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Epsom & Ewell Football Club



SCFL Division One
v Wick FC

Saturday 17th September 2022

Kick-Off: 3.00pm

Fetcham Grove, Leatherhead, KT22 9AS



Matchday Sponsor

President – Stella Lamont

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I usually like to add some programme notes to the first and last home match that we play each season, the games that I sponsor, but this time round I've chosen to 'kick-off' with the one closest to my birthday, so I can reminisce a little.

I was born on 1st September 1928, a warm day, so I'm told, and one that followed a long hot summer. As my first mewling cry to the world broke the air, Epsom was putting five goals past Bostall Heath, the Kent side replying with four of their own, in what must have been a very exciting London League Premier Division game. It would be more than forty years before I moved from south London to Surrey when my association with Epsom and Ewell would begin, but it has been a very happy association and one that has now lasted half a century!

The first football matches I attended – both professional and amateur – were in south London shortly after the war. During the war itself, I was an evacuee; first to the south coast (right into the path of the Germans should they have got across, as my son likes to point out) and then to a rather grand manor house in Essex which became our school for the duration. At the same time in north London, Bruce Forsyth, who was also born in 1928, was watching football at White Hart Lane, where Tottenham was one of eight clubs who formed the southern division of a Wartime League playing morale-boosting fixtures that often-featured guest players from other teams. Arsenal was also one of the eight, and because Highbury had been requisitioned by the government and converted into an ARP centre (and would suffer colossal bomb damage) they ground-shared with their neighbours. Finding himself able to watch both clubs, and setting aside the traditional rivalry, Bruce became a lifelong supporter of the two, never favouring one above the other.

Browsing the list of people's names with whom I share my birth year, I was taken that it includes the Argentinian revolutionary Che Guevara who also has a football connection. As a boy, he suffered from severe asthma but defied his family who wouldn't let him join his friends playing the game by choosing to become a goalkeeper, so he could keep his medication close to hand at the side of the net. The team he supported, Rosario Central, are now managed by Carlos Tevez, a familiar face to followers of British football a decade or so ago. At their most recent derby match with close rivals, Newell's Old Boys live grenades were thrown onto the pitch. The damage was simply filled in and the game played on.

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I spent my seventieth birthday watching an away fixture at Lewes F.C. which we won 1-0. Unbeknown to me, our chairman at the time had made advance enquiries at Lewes to find a local bakery who might make me a cake. By happy coincidence, the barman at Lewes said “look no further” as he baked all the cakes for the club. And what an effort he made! To my complete surprise, when the officials, players and supporters of both teams were gathered together after the match in the Lewes clubhouse, the barman entered to present me with not one cake but two, each iced with a blue birthday numeral. What a lovely touch. I was delighted.

Twenty years later, the club rewarded my ninetieth birthday with a wonderful outsize bunch of flowers. By then, however, wretchedly poor mobility had brought my days of attending football matches to a close after something like seventy years. You can imagine how cruelly disappointing that is; but rather like Ted MacDougall towards the end of his career (you can Google him, if you feel like it) hearing the crowd heckle, “You’re over the hill, MacDougall!”, he shot back with “At least I’ve been up it!”.

Ten years prior to that on the occasion of my eightieth birthday when I could still go to every game, we were ground sharing with Banstead Athletic. This time celebration at the club came with a unique surprise organised by my much-missed dear friend Maryse. It was a multi-page document of reminiscence and tribute from club members and officials, managers and players past and present, along with the thoughts of long-standing friends and colleagues from the senior and youth leagues I’d been involved with for more than thirty years. It was so touching to receive and remains so to look through now and again. One line stands out about how unusual it was at the time I began to find a female voice in the almost exclusively male world of football administration, but what a welcome voice it had been. I was reminded of this when I read an opinion piece from the Daily Telegraph written six years before I was born. It was about the moral efficacy of football, generally thought to be a good idea if only to prevent idleness, but that women should not be encouraged to take part. Well, it’s only taken a hundred years for equality to become the accepted norm. And should I win the outside bet and defy the doctors for a further six years, I’ll achieve a centenary of my own. Perhaps there’ll be fireworks - but no grenades, please!

Love to you all,
Stella

Thank you, Your Majesty

Epsom & Ewell Football Club is truly saddened at the passing of her most gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to all members of the Royal Family at this very sad time.

God Save The King.

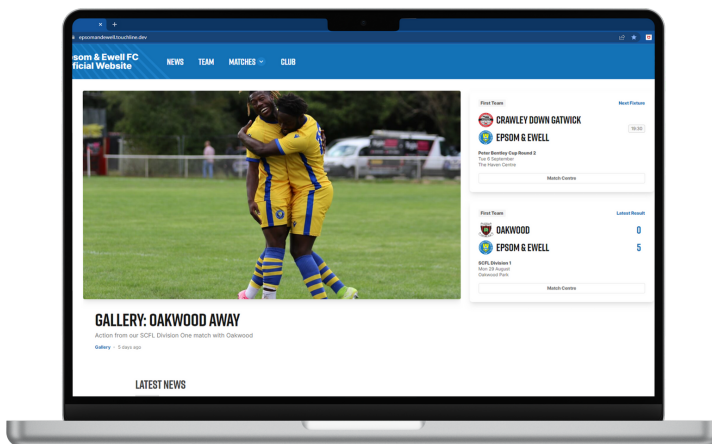


Coming Soon..

Soon we will have our brand new website up and running! We have partnered with Sussex-based company, Touchline FC to produce what we think is an exceptional website.

The easy-to-navigate site will have all fixture details, and a 'match centre' for each game which will include match reports, line-ups and other relevant information, including match previews! We are looking ahead to some exciting times at the club!

In addition to our new website, the club will finally be able to open our brand new club shop! We will have lots of new and existing merchandise available to purchase, including replica kits! Stay up to date by following our new social handles!



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Match Action

Forest Row Home | Wed 17th Aug

A 'Peter's' brace seals the win

We entertained Forest Row at Fetcham Grove for our first home league game of the season in front of a good crowd for a Tuesday evening. There was one change from the Epsom lineup that played at Seaford the previous Saturday with Adam Grant replacing Tiago. Our opponents on the evening registered a fine 4-1 victory against one of the last year's off teams, only 11 days before.

After the opening exchanges, we took the lead in the 10th minute through Richard Pingling's first goal for the club with a perfect finish which curled around the keeper's desperate effort and nestled into the net. In the next 30 minutes, there were very few chances for either team and then our opponents scored an equaliser in the 42nd minute with an unstoppable shot. This setback appeared to galvanise us and we retook the lead in the 4th minute with Jabril Adamson with a low try that beat the goalkeeper. The halftime whistle sounded and we were leading 2-1.

No sooner had the second half started, than we again increased our lead with a fine finish from our marauding left-back Steve Springett; it was a good goal after some excellent build-up play. We looked comfortable for the next 10 minutes until an in-swinging corner from our opponents was headed into our net, 3-2.

We expected to face an onslaught from the visitors from that moment on when in fact the case was that we did most of the attacking and created various chances. As we all know 3-2 is never a safe scoreline, however with 13 minutes to go Brad Peters rose at the far post and headed in our 4th goal of the evening- shortly afterwards in a repeat of the move he headed our 5th goal this time from a free kick and not a corner.

The final whistle sounded and we had won convincingly 5-2; it was a good performance but still room for improvement

Welcome Wick FC

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Founded: 1892

Home Ground: Crabtree Park



Wick became a founding member of the West Sussex Football League in 1896, joining the Junior Division. Wick joined Division Two of the Sussex County League in 1964-65 and then spent the next eighteen seasons in Division Two, eventually winning promotion in 1983 after finishing as champions. They then spent three seasons in Division One before being relegated but bounced back the following season (1985-86) after winning Division Two for a second time.

From then until the end of the 2002-03 season, Wick was ever-present in Division One of the County League, winning the League Challenge Cup in 1987-88. In 1989-90 they lifted the Division One title and the RUR Charity Cup. In 1992-93 they won the Sussex Senior Cup for the only time, beating Oakwood at the Goldstone Ground, 3-1.

In the 1993-94 season, they won the championship for the second time, finishing 14 points clear of runners-up Whitehawk. The league cup was won in the 1996-97 season and finished runners-up to Burgess Hill Town. The following season under manager Jimmy Quinn, Wick finished third in the League but reached the semi-finals of the Senior Cup, and won the RUR Charity Cup, which they retained in the following 1998-99 season.

In 2000-01, the club finish third, but two seasons later in the 2002-03 campaign, the club was relegated to Division Two. The club finished as runners-up to Crowborough Athletic in 2004-05 to move back into the top division of the Sussex league. Carl Stabler joined as manager in 2006-07 with the remit of rising Wick Football Club out of the County League and after 3 seasons stepped up to Chairman and handed over the reins of the football side of the club to manager Vic Short.

Prior to the 2013-14 season, they merged with near neighbors Barnham and became members of the Southern Combination Football League Premier Division. However, the clubs split again at the end of the 2015-16 season, with Wick taking the place of the first team in the Southern Combination Football League Premier Division. The following season saw them relegated to Division One for the 2017-18 season. The club appointed David Phillips as chairman and in March 2020 a new committee was formed which has seen great improvements made both on and off the pitch led by Matt Lander Secretary, Terry Doyle Football Chairman, Lee Baldwin First Team Manager, and Warren Pye Assistant Manager and the future at Crabtree Park is looking a lot brighter.

Match Action

Away vs Worthing United | Sat 20th Aug

We travelled to the very picturesque ground of Worthing United for our fourth game of the season.

Before the match started our players joined in very respectful silence to remember the two Worthing United players who were so tragically killed in the Shoreham Air Disaster in 2015. The two players concerned Jacob Schilt and Matthew Grimstone will always be remembered and it was a privilege to be at the ground for this act of remembrance.

Now back to the match, we made one change from the team that beat Forest Row on the previous Wednesday evening, with Athan Smith-Joseph dropping to the bench with Jaevon Dyer making his full debut after coming on as a second-half substitute in midweek.

We began the match very much on top and it was a bit of a surprise that it took us until the 17th minute to take the lead. Richard Pingling set up the goal after beating two defenders and then crossing for Adam Grant to register his first goal of the season with a header into the corner of the net.

The next notable incident was when Steve Springett went down after a clash with one of his teammates and we learnt that he had dislocated a thumb; after lengthy treatment, Steve was not able to continue and was replaced by Louis Chin. Some better news was to follow as Jaevon Dyer scored his first goal for the club on the stroke of halftime; the scoreline was a fair reflection of the play in truth.

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Match Action

Away vs Worthing United | Sat 20th Aug

In the 55th minute, we made the game safe with Jaevon's second goal after good work from Brad Peters in the penalty box. We were never troubled again in the half and ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

The only other incident of note was the sending off by the referee of Richard Pingling after he had been substituted; it was not clear what for but something was said to the referee's assistant on that side of the pitch which the referee adjudged to be a red card offence. Some supporters near the incident were incredibly perplexed by the decision.



Adam Grant opens his tally for the season!

Match Action

Away vs Redhill | Sat 27th Aug

We faced a tough assignment in the first qualifying round of the FA Vase away at Step 5 club, Redhill FC.

There were a couple of changes from our win at Worthing United last weekend with Jonny Akoto coming in for the injured Steve Springett and Aaron Bogle replacing the absent Andy Hall. We welcomed back Gavin Quintyne to the club as a new signing with Josh Alder and Riccardo Fernandez being named on the bench for the first time this year.

The first half was a well-fought-out 45 minutes from both sides with ourselves having the best of the chances, but it ended 0-0. Of particular note was the performance of Jaevon Dyer who terrorized the opposition right back and was rightly booked for fouling him not once but two or three times.

We began the second half very well and it was no surprise that we opened the scoring in the 51st minute after a superb headed finish by Brad Peters from an excellent corner. Redhill came back at us forcefully and equalized after a through ball and beat our goalkeeper into the right-hand corner. Midway through the second half, there was a handball by the Redhill No 5 in the penalty area but the referee waved play on. There were very few chances after this and then in the 79th minute after a mixup in our defence Redhill went ahead which is how the game finished.

Another notable incident was when our Captain was sent off as the game entered injury time for a second bookable offence. In truth, it was questionable if it was a foul but the referee thought it was and warranted a second yellow card. This was an incredibly harsh decision by the officials; the opposition supporters near the incident were in agreement too.

So our Vase run for this season ends before it gets started.

Match Action

Away vs Redhill | Sat 27th Aug



Match Action

Away vs Oakwood | Mon 29th Aug

After a very convincing win this morning at Oakwood FC we have risen to the top of the table (Correct at the time of writing) and is a complete turnaround after our first-day loss at Shoreham; we do not play this coming weekend so we will probably see us take a drop from first place, but it is still a good sight to see as I write this match report.

There were a few changes from our unfortunate FA Vase defeat to Redhill FC the previous Saturday. We started on the front foot and had a great chance as early as the 3rd minute when Josh Alder just missed the target. However, we went ahead in the 8th minute with a superb goal from Jubril Adamson from just outside the penalty box and nothing more than we deserved. The game settled down with our front line causing all sorts of problems for the Oakwood team and it was no surprise when we went further ahead in the 37th minute with a debut goal from Josh Alder who fired the ball between the goalkeeper's legs. The half ended with us 2 goals to the good.

We needed a third goal and that promptly came in the 55th minute after a great move involving at least four players. It ended with Athan Smith-Joseph producing a fierce shot that the Oakwood goalkeeper could only parry into a defender and it bobbed into the net. We went 4 up seven minutes later in the 62nd minute after a free-flowing move which ended up at the feet of a second-half substitute, Riccardo Fernandes who calmly slotted the ball into the net; it was another very good goal. The 5th goal duly arrived but from a very unlikely source in our Captain Gideon Acheampong who was on the end of another great pass and move to slot it into the net for his first ever goal for Epsom and Ewell; his goal celebration needs some work though!!!!

Match Action

Away vs Oakwood | Mon 29th Aug

All in all a very satisfying win on a pitch that was in desperate need of a mow, but that said we must recognize the welcome you get at Oakwood from their owner/director/electrician/tea maker Mark Gilbert aka Gilly who does so much for that football club – he is true gentlemen.

So the result puts us top of the division and we play next in the league at home to Selsey on Saturday 10th September, it would be great to see more supporters come along and see their local team play. However, before that, we are in a cup competition next week away at Crawley Down next Tuesday evening.

'Up the Salts'



Fixtures & Results

DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	RES	SALT SCORERS
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August 2022

Sat Aug 06	Shoreham FC SCFL	113	3-0	
Sat Aug 13	Seaford Town SCFL	94	1-2	Adamson, Andrade
Wed Aug 17	Forest Row SCFL	89	5-2	Pingling, Adamson, Springett, Peters x2
Sat Aug 20	Worthing United SCFL	89	0-3	Grant, Dyer x2
Sat Aug 27	Redhill FA Vase 1st RQ		2-1	Peters
Mon Aug 29	Oakwood SCFL	49	0-5	Adamson, Alder, Fernandes Smith-Joseph, Acheampong

September 2022

Tue Sep 6	Crawley Down Gatwick PBLCL	53	2-3	Peters, Fernandes, Owen
Sat Sep 10	Selsey FC SCFL	Postponed		
Wed Sep 14	Forest Row SCFL			
Sat Sep 17	Wick SCFL			
Tue Sep 27	Godalming Town SCFL			

October 2022

Sat Oct 01	East Preston SCFL			
Tues Oct 04	Broadbridge Heath PBLCL			
Sat Oct 08	Hailsham Town SCFL			
Sat Oct 15	Montpelier Villa SCFL			
Sat Oct 22	Seaford Town SCFL			
Sat Oct 29	Billingshurst SCFL			

November 2022

Sat Nov 05	Mile Oak SCFL			
Sat Nov 12	Worthing United SCFL			
Sat Nov 19	Wick SCFL			
Sat Nov 26	Shoreham SCFL			

December 2022

Sat Dec 03	Dorking Wanderers 'B' SCFL			
Sat Dec 10	East Preston SCFL			
Sat Dec 26	Chessington & Hook United SCFL			

Salts Stats | 2022/23

Appearances	Played	Goals	Epsom Debut
Matt Walton (GK)	7 (0)	1	6th August 2022
Zach Powell	7 (0)	-	27th April 2007*
Aaron Bogle	3 (0)	-	6th August 2022
Andy Hall	5 (0)	-	6th August 2022
Brad Peters	7 (1)	4	2nd October 2021
Gavin Quintyne	3 (1)	-	7th March 2020
Gideon Acheampong	6 (0)	1	11th January 2020
Ryan Smith	7 (0)	-	6th August 2022
Louis Chin	5 (4)	-	8th December 2018
Jubril Adamson	6 (0)	3	13th August 2022
Tiago Andrade	5 (1)	1	6th August 2022
Athan Smith-Joseph	6 (1)	-	30th October 2021
Steve Springett	4 (1)	1	3rd August 2021
Jaevon Dyer	3 (1)	2	17th August 2022
Ricardo Fernandes	3 (2)	2	19th October 2021
Richard Pingling	5 (1)	1	6th August 2022
Hakeem Griffith	0 (0)	-	N/A
Ben King	1 (1)	-	6th August 2022
Nick Wilson	2 (2)	-	6th August 2022
Adam Grant	5 (2)	1	21st August 2021
Kam Zain (GK)	0 (0)	-	N/A
Josh Alder	3 (2)	1	27th August 2022
Josh Owen	5 (5)	1	13th August 2022
Eldi Baze	1 (1)	-	17th August 2022
Johnny Akoto	3 (2)	-	13th August 2022
George Membrillera	2 (2)	-	17th August 2022

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TIAGO ANDRADE
ATHAN SMITH-JOSEPH
STEVE SPRINGETT
RICHARD PINGLING
HAKEEM GRIFFITH
BEN KING
NICK WILSON
ADAM GRANT
KAM ZAIN (GK)
JOSH ALDER
JOSH OWEN
EDI BAZE



WICK FC

MANAGER: LEE BALDWIN

KIT: BLACK & RED

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OLLIE CHICK
JACK BINGHAM
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NEXT AT HOME: BROADBRIDGE HEATH

TUES 4TH OCT | PETER BENTLEY CUP

KICK-OFF: 7.30 PM