vase run which ended in the fifth round at Whitstable caused something of a fixture backlog which is starting to pose problems for the Hampshire side. Fleet are a well run club and the match day atmosphere created by their younger supporters means it is a game not to miss.



Rules & Regulations



The SIN BIN

To assist spectators the main points to be aware of are:

- The referee will show a yellow card and point to the bench
- The 10 minutes doesn't start until the referee restarts play
- The sin bin is for 10 minutes of play and the watch will stop for injuries
- Sin binned players can't be substituted until the 10 minutes are up
- Players returning after 10 minutes will be waved on at a convenient break in play
- A player with a second sin bin in the match will be shown a red card
- There is no fine for a sin bin visit although it will count as a caution
- The sin bin is only for players on the pitch. Officials and players on the bench will receive cards in the normal way
- If a GK goes into the sin bin an outfield player needs to go in goal. A GK returning from the sin bin plays on-field until a break in play
- The sin bin is in operation in the CCL and FA Vase but no other cups

Ground Regulations

1. Guildford City Football Club reserves the right to eject any person(s) who within the ground or the Club's premises is considered by the Club, it's employees or agents, to be or to have been behaving in any of the following ways: entering the field of play or surrounding athletic track at any time without permission of the Club or using obscene, abusive or racist language or persistent swearing.
2. Exclusion of Liability: To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Club hereby excludes any liability for loss, injury or damage to person or property in or around the stadium.
3. Alcohol may only be purchased and consumed within the confines of the Club room. Children are not permitted in the close vicinity of the bar within the Club room.
4. In the event of an emergency, instructions will be given via the public address system. Please listen carefully to these instructions and comply with them immediately.

Abandoned Matches: If a match is abandoned, for whatever cause, before the completion of the first half, spectators will be issued with a voucher to be used for free admission if the match is replayed. The match ticket given on entry should be retained for this purpose. Season ticket holders will be provided with another ticket in due course.

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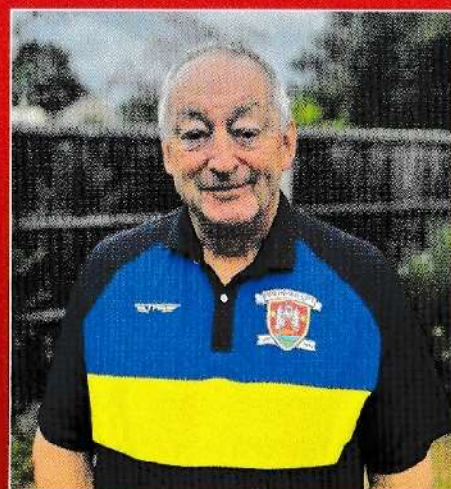
The Last Word

By Barry Underwood



In the aftermath of WW2 attendances at professional football matches flourished as people sought entertainment after the long war years. Players were paid more than the average person on the street but not by much. Clubs were owned by the local boy made good in business; like in later years Jack Walker at Blackburn and Bob Lord at Burnley. But gradually foreign ownership became the way forward and clubs began to spend extravagantly whether foreign owned or not.

Fast forward to the current day where after consultation a Football Governance Bill is making its way through Parliament with support from all parties. The aim being to create an independent football regulator to root out financial overreach and unfit owners. Once the Bill is passed every club in the Premier League, Football League and National League will require to be licensed so as to ensure standards across the piece. Financial penalties will be payable by clubs for misdemeanours. Fans will also have greater control over matters such as changes to the club's name, change of colours or club badge.



Separately there are also FA plans to introduce licensing in non-league football. Although not part of the Football Governance Bill, the aim of licensing in non-league is still to ensure similar standards by all clubs at the same level. At Steps 1 to 4 club licensing will be enhanced. At our level (Step 5) and at Step 6 licensing will be introduced. The FA have stated that the point of non-league licensing is to support raising standards and to drive best practice at all levels. It is believed that there is a lack of consistency across step levels. The FA wishes to see an end user experience that does not differ depending on what league you play in. Actual details of licensing requirements at our level are yet to be published and we await proposals with interest.

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	Player	Sub	Goals
Jacob Terry (GK)			
Oliver Davies (GK)			
Joshua Adjei			
Alex Rodway-Brown			
Benji Gambran			
Joe Atkin			
Alex Stingelin (Capt)			
Joshua Fitzgerald-Smith			
Jaiden Chang-Brown			
Sam Sesay			
Luca Le Page			
Jake Brown			
Freddie Robins			
Ben Drake			
Azeez Elegushi			
Kai Zini			
Darnell Jon-Peter			
Deven Reid-Solanki			
Manny Acheampong			
Reece Robins			
Qasim Khan			
Daniel Emmanuel			
Dominik Vakulya			

Manager: Carl Taylor
Colours: Red & White

Referee:
 Stephen Matthews

Assistant Referees:
 Steve McCarthy

Manager: Warren Burton
Colours: Blue & White

Assistant Referees:
 Oswald

EPSOM & EWELL

	Player	Sub	Goals
Daniel O'Donovan (GK)			
Kevin Kardel (GK)			
Ethan Brazier			
Stefan Aiwone			
Callum Wilson			
Toby Young			
Kionte Gillfillian-Wual			
Anthony Nazareth			
Nicolas Bostan			
Conrad Conduah			
Amaran Subramaniam			
Luke Miller			
Adam Green (Capt)			
Ethan Nelson-Roberts			
Fabio Nunes			
Craig Dundas			
Niall Stillwell			
Kailan North			
William Kendall			
Carl Oblitey			
Jason Bloor			
Sean Andreson			
Ali Fofanah			
Blessing Hombessa			
Jack Torbett			

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