

# Tooting Bec FC

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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Combined Counties Football League  
Division One

Tooting Bec

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Espom & Ewell



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## Welcome to the Bec

The Bec were only formed in 2004 on Tooting Common boasting just one side and with a completely social focus, this is just our 16th season in existence. Within 6 years and 4 promotions we achieved step 7 football and were also running a reserve side. Last season was our 1st season in the Combined Counties League, running 6 sides including a Vets & Women's side and we have enjoyed a good couple of seasons at all levels.

After missing out on the Surrey Elite title (Step 7) on the last day three seasons ago we came back strong and comfortably won the Elite league title by 5 points the following year gaining promotion in the process. We also tasted FA Vase action for the first time in 2017 beating Littlehampton 3-1 before going out to Fisher in the next round.

The club is based out of Tooting & Mitcham F.C. where all our sides train and play on the 3G. Our 1st team have also returned to the ground this season after a year playing at Raynes Park Vale FC. The first team will be able to host visiting clubs on the stadium pitch this season following our return from RPV FC. This has given us the chance to move to the Combined Counties and Step 6 football and we have enjoyed visiting new grounds and making new friends, but we haven't just come to make up the numbers.

Our finest hour before the 2017/18 season's league title victory came in 2010 when the club won the SSEC League and Cup double and were a cup final defeat away from becoming the only club ever to claim the treble. In the last few seasons the reserves and 'A' team have added to the trophy haul as the club continues to strengthen on and off the pitch. Our reserves presently challenging at the top of Step 8 football and making their own way the football pyramid.

Last season started slowly as we were sat in midtable in early October, a great run from then till the end of the season saw us rise to an unexpected 3rd in the division and qualification for the FA Cup for the first time in our history. We are expecting a much tougher 2nd season as we attempt to repeat last seasons performances and league position now the bar has been set. It won't be easy though against some big clubs and experienced opposition.

Today we look forward to welcoming everyone to the Campus Society Stadium for what is sure to be a great match between two strong sides. Best of luck to both teams.

### **Steffan Wells**

Chairman

Tooting Bec FC

# **Epsom & Ewell Club History**

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 Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1920.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident at the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, we were unfortunate to lose 2-1 after extra time at Dorking F.C.'s Pixham Lane ground to Caterham 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 Bradley, 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 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".

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 finishing runners-up in 1931/32, 1932/33, 1934/35, 1936/37 and 1937/38. Cup Honours were limited, although 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 F.A.Cup in 1933/34. Woking (after a replay), Nunhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Beddington Corner, and Leytonstone were defeated, and a crowd of 9,485 at the Lea Bridge Speedway Stadium witnessed a 4-2 loss against the hosts Clapton Orient. At the end of that season we changed our name to Epsom F.C.

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (no connection to the earlier name) shared the ground with Epsom F.C. However, this arrangement was suspended when war was declared, and we folded for the duration. In the meantime, Club Chairman Charles Pettett 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 competed continuously throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40, and reaching the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1944, losing 3-1 to Tooting & Mitcham, at Sandy Lane. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed 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 ourselves, where in 1952 we reached the League Memorial Shield Final in 1952, going down 2-1 to Champions Hounslow at Eastbourne after leading at half-time. Things improved further with the signing of the former English Amateur International Pat Lynch from Hendon, finishing third in 1952/53, while 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 1955 we won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Carshalton Athletic at West Street.

We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitehead in 1955 and the Corinthian League double was almost achieved in 1956/57, but two losses in the final week, along with a 2-0 defeat in the Cup Final to Maidenhead United at Dorking ensured that we ended with neither, finishing fourth.



However in 1960, we finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Farm, home of Wembley 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 increase support across the whole of the Borough. In 1963 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 poor 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. Yearbooks, our fortunes did not improve significantly and further relegations were avoided in the early seventies by the benefit of re-election. However in 1973, 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 minute, and 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 F.A. 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 to the top flight 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. Our first match under floodlights took place against Met Police in August 1977, and the title was clinched the following April, securing a move to Division One. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their own pitch, where the opposition were blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup, 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 Final, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United at Imber Court.

With Adrian Hill as Manager since 1982, we survived comfortably in our first season at the new level, but Hill's departure to Croydon in 1985 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager Alan Webb had too much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and following Webb's departure soon after, Player / Manager Ricky Kidd nearly but not quite saved us from our second straight relegation. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but we were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required half way mark.

In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although we did reach the Final of the Associate Members Trophy, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground.

In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to 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 Lyndon 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 heading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club recovered from a slow start to finish fifth and also reached the last 32 of the F.A. Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby. 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 High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season.



The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record 12 straight League wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month before a tough run in resulted in a final position of fifth. 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. Lyndon also marked 300 games in charge of the club in early 2013. On a sadder note, 2012/13 also marked one thousand games since we left West Street.

We carried our fine 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 season Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place, despite a substantial budget cut and this improved to fourth place 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 Bedfont & Feltham in a match where we had trailed 2-0 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 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC.

However, in summer 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers. Glyn was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three quarters of the season was spent at the foot of the table. Glyn's resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Neil Grant 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 oversaw a good run of results which took us back up to the fringes of the promotion race, before a defeat to Frimley Green derailed our season and we tailed off to finish in eighth position. We had the consolation of reaching the Division One League Cup Final at Meadowbank, home of Dorking Wanderers, but again Frimley Green stood in our way and defeated us by the only goal. We now commence our eighth season at High Road with a clear target of promotion back into the top flight of the Combined Counties League through one of the four promotion spots that are available this year.

Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....



## **TOOTING BEC FC SQUAD**

Manager: John O'Connor

Assistant: Terry Tuvey

Coach: Paul Golah

Physio: Roger Mann

### **Squad (from)**

1. Zedenk Machacek (GK)
2. Fabian Unwin
3. Carlo Fernando
4. Chris Thurbon ©
5. Matthew Stone
6. Tom Field
7. Jack Martin
8. Myles Blenkinsop
9. Alistair Wiltshire
10. James Parsons
11. Dariush Heravi
12. Panikos Oritis
13. Dan Ogunmade
14. Jon Ogidi
15. Nick Thompson
16. Chris Ibbeson
17. Liam Smith
18. George Wheeler
19. Nick Fox
20. Dave Whyte (GK)
21. Elijah Lewis
22. Eddie M'Bango

Black & White shirts, white shorts, black & white hooped socks.

GK: Red (or Pink if required to change)



## **EPSOM & EWELL SQUAD**

Manager: Simon Funnell

Assistant: Sam Morgan

Assistant: Paul Marshall

### **Squad (from)**

1. Felix Davies (GK)
2. Louis Ricardo Teixeira(GK)
3. Joe Bonass-Ward
4. Reisse Griffin
5. Toby Funnell
6. Kyle Carton
7. Liam Roberts
8. Scott Murphy (C)
9. Chaz-Lee Martin
10. Lloyd Connelly
11. Jake Robinson
12. Bobby Bennett
13. Taryn Smith
14. Adam Heagney
15. Robert Hendry
16. Sean White
17. Sam Morgan
18. Jahmahl King
19. Zak Nightingale
20. Marlon Pinder

Blue & White hoop shirts, blue shirts, blue socks

GK: Orange or Green



## **Match Report**

### **Tooting Bec 3-1 Kensington**

Bec were looking to make amends for last week's disappointing performance against a Kensington team sitting a place above them in the table. Bec welcomed back marksmen Ali Wilshere to lead the line whilst Thompson and Parsons also came in.

Tooting couldn't have wished for a better start as 2 minutes in Martin's long throw was flicked goal-bound by Thurbon and Heravi made sure from half a yard out. Bec had settled well and were camped inside the Kensington final third for the first 20 minutes putting in numerous dangerous crosses which never quite fell to an attacker. Against the run of play the visitors equalised as a mix-up saw Machacek punch the ball against his own defender and it rebounded into the empty net. Bec remained on top for the remainder of the half and were testing the away stopper's handling with some fizzing efforts. The last action of the half saw the Borough striker sent to the sin bin for questioning the referees decision.

#### **HT 1-1**

Although a man down Kensington started the 2nd half the brighter and hit the post directly from a corner. However, the Bec went ahead on the counter-attack when Thurbon's clearance found Wilshere on the halfway line, he held off the Borough centre halves and ran through on goal before slotting home superbly with his right foot. As the game wore on Kensington started to apply pressure on the Bec defence and came centimetres away from equalising when the striker sent a curling effort against the inside of the post much to Tooting's relief. The home side gave themselves breathing space with 10 minutes remaining when Fox's in-swinging corner was headed home powerfully at the back post by Thurbon for the crucial 3<sup>rd</sup> goal, and Bec saw the rest of the game out to claim an important 3 points.





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## Results Grid

Date	Comp	Opposition	H/A	Result	Score	Goal scorer(s)
03/08/19	CCL1	Sandhurst Town	A	D	1-1	Heravi
10/08/19	FAC	Guildford City	A	L	3-2	Heravi, Wilshere
17/08/19	CCL1	British Airways	H	D	3-3	Parsons, M'Bango, Wilshere
27/08/19	CCL1	Epsom & Ewell	A	D	2-2	Thurbon, Blenkinsopp
01/09/19	FAV	Walton & Hersham	H	L	2-4	Martin, Ejezie
07/09/19	CCL1	Eversley & California	A	W	0-2	Martin (2)
21/09/19	CCL1	Fleet Spurs	A	W	2-4	Heravi (2), Parsons, Thurbon
25/09/19	CCLPC	Bedfont & Feltham	H	L	2-4	Shingler, Heravi
28/09/19	CCL1	Cove	H	W	4-1	Shingler (3), Heravi
01/10/19	CCLC	Kensington Borough	A	L	3-2	Heravi, Thompson
05/10/19	CCL1	Godalming Town	A	W	1-5	Field, OG, M'Bango, Thurbon, Wilshere
08/10/19	LST	Croydon FC	H	L	1-2	Heravi
12/10/19	CCL1	Fleet Spurs	H	W	2-1	Blenkinsopp, Wilshere
19/10/19	CCL1	Chessington & Hook	H	D	2-2	Wilshere, M'Bango
26/10/19	CCL1	Dorking	A	W	0-4	Thurbon, M'Bango, Martin, Wilshere
02/11/19	CCL1	Bagshot	A	L	2-1	Martin
09/11/19	CCL1	Kensington Borough	H	W	3-1	Heravi, Wilshere, Thurbon



## Current League Standings

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Jersey Bulls	14	14	0	0	50	42
2	Farnham Town	12	9	2	1	18	29
3	Walton & Hersham	12	8	1	3	17	25
4	Tooting Bec	12	7	4	1	17	25
5	Kensington & Ealing Borough	14	8	0	6	5	24
6	Sandhurst Town	12	6	3	3	6	21
7	Westside	13	6	2	5	9	20
8	Dorking Wanderers Reserves	15	6	1	8	-5	19
9	British Airways	14	5	3	6	-10	18
10	AFC Hayes	12	5	2	5	4	17
11	FC Deportivo Galicia	15	4	4	7	-21	16
12	Fleet Spurs	13	5	0	8	-3	15
13	Cove	12	4	3	5	-12	15
14	Bedfont & Feltham	12	4	2	6	0	14
15	Epsom & Ewell	12	4	2	6	-4	14
16	Ash United	14	4	0	10	-17	12
17	Bagshot	13	3	2	8	-16	11
18	Chessington & Hook United	11	3	4	4	-3	10 *
19	Godalming Town	12	3	1	8	-15	10
20	Eversley & California	12	1	2	9	-20	5






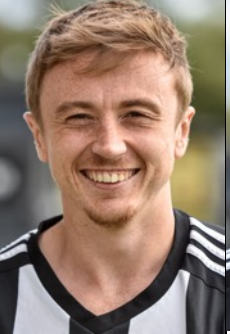
## **Upcoming Fixtures**

Lge 16/11/19 15.00	<b>Westside (A)</b>
Lge 23/11/19 15.00	<b>Ash Utd (H)</b>
Lge 30/11/19 15.00	<b>Cove (A)</b>
Lge 07/12/19 15.00	<b>Jersey Bulls (H)</b>
Lge 10/12/19 19.45	<b>Bedfont &amp; Feltham (H)</b>
Lge 14/12/19 15.00	<b>Walton &amp; Hersham (A)</b>



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# First Team Squad 2019/20

			
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