

DORKING WANDERERS



U23 v EPSOM & EWELL

TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER - KICK OFF 7.45PM
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
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WELCOME TO MEADOWBANK

WELCOME TO EPSOM & EWELL



Hi everyone and welcome to this Tuesday night game between Dorking Wanderers U23 and Epsom & Ewell. I expect a very entertaining game tonight as both teams have started the season very well. We welcome everyone to our new ground Meadowbank and we hope you enjoy our hospitality here tonight. Meadowbank has some great new facilities such as: Bar, fanzone, healthy kitchen.

I hope all Epsom & Ewell players, comitee and fans enjoy there stay here tonight and we hope for an entertaing game and some good football.

Hugo Manuel

Programme editor, Dorking Wanderers U23s



FROM THE MANAGER

JORDAN CLARK

WELCOME TO EPSOM & EWELL

Last Saturday was a tough encounter against a big, physical side that were well drilled probably the best organised team we have played. For large parts of the fixture we stood up really well, grew into the game and stopped them doing what they were good at. So it was of course disappointing to concede in the manner in which we did when I thought we were looking comfortable and I know how much it hurt the players to lose in that fashion. The key reminder to the players after the game was that not only is the result irrelevant to a certain extent for us but what is most important is that they make mistakes and learn from them, my players will make mistakes that's part of the journey and we must embrace that as part of the learning process. I have extended a challenge to all of them to put right those mistakes and continue with the process tonight and see how much learning has taken place in the three day window.

I'd like to welcome all players, staff and committee of Epsom & Ewell I had a great couple of months with the club at the back end of last season where Neil Grant (manager) gave me a chance to work in the senior game something I will always be grateful for and to the players that bought into what we were doing at the time, many of these players are still at the club and I look forward to catching up with them. I expect this to be the toughest test of the season for my players against in my opinion the best squad in the league on paper. I hope all fans enjoy their evening with us!

Jordan Clark

Manager, Dorking Wanderers U23's



TODAY'S VISITORS



EPSOM & EWELL

Epsom & Ewell 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 the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers and our Coach Matt Smith also left. 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 appointing our new 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!

Because of the situation Neil inherited, he never had a proper opportunity to save us from relegation, but the club saw enough to indicate that he can get us back up to Step Five this season. He remains at our club with a new Management team around him, including Simon Funnell and Sam Morgan and with a clear target of promotion back into the top flight of the Combined Counties League.

We continue at High Road for the 2018/19 season, having signed a new two year agreement with Chipstead. Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....



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LEAGUE TABLE

COMBINED COUNTIES DIVISION 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Farnham Town	7	5	1	1	18	6	12	16
2	Bedfont & Feltham	7	4	3	0	32	7	25	15
3	Epsom & Ewell	5	4	0	1	15	4	11	12
4	Ash United	6	3	3	0	20	10	10	12
5	DORKING WANDERERS U23	7	3	3	1	15	10	5	12
6	Sheerwater	5	3	1	1	10	6	4	10
7	Tooting Bec	6	3	1	2	10	9	1	10
8	AC London	6	3	1	2	14	15	-1	10
9	Chessington & Hook United	7	3	1	3	13	15	-2	10
10	British Airways	7	3	1	3	13	16	-3	10
11	Sandhurst Town	6	3	1	2	7	11	-4	10
12	Frimley Green	5	2	3	0	9	5	4	9
13	Eversley & Calafornia	5	2	0	3	9	11	-2	6
14	Bagshot	5	2	0	3	6	22	-16	6
15	FC Deportivo Galacia	7	1	2	4	10	12	-2	5
16	Godalming Town	6	1	1	4	6	17	-11	4
17	Kensington Borough	5	1	0	4	9	17	-8	3
18	Fleet Spurs	6	0	0	6	7	18	-11	0
19	Cove	6	0	0	6	6	18	-12	0

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Kensington Borough vs Chessington & Hook

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Club Shop Manager Paul Manuel goes through his Football Programme Collection and picks out some items of interest.



Many conversations I have these days relate to whether or not our beloved matchday programme will soon become a distant memory. Many League clubs are now deciding not to print due to financial reasons.

From what I am currently observing, an element of interest still remains and long may this continue.

I managed to find a programme dating back to 1953. Back then, our close neighbours Epsom, were plying their trade in the Corinthian League.

On the 31st January they met Dulwich Hamlet at their old West Street ground in Ewell for a Surrey Senior Cup Tie.

The Programme for that day is shown below.



Epsom programmes throughout the 1950's generally followed an 8 page format. I particularly like the cover they used.

The content within contained the club notes on the third page. The teams were displayed on the centre pages with league tables on the inside back cover. Fairly simplistic but typical of the era.

If any of you have had your memories jogged by this piece then I'd be happy to hear from you.

*Either pop into the Club Shop or contact me at:-paulmanuel62@gmail.com
Any unwanted football programmes or football related items are always most welcome at the shop.*

I would also like to thank Hugo Manuel for his contributions towards helping me with this article.

DORKING'S FOOTBALL HISTORY

DORKING WANDERERS RESERVES FC HISTORY

Dorking Wanderers Football Club was established in 1999, and in a short space of time has steadily climbed the non-league pyramid from park football to the Bostik League. The club has recently moved to the newly constructed, multi million pound Meadowbank Stadium development in the heart of Dorking Town Centre.

The Dorking Wanderers Reserves have a firm commitment to develop local talent for the first team. They are the final piece of the club's player pathway and ensure that the best local players have maximum opportunity to progress and represent their home town in the first team. The new team will compete in the Combined Counties League Division One, three tiers below Dorking's Bostik Premier League side.

The Dorking Wanderers Reserves team is managed by Jordan Clark and Peter Augustine.

Jordan has been instrumental in setting up the club's academy which competes with the very best in the South East of England and Peter works full time for the Football Association as a County Coach Developer, supporting coaches and their training throughout Surrey.

The Dorking Wanderers Reserves team replaces the Dorking Wanderers Development squad, who played in the Suburban League South Division 2017-2018 under the management of club legend Steven Lunn and the experienced youth coach Simon Coffey.





CLUB INFORMATION

MEADOWBANK FOOTBALL GROUND, MILL LANE, DORKING, SURREY, RH4 1DX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Marc White
Vice Chairman: Jeremy Pain
Development Director: Kris Lea
Hon Secretary: Martin Clarke
Hon Treasurer: Roger Brown
Stadium Manager: Chris Moon

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Les Freeland - Jason Rabbetts
Paul Manuel - Toby Francis
Frank Burgess - Alan Gout
Steve O'Sullivan - Linda O'Sullivan
Roger Mahony

OTHER STAFF

Press & Communications Officer: Roger Mahony
Match Day Announcer: Les Freeland
Groundsman/Security Officer: Toby Francis
Website Manager: Graham Bedbrook
Club Shop Manager: Paul Manuel
Club Photographer: Simon Roe
Development Secretary: Jack Owen
Youth Chairman: Dan Ford
Youth Secretary: Jason Woods

1ST TEAM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Manager: Marc White
Assistant Manager: Dean Milton
Head Coach: Tom Duke
Assistant Coach: Craig Vernon
Assistant Coach: Chris Boulter
Goalkeeper Coach: Tony Prime
Physios: Grant Steele & Kev Taylor
Fitness Coach: Dan Pearse

OTHER FOOTBALL STAFF

Head of Coaching: Nick Torpey
Under 23 Manager: Jordan Clark
Under 23 Asst Manager: Pete Augustine
Under 23 Physio: Andrew Bushe
Academy Manager: Jordan Clark
Assistant Academy Manager: Rhys Barker
Veterans Manager: Ollie O'Boyle
Veterans Asst Manager: Martin Beard
Veterans Coach: Matty Evans
Veterans Asst Coach: Andy Holmes
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DORKING WANDERERS

Manager: Jordan Clark
Colours: Red, White and Blue



EPSOM & EWELL

Manager: Neil Grant
Colours: Yellow

	No.	Sub	Score
CHARLES MCTIGUE	■	■	■
IBRAHIM AW	■	■	■
DANIEL CRUNDEN JONES	■	■	■
FESTUS EDIKU	■	■	■
HARRY SHIPTON	■	■	■
RORY SELICK	■	■	■
DARYL JEEVES	■	■	■
ELLIOTT DOWNS	■	■	■
PASCAL SEDGWICK	■	■	■
MAXWELL IYAMU	■	■	■
DALTON GLYNN	■	■	■
JAMES RABBETTS	■	■	■
MARCUS LEGG	■	■	■
JAKUB KURDZEIL	■	■	■
DOMINIQUE CLARKE BROWN	■	■	■
GEORGE COFFEY	■	■	■

	No.	Sub	Score
RICKY BORRETT	■	■	■
ALEX MCKAY	■	■	■
REISSE GRIFFIN	■	■	■
LIAM ROBERTS	■	■	■
SCOTT MURPHY	■	■	■
LLOYD CONNELLY	■	■	■
ENDRIT DOBRAJ	■	■	■
SHAUN MASTERSON	■	■	■
GERMAINE JEANNOEL	■	■	■
STUART RUSSELL	■	■	■
JOE LOFTUS-CHEEK	■	■	■
LOUIS O'BRIEN	■	■	■
SAM MORGAN	■	■	■
THEO CAMPBELL	■	■	■
SEAN WHITE	■	■	■
RYAN SULLIVAN	■	■	■

Referee: Steve Hart | Assistants: Brian Smith and Daniel Vernon

NEXT U23 HOME GAME: 22.09.18 v KENSINGTON BOROUGH

Next First Team Fixture: 15.09.18 v AFC Hornchurch



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