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FROM THE EDITOR

Steve Huxley

Afternoon All

Good afternoon, and welcome to the supporters, players and officials of Epsom & Ewell FC. We trust you will enjoy your visit with us and wish you safe journey home today. It's been a couple of years since we last met, in the FA Cup - we will be hoping for a repeat in the Vase, of course!

It's been a rollercoaster week for us since Thursday. One of the disadvantages of having such a very young team is that a lot of our players have played for the under 18s AND under 23s as well as First team matches. Take the case of young Alfie Gander (Action Man to his friends) - The calendar last week would be;

Thursday under 23s

Friday work

Saturday First team

Sunday under 18s

Monday under 23s

Tuesday First team.

And he's not the only one - not by a distance! And yet, I KNOW that if any of our youngsters are asked if they're up for it, yes. They are. Non League gets a bad name sometimes for paying out fortunes to part time players. These boys are paying their own petrol (if they are old enough to drive).

So do me a favour. If one of the younger players sends a pass wide, fluffs a chance, let's go off the ball a bit early, get behind them! They are all still learning the game, guided by a few older teammates, and they are deserving of our support.

See you here next week for Lancing!!

Enjoy this afternoon's match

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From The Chairman

Matt Thompson

Good Afternoon everyone.

Today we welcome the players, supporters and Officials of Epsom & Ewell FC to the Oval Arena. I hope you have a pleasant time with us and wish you a safe journey home afterwards.

I love the Vase - it's a chance to just enjoy some footy, sometimes go somewhere new, and just generally relax and..... okay, not quite!! but it is still the case that it's a break from a very heavy league schedule, and it is undoubtedly more fun to have the cup games!

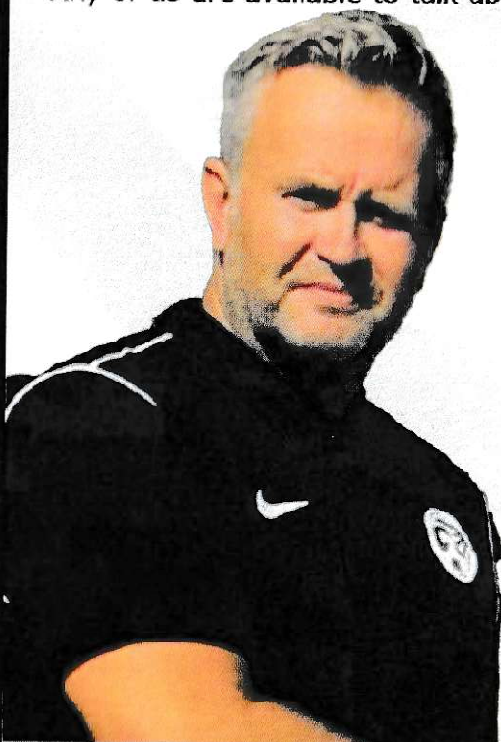
This week we welcome back Charlie Ball - I know many of you were devastated when he left for Hastings this season, and we are all delighted to have Bally back where he belongs! Alongside him we also welcome back (after a 4 year break!) Jordan Ray. Jordan was just emerging from the shadow of his Dad, Shaun Ray, when we last had him here, and he has gone on to make a proper name for himself, he is very welcome indeed.

Of course, we also have the odd departure, and we give our grateful thanks to Ollie Hyland - the trip from Tonbridge every week cannot have been easy, and we are very grateful for his hard work, particularly last season as we closed in on the palyoffs - we wish him all the very best.

Your Committee are...

Matt Thompson, Anthony Storey, Steve Huxley, Tom Parker, Dickie Davies, Stephen Edwards & Mark Baker

Any of us are available to talk about anything to do with the club, any day!



Matt Thompson



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| Max Thompson | 2 |
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| Yannis Drais | 1 |
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To take part, See Ali Brady on match days, or speak to ANY committee member



FROM THE DUGOUT

Anthony Storey

Afternoon All

Good Afternoon, and welcome to the players officials and supporters of Epsom and Ewell FC. I trust we will enjoy an entertaining game this afternoon.

It's been a very heavy week this week - the younger players have been absolutely exhausted, and sadly we have paid the price a little bit as some of them played 5 games in 6 days, albeit not 90 minutes, but it is a huge work load! We have though managed to bring in some reinforcements in the shape of Charlie Ball and Jordan Ray, who reinforce our already strong lineup.

This afternoon will not be easy - Epsom & Ewell have had a good start to their season - we have of course been having a little look at them over the last few weeks, and they have also had some players join them - so it should be a memorable day for both teams, after Tuesday night's exit from the Peter Bentley League cup, this is our last remaining cup competition, so we will give it our all!

Talking of Tuesday - I thought it showed a lot of character; we were, let's be honest, absolutely worn out, as we've said, and 3-0 down at half time could have been heading toward a horrendous full time score. Instead of that, if you were there, you will know that on the hour it should of been either 3-2 or all equal. I thought the work rate, determination and application the boys showed was exemplary, and yes, we conceded a forth on a sucker punch, but that was not the story. When you can come back like that shows me that we have the right mix.

Right - time for some football

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated!!

Don't forget that although we have no Tuesday match, we are back here next Saturday for the visit of Lancing!

Enjoy the Match today, see you in the Oval Bar afterwards!!

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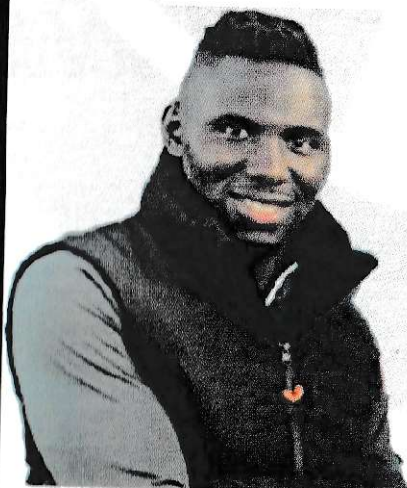
Good Afternoon Everyone

Well it finally had to happen! Yes we had a bad day at the office on Monday evening as we lost our 100% league record. Can I thank Dom Creese for his outstanding efforts, not only as my reliable friend and assistant on the bench, but for the fact that when events conspired against us, Dom pulled on his boots at 10 minutes notice and put in an hour on the pitch for us. He put in so much that he even picked up a yellow in his attempt to keep us in it. Thank you Dom. On the previous Thursday we played Jesters FC in the Eastbourne Challenge Cup. It is never easy playing against a senior team, not under 23s, but the boys acquitted themselves very well and we look forward to the semi final here shortly! See you on Thursday evening as Newhaven visit the Oval Arena - that should be a fun one!!

Enjoy the match this afternoon

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| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Eastbourne United U23 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 16 | 3 | 18 |
| 2 | Westfield U23 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 13 | 11 | 17 |
| 3 | Newhaven U23 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 10 | 14 | 15 |
| 4 | Bexhill United U23 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 13* |
| 5 | Peacehaven & Tels. U23 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| 6 | Whitehawk U23 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 16 | -3 | 8 |
| 7 | Jarvis Brook U23 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 36 | -16 | 8 |
| 8 | Little Common U23 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 15 | -5 | 7 |
| 9 | Saltdean United U23 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 15 | -10 | 3 |
| 10 | Hailsham Town U23 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 17 | -11 | 1 |



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SCFL LEAGUE TABLE

Yes, we took a step backwards this week as we dropped to 13th following defeat away to Horsham YM. the table still looks fairly healthy for us, and Haywards Heath are just relentless at the top. Next week's visitors Lancing are still in difficulties, but now have a new management team in place. Seaford continue to pull away from danger, while Varndeanians have been dragged in to it, along with Shoreham.

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|----------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Haywards Heath Town | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 6 | 43 | 42 |
| 2 | Steyning Town | 14 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 41 | 18 | 23 | 33 |
| 3 | Horsham YM | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 28 | 16 | 12 | 30 |
| 4 | Pagham | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 11 | 19 | 29 |
| 5 | Peacehaven & Tels. | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 31 | 13 | 18 | 28 |
| 6 | Forest Row | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 28 |
| 7 | Newhaven | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 31 | -2 | 25 |
| 8 | Guernsey | 13 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 36 | 29 | 7 | 24 |
| 9 | Bexhill United | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 27 | 2 | 23 |
| 10 | Roffey | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 21 |
| 11 | Seaford Town | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 31 | 36 | -5 | 16 |
| 12 | Little Common | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 17 | 27 | -10 | 16 |
| 13 | Eastbourne United | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 15 |
| 14 | Crawley Down Gatwick | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 27 | 29 | -2 | 14 |
| 15 | Midhurst & Ease. | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 29 | -10 | 13 |
| 16 | Wick | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 31 | -13 | 12 |
| 17 | Lingfield | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 30 | -15 | 11 |
| 18 | Shoreham | 14 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 23 | 48 | -25 | 9 |
| 19 | AFC Varndeanians | 14 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 39 | -29 | 7 |
| 20 | Lancing | 14 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 17 | 47 | -30 | 7 |





FIXTURES AND RESULTS

| Date | Opponents | Score | GK | # 2 | # 3 | # 4 | # 5 |
|------------|---------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 02/08/2025 | East Grinstead Town | W | 4-1 | Broadbent | A Thomas | Farrell | Patton |
| 09/08/2025 | Steyning Town (H) | SCFL | 0-1 | Broadbent | A Thomas | Farrell | Patton |
| 12/08/2025 | Forest Row (A) | SCFL | 0-1 | Broadbent | Wilson | Farrell | Patton |
| 16/08/2025 | Sheppey United (A) | FACPR | 0-9 | Broadbent | A Thomas | Farrell | Y-Johnson |
| 19/08/2025 | Crawley Down Gatwick (A) | SCFL | 1-1 | Broadbent | Middleton | Farrell | Patton |
| 23/08/2025 | Loxwood (A) | FAVQR1 | W | 7-1 | Broadbent | Farrell | Patton |
| 25/08/2025 | Little Common (H) | SCFL | 0-1 | Broadbent | Middleton | Farrell | Patton |
| 30/08/2025 | Wick (A) | SCFL | W | 3-2 | Broadbent | Farrell | Patton |
| 03/09/2025 | Bexhill United (H) | PBC2 | W | 3-1 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 06/09/2025 | Roffey (A) | SCFL | L | 1-2 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 09/09/2025 | Peacehaven & Tels (A) | SSC1 | L | 1-3 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 13/09/2025 | Vardeanians (H) | SCFL | L | 0-1 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 17/09/2025 | Bexhill United (A) | RUR1 | L | 2-2 (p) | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 20/09/2025 | Halls Athletic (H) | FAVQR2 | W | 2-0 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 24/09/2025 | Bexhill United (A) | SCFL | D | 2-2 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 27/09/2025 | Pagham (H) | SCFL | D | 0-0 | Hobden | Farrell | Patton |
| 04/10/2025 | Shoreham (H) | SCFL | W | 7-0 | Hobden | D Hull | Patton |
| 11/10/2025 | Haywards Heath Town (A) | SCFL | L | 0-1 | Hobden | D Hull | Patton |
| 14/10/2025 | Lingfield (A) | SCFL | W | 1-0 | Hobden | D Hull | Patton |
| 18/10/2025 | Sporting Club Thamesmead | FAV1RD | W | 4-2 | Hobden | D Hull | Patton |
| 25/10/2025 | Newhaven (H) | SCFL | W | 5-3 | Hobden | D Hull | Patton |
| 01/11/2025 | Horsham YMCA (A) | SCFL | L | 0-1 | Hobden | Gander | Patton |
| 04/11/2025 | Steyning Town (A) | PBC3 | L | 0-4 | Hobden | O Hull | Patton |
| 08/11/2025 | Epsom & Ewell (H) | FAV2RD | | | | | |
| 15/11/2025 | Lancing (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 22/11/2025 | Peacehaven & Tels (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 29/11/2025 | Midhurst & Easebourne (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 06/12/2025 | Wick (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 13/12/2025 | Little Common (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
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| 03/01/2026 | Crawley Down Gatwick (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 17/01/2026 | Bexhill United (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 24/01/2026 | Pagham (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 31/01/2026 | Roffey (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 07/02/2026 | Vardeanians (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 14/02/2026 | Lingfield (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 21/02/2026 | Newhaven (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 28/02/2026 | Horsham YMCA (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 14/03/2026 | Lancing (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 21/03/2026 | Guernsey (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 28/03/2026 | Midhurst & Easebourne (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 04/04/2026 | Peacehaven & Tels (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 06/04/2026 | Seaford Town (H) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 11/04/2026 | Steyning Town (A) | SCFL | | | | | |
| 18/04/2026 | Shoreham (A) | SCFL | | | | | |

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TODAY'S VISITORS

EPSOM & EWELL FC

Epsom & Ewell F.C. Club History 1918-2025/26

We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors F.C. came into being and played a handful of games from what is now known as Alport Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1928.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident on the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, we were unfortunate to lose 2-1 after extra time at Dorking F.C.'s Paddock Lane ground in Catterham Mental Hospital in a replay of the Surrey Junior Cup Final. However, we won three other trophies that season, the Leatherhead Hospital Shield, the Sutton Hospital Cup, and the Epsom Hospital Cup. In addition, we also won the Sutton & District League, and under the forward-thinking of their visionary Chairman Hugh Rutledge, took the step into Intermediate football, where we won the Southern Suburban League without losing a match. Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where we finished third.

In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Morrison. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup 'Double'. Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed in the first attempt in 1927/28. Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat this, instead of finishing runners-up in 1931/32, 1932/33, 1934/35, 1936/37 and 1937/38. Cup Honours were limited, although in 1929 Weald defeated us 2-1 in front of 4,600 at Golders 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 3-0 win over Yeading at Kingfield. However, the president's tenure of over 20 years saw history repeat its appearance



In the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup in 1933/34, Watford (after a replay), Watford Tooting & Mitcham, Hollingbury Green, and Leytonstone were defeated, and a crowd of 9,488 at the Lee Bridge Sports Ground witnessed a 4-2 loss against the hosts, Chelsea. At the end of that season, we changed our name to Epsom F.C.

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (in connection to the earlier name) shared the ground with Epsom F.C. However, this arrangement was suspended when war was declared, and we looked for the duration. In the meantime, Club Chairman Charles Porter threw in his lot with Epsom Town in an attempt to boost morale by keeping the football flag flying. It was successful, as that club continued consistently throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40, and reaching the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1941, losing 3-1 to Tooting & Mitcham at Sandy Lane. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and retained West Street. Temporary homes were found for Epsom Town while they competed for a season in the newly created Corinthian League, but disbanded in 1946.

In 1949 we entered the Corinthian League members, where in 1951 we reached the League Memorial Shield Final 1952 going down 2-1 to Charlton Athletic at Whitehouse after losing at half-time. Things improved further with the signing of the former English Amateur International Pat Lynch from Herford, finishing third in 1952/53, while in 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing 2-0 to Corinthian Casuals in front of 6,159 at Silfouth Park. In 1955 we won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Corinthian Athletic at West Street.

We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitfield in 1955, and the Corinthian League double was almost achieved in 1956/57, but two losses in the final week, along with a 1-0 defeat in the Cup final to Maidenhead United at Dorking ensured that we ended with neither. Finishing fourth. However, in 1966, we finally earned the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Park, home of Watford F.C.

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. This was not because of any merger with Ewell & Stoneleigh as is often quoted, but was an attempt to become accepted across the whole of the Borough. In 1961 the Corinthian League merged with the Athenian and Delphian leagues, and we were placed in Division One of the new structure, but the sixties were full of pain, results and we were relegated in 1965.

Despite a string of managers, most notably ex-Leyton Orient winger Jimmy Smith, and Tony Williams, now famous for his creation of the F.A. Youthlinks, our fortunes did not improve significantly and further relegations were avoided in the early seventies by the benefit of re-election. However in 1971, despite "improving" to finish second from bottom, the Athenian League ran out of patience and cut us loose. This was unfortunate timing as we had just cleared all of our debts and in addition to a virtually new Committee, former Fulham player Pat O'Connell had taken over as Manager.

The Surrey Senior League took us in at the last moment, and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tate, won the League Cup, and the following season, 1978/79 achieved a second Surrey Senior League 'Double'. However, the reason would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural F.A. Vase, where 5,700 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Huddersfield Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion was achieved in that first season. In 1979/80 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Charlton St Peter.

By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Southern League for 1979/80, and were placed in the new Division Two. Our first match under floodlights took place against the Police in August 1977, and the title was clinched the following April, securing a move to Division One. In 1978/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton at their pitch, where the opposition was hit by five goals from Tate. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finished in the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Watford 1-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill and in 1983/84 we clinched ascent to the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we



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

We travelled consistently to our fixtures in the old Sussex Premier, but Hill's departure to Chelsea in 1981 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager John Webb had very much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and also in 1987, he rose under the Management of Rick Kidd. Adrian Hill replaced Webb for a second spell at the helm in 1987, but was again placed in the new Division Three in 1981 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required halfway mark.

In 1983 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved to an immense new home at Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although we did reach the final of the Associate Members Trophy in 1996, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Wendon's old Cleeve Road ground.

In 2001 Adrian Hill took us back up in the newly created Division 1 South, where we topped the table for a month, eventually finishing 9th, but Hill's retirement at the end of the season led to relegation a year later and then in 2006 we were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Richard Buckwell, a former player became our new Manager, and in his first full season (2007/08) we were back in the top ten, in 2008/09 we exceeded this achievement and finished in fourth place after leading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club received four 5 star status to finish 1st and also reached the last 32 of the F.A. Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-1 to Watford at Watford Road. In April of 2016, we announced our seven-year ground-sharing agreement with Reading Athletic and spent two spectacular seasons at Madeiras F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Clapham F.C. In the 2021/22 season, where we would spend eight years.

The season brought significant playing success as a new start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record of 12 straight league wins which put us at the top of the table for over a month, before a tricky run resulted in a final position of 6th. However, any



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

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

In the summer of 2016, our club visited France and played a friendly against our twin town Chantilly, which was where the England team had been based before their Euro 2016 campaign. The players were able to meet Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville and performed admirably as ambassadors for our town.

In 2016/17 we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly-promoted Bedford R despite trailing 1-0 at half-time, and went on to repeat our fourth-place finish in the League. In addition, we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 1-1 by Watford at Wembley FC.

However, in the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers. Glen was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three-quarters of the season were spent at the foot of the table. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Matt Green into the Manager's role and although he managed to get us off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely and was confirmed in mid-April not a great way to celebrate our Centenary!

The attempts at bouncing straight back did not start particularly well and Grant departed in October. He was replaced by Simon Funnell, who stepped up from his Assistant role and took us to the Division One League Cup Final at Madeiras. Unfortunately, the new season of 2019/20 started poorly and Funnell resigned as Chairman. His Assistant Sam Morgan was appointed to the role and with his new Assistant Tim Moffatt,



they entered an additional league run that took us up to the abandonment of the season.

The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Parkers Green ground, although another season's uncertainty left us in seventh place and we remained at Step Six, being transferred to the Southern Combination for the new season. In August 2021, Sam Morgan was relieved of his duties after a slow start to the season. 2022/23 season saw a complete change at the top with ex-Horley Town manager Anthony Hogg coming in as joint manager alongside ex-Corinthian manager Liam Gillo along with ex-Horley Town Manager and coach Matt Chapman as coach. Five days before Christmas and Hogg stepped down before the end of the season. Coach Matt Chapman took over and led the Club to the Bunnys up again. In the play off semi final we drew one one with Selby before going through in a nail biting penalty shoot out. In the final in front of almost 400 fans in our last game at Leatherhead F.C. we saw our own goal against Weald. We were promoted back to step five. We were also moved across the New League System back into the Combined Counties League. 2023/24 Season The Club also started a new ground share agreement with Clapham F.C. on their brand new 3G pitch. The Club appointed Simon Stone as manager. Simon left in October when the Club was bottom of the league and with no wins. He was replaced with Steve Spragg as interim manager. Steve left in January and Vernon Martin took over. In the 2024/25 season we saw the Club move again this time to King George Park, the home of Corinthian Casuals F.C. Vernon Martin continued as manager alongside coach Glen Berry. Vernon left the Club after a terrible run of defeat toward the end of the season and Max Johnson and Craig Foulds took over as temporary joint managers. They won one game, losing a lot of matches and winning a cup when we retained Abbey Rangers won all in the final of The Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

2026 Simon saw the Club move back to Clapham FC and the joint managers were appointed for the time. In October 2025 the Club moved again to Chesham & Hook. Unlucky much more to Epsom and hopefully we can build more support at this ground.



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IN A funny way, Kevin Horlock's quote after Maldon & Tiptree's defeat to Port Vale encapsulated what the FA Cup is all about.

"We had them on the ropes for five minutes – we probably scored 85 minutes too soon," the Jammers boss said of Anisius Lewis' very early strike that put the Step 4 side ahead, "but what a magical moment."

Less than 20 minutes later and Horlock's side were 4-1 down to the League One Valiants, the lowest-ranked team in the first round's FA Cup adventure was coming to an end.

But it's those moments that make the FA Cup. For a few minutes, nine to be more precise, their travelling fans would have been wondering 'what if'.

We all know about the financial rewards that comes with the FA Cup – the TV cash to boost the coffers, the benefit of prize money, extra sponsorship and ticket sales. But, also, it gives unforgettable moments.

Think of Havant & Waterlooville all those years ago when they led the mighty Liverpool not once but twice at Anfield. Think of Kidderminster Harriers taking West Ham to the final moments before Declan Rice bailed the Premier League side out.

Think of Tamworth last season as they took Tottenham into extra-time but almost won it in the dying stages of the 90 minutes.

At the weekend Chelmsford City caused the first upset of round one when they beat Braintree Town at Saturday lunchtime – a feat repeated by fellow Step 2 sides Weston-super-Mare, who knocked out Aldershot Town, and Slough Town as they piled the woe on Altrincham.

There were some all Non-League ties that brought Sutton United, Wealdstone and Buxton success and a place in the second round.

We also saw Gateshead upset League One AFC Wimbledon, Brackley Town beat Notts County on penalties and Boreham Wood take, what feels like, their annual EFL scalp in Crawley Town.

Carlisle United looked to be on their way out at Reading before Regan Linney scored two stoppage-time goals to force extra-time – where he then scored the winner to complete his hat-trick.

"It was a good three points," he accidentally said live on Match of the Day the next day. "I've crumbled here!" Thankfully the striker doesn't crumble when he's in the box!

"Where's the matchball?" presenter Jason Mohammad asked. "It's still in my car," Linney responded with a smile. That's the magic of the FA Cup!



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3/9

HOPES HIGH AS UNITED WIN THE FIRST GAME

Eastbourne United 3, Fulham 2

FIRST game, first win and hopes as high at Princes Park Oval as the late summer wind, which stretched the flags and bore aloft the first smell of liniment from the dressing rooms.

But Rome was not built in a day, and it may take many doleful days on which the Eastbourne United side will play better and lose before all of their promising material can achieve its best potential.

If the young players can profit by learning from their mistakes this should be one of the most interesting seasons in United's history.

On Saturday they threw away an interval two-goal lead because the full-backs played too square. With right-half Boon well up, Fulham's left-winger Pratt made good use of the room he was given, and, from his centre, Fulham fought back to equal terms.

Boon's adventuring paid off in the end. From his perfectly placed through ball in the last minute Pooley scored a beautiful winner

with a typical right foot drive.

Until this all of the goals had been scored against the wind—a fact which can best be used to tell of the high standard of ball play from both sides.

Fulham, young and fresh of face, kept the ball down better than United, but Lazarides shone with

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some perfect passes, slow as he sometimes was when not in possession.

It was pleasing to see, as right-wing partners for Fulham, youngsters Cross and Dobson playing even better than they did when mightily assisting United in the injury hit latter weeks of last season.

United snapped into a fourth minute lead. Lazarides brought the ball a long way before putting through to Pooley, who turned it into the middle. Godwin, United's 90-minute chaser, got to it before

Brown and flicked it to the goal-keeper's right before cleverly hooking it back into the net from an acute angle.

This lead stood several times in jeopardy, with Pope finding difficulty in handling the ball cleanly, and Harris twice clearing off the line, until near half-time, when a Manville header was only partly fielded by Brown. The ball rolled back to Manville, who sent it straight back, this time into the net.

Pope was more sure in the second half and made a great diving save from Jones, but 15 minutes from the end of a fluctuating half he was beaten by his old team-mate Cross after he had dropped the ball in saving from Dobson.

Pratt's centre had started this move, and ten minutes later he again pounced past the polished Bacuzzi, centring this time for Martin to score. Pooley's last minute goal put the seal on a first game which offered plenty in football quality.

Eastbourne United: R. Pope, D. Bacuzzi, R. Broad, I. Boon, P. Harris, M. Ryan, R. Manville, M. Godwin, J. Pooley, A. Lazarides and A. Marchant.

Fulham: Brown; Lambden, Kavanagh; Mullery, Rankin, Tompkins; Cross, Dobson, Jones, Martin and Pratt.

Godwin, Manville, Pooley.

Aug 24th



EUAFC Youth Roundup

Our Youth sides continue to give very strong showings, despite the under 15s having played fewer game so far. Although we cannot publish tables, the under 10s are also top of their league! The future continues to look bright.

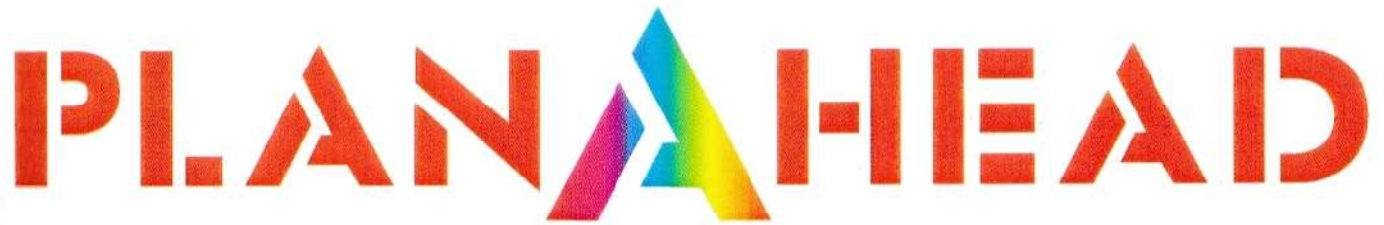
| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Eastbourne United U18 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | Hailsham Town U18 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 15 |
| 3 | Bexhill United U18 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 4 | Jarvis Brook U18 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 5 | Newhaven U18 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 6 | Seaford Town U18 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 7 | Ringmer AFC U18 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | AFC Uckfield Town U18 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | Willingdon Athletic U18 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| 10 | Westfield U18 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |



| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | PTS |
|-----|--|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Hangleton Rangers Youth U15 White | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | Peacehaven & Telscombe Youth U15 Stripes | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 3 | Eastbourne United AFC U15 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| 4 | Hollingbury Hawks Youth U15 Red | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 5 | Whitehawk U15 White | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 6 | Lancing United U15 Colts Black | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | Willingdon Athletic Youth U15 Green | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | Buxted U15 Rangers | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 9 | TD Shipley youth U15 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 10 | Newhaven U15 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 11 | Worthing United Youth U15 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 12 | Lindfield Juniors U15 Pumas | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 13 | Hove Park Colts U15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

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