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MEL TOUGH

It would be remiss if I did not congratulate our host on equaling the British record winning twenty games on the bounce, well done you.

We welcome Paul and the team, committee and all their supporters to The Leg of Mutton.

Can our latest look team change that streak? Warren has been terribly busy getting players in with experiences to achieve our targets for the season which is

We recently asked Peter Lumm to join the club as its president and we are delighted that he accepted.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I first started watching Epsom in the early seventies (1972/73, I think) when I used to go to West Street with my Dad and brothers.

In those days the club was looking to progress both on and off the pitch, and supporters were regularly involved in things like ground maintenance, cleaning, painting etc. I guess it was this that made me feel "part of" the Club and as I got older (or grew up, either way!) I began to get involved with helping out on match days, manning the gate, selling programmes and raffle tickets.

I was invited to join the Club Committee in the late '80s and became Vice Chairman some years later. I was proud to be elected by the members as Chairman, a role I held for six seasons. After the sad passing of Dave Wilson in the early 2000's I was invited to replace him as a Director of Epsom Sports Holdings Ltd (responsible for managing the financial proceeds of the sale of West Street), a position I continue to hold.

When asked to become President by Mel and the Committee I had no hesitation in accepting their kind offer and look forward to serving the Club in any way I can.



















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Farnham Town was established in 1906 through the merger of Farnham Bungs (the Farnham Brewery) and Farnham Star. It became a member of the Surrey Intermediate League and were champions in 1929-30 and 1930-1931. In 1947, The Town joined the Surrey Senior League, left in 1962 but returned in 1963. The club won three successive league titles in 1965-1966, 1966-1967 and 1967-1968 and were runners up in 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 before joining the Spartan League in 1971.

When that league merged with the Metropolitan London league to become the London Spartan League in 1975, the club were placed in Division 1, which became the Premier Division in 1977. After finishing bottom of the London Spartan Premier Division in 1979-1980, Farnham transferred to the Combined Counties League and finished fourth in their first season. The 1986-1987 season saw Farnham finish second to Ash United however, in 1990-1991, The Town would go one better by winning their first league title.

The following season the Town won a clean sweep of the major trophies by winning the Combined Counties Premier League, the Dan Air Elite Cup and the Dan Air Challenge Cup. Having won the league, the club was accepted to the Diadora League (Division 3 of the Isthmian League). However, funds for the necessary ground improvements could not be generated and, since the club were unable to rejoin the Combined Counties League until the following season, it did not compete in the league during season 1992-93.

From 1995 to 1998 The Town would enjoy three consecutive top six finishes and, in 1995-96, won the Premier Challenge Cup for a second time.

Having finished bottom of the league in 2005-2006, the club was relegated to Division 1 and, although The Town won the Division 1 title the following season under the guidance of Barry Bridger, we were denied promotion due to ground grading issues.

In Paul Tanner's first season in charge, The Town finally gained promotion from the Combined Counties Division 1 in 2010-2011 having finished second behind Worcester Park and won the Combined Counties Fair Play Award having gone through the season without having a player sent off

In 2015-2016, the club not only won the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup but also reached the final of the Aldershot FA Senior Cup.

Relegated back to Division 1 in 2017-2018, The Town performed strongly in the two COVID interrupted seasons 2019-20 and 2020-21 and were rewarded with a move up to newly created Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier Division South in 2021 where they play today.

In 2021-22, The Town consolidated themselves in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier Division South and built on that in 2022-23 under the new management of Paul Johnson and assistant Jimmy Hibburt.

After taking the reins in November 2022, Johnson helped guide Farnham to a top six finish in the league but also brought silverware to the Club as they defeated Balham in the Southern Combination Cup in May 2023, defeating Balham in front of a home crowd of over 1,150 people.



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We also held our first showcase football trial, where we brought in multiple scouts representing clubs (Southampton FC, Gillingham FC, Bromley FC, and more) and observed players aged 8-22 to scout for their respective clubs. Out of 29 players who attended, 5 drew interest from the scouts and were put in contact with them. We hope to host more showcases soon. Head over to our website for further information!







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MATCH ACTION AFC Croydon Athletic



Epsom & Ewell FC v AFC Croydon Athletic Combined Counties Premier South Saturday 10th February 2024

We met AFC Croydon for the third time this season, but this time was at their home ground the Mayfield Stadium in a league encounter. There was no sign of their illustrious owners, Stormzy or Wilf Zaha, but then their supercars might not survive the bumpy track you have to drive down to get to the stadium.

We welcomed four new players to the squad with 3 making a starting berth. The 3 new starters all had good games with one of them having their debut curtailed by injury early in the second half. The new players were Connor Beattie in goal, Adam Green in midfield and Mekhi (pronounced Mackay) Savage on the right wing. On the bench the fourth new addition was Reggie Savage.

When the game started we definitely had the better of the opening exchanges and then found ourselves one nil down after a Croydon breakaway after 5 minutes. We went further behind again against the run of play mid-way the first half, but eventually got a goal back which we deserved through our striker Carl Oblitey who scored his third goal in four games; a very good return. The half ended 2-1.

As soon as the second half started we suffered an injury to our debutant goalkeeper and he had to leave the field with an ankle injury; Toby Colwell our reserve goalkeeper came on to replace him. Our opponents scored a third goal shortly afterwards from what looked like a clear offside position, but as so often this season the officials waved away our protests.

We then found ourselves 4-1 down with what was a superb half volley from just outside the box, it was soon to be 5-1 when the same striker scored another low strike into the bottom corner; to any avid Epsom supporter these were two high quality goals. With a few minutes to go we scored our second goal of the game through Ethan Nelson-Roberts to make it 5-2 which is how the game finished.

The score line does not do our performance justice, as we played well and really lost to high quality goals and could and should have got something out of the game.

We move onto another very hard game on Tuesday night at home when we play the only team in the football pyramid who have a 100% record in Farnham Town. We are expecting a sizeable away following so if you are coming to the match you might want to get to the Reg Madgwick stadium a little bit earlier than normal.



League Table

Pos	Team	P	w	D	L	PTS
1	Farnham Town	21	21	0	0	63
2	Knaphill	24	16	5	3	53
3	Abbey Rangers	26	15	3	8	48
4	Jersey Bulls	23	14	5	4	47
5	AFC Croydon Athletic	23	14	3	6	45
6	Alton	25	13	4	8	43
7	Balham	25	13	3	9	42
8	Redhill	22	12	3	7	39
9	Sandhurst Town	28	11	4	13	37
10	Tadley Calleva	20	12	0	8	36
11	Fleet Town	24	11	2	11	35
12	Tooting & Mitcham United	24	10	3	11	33
13	Camberley Town	26	8	6	12	30
14	Horley Town	24	7	6	11	27
15	Cobham	23	6	7	10	25
16	Spelthorne Sports	26	6	6	14	24
17	Guildford City	26	7	3	16	24
18	Sheerwater	28	5	3	20	18
19	Epsom & Ewell	26	5	2	19	17
20	Colliers Wood United	26	3	4	19	13

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Community Partners Epsom & Ewell Colts FC



Epsom & Ewell Colts FC is an inclusive and diverse charter standard club committed to providing a safe and fun environment that allows players, coaches and managers to develop their skills and ensure a positive experience of youth football.

Our club has been in existence since 1971, originally known as West Ewell Wanderers FC. In 2006 the club changed its name to Epsom & Ewell Colts FC.

Since 2006 the Colts have gone from strength to strength, not only on the pitch but also with its committee, managers and coaches who ensure the stability, standards and continued growth of the club.

Currently, we run a mixture of boys & girls teams, with the number of teams standing at 50 plus that play across Saturdays and Sundays.

As part of our three-year development plan, the Colts have initiated key partnerships and priorities:

Partnership with Chelsea Football Club Foundation to support the development of the Club, Managers and Players.

Partnership with GLF and Glyn School to secure a home ground that can provide excellent facilities for both the Colts and the wider community.

Our Ladies' team has now been created and provides lots of fitness and fun.

Sponsorship initiatives to provide income

Sponsorship initiatives to provide income and longevity for the club

Our community partner clubs are a part of our project to return back to the borough, by allowing more younger players to use first-class grassroots facilities we have partnered with many local organisations to try and achieve this. You will find out more about our other community partners in future editions





Community Partners Alexandra United FC



Founded in 1972, Alexandra United Football Club play their home games at Alexandra Recreation Ground in Epsom, Surrey.

We are accredited as a Charter Standard club by the Surrey Football Association (FA) which means we have been rigorously adjudged to be well-run and sustainable – as well as prioritising child protection and quality coaching.

We also have Club Mark status, which is a universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation scheme for community sports clubs.

It confirms that we subscribe to high standards of welfare, coaching and management. Further, it shows that our club provides the right environment to ensure the welfare of members and encourages everyone to enjoy sport and stay involved throughout their lives. Being accredited recognises that our club is a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages as well as helping parents and carers know that they are choosing the best club for their young people.





MATCH ACTION Sheerwater FC



Epsom & Ewell FC v Sheerwater FC Combined Counties Premier South Saturday 3rd February 2024

We took on one of the only two teams below us at the Eastwood Leisure Centre in Sheerwater on Saturday 3rd February; this was the archetypal 'six pointer' which so many football people talk about. We came out the wrong side of a 4-3 score line having led at half time 2-0.

There was one change from the loss to Jersey Bulls in midweek with Harvey Keogh returning in goal. We could name only 4 substitutes with our second-choice goalkeeper, Toby Colwell as one of them.

We started well and took the lead on 3 minutes with a second goal for us from Carl Oblitey who got a foot to a dangerous cross to make it 1-0. We began to control the game with our opponents only troubling us now and again, but the swirling wind played its part throughout the game to make conditions difficult. We went further ahead just before half time again after another good move with Lewis Perch applying the final touch. We were well worth our lead at half time of 2-0.

Football is a 'funny old game' as someone once said and we were level at 2-2 within 5 minutes of the second half starting. The first goal for Sheerwater in worthy of further examination when the referee awarded a penalty to the opposition for a handball which any player would have had difficulty in preventing' it was one of the worst refereeing decisions we have seen this season.

The linesman who was closest to the incident was asked for his opinion by a supporter and he simply said 'I did not see the incident' which would make any independent observer think well what was he watching if he did not see the incident.

The equalising goal came from our inability to clear our lines and an opposition player put the ball into the net.

We got back in front approximately 15 minutes later by a similar penalty award from the referee where the most cynical amongst the supporters watching might have been thinking that he was trying to 'even up the penalty that he had just given'. Nick 'Tricky' Wilson stepped up and dispatched the penalty. We held onto this lead until another penalty was awarded against us for handball which was dispatched to make it 3-3. The goal scoring did not stop there but unfortunately for Epsom it was Sheerwater who scored the decisive goal to make the final score line 4-3. Before the final whistle, the referee intervened again and sent a Sheerwater player off for a second bookable offence, again whether it was a booking is very debatable, but it summed up the referee's performance on the afternoon which was extremely poor.

The result meant that Sheerwater moved above us in the league, but they have played two games more, our next two games are incredibly hard when we play away to AFC Croydon next Saturday which is followed by a home game against the only team in the football pyramid who have won every game, namely Farnham Town. We expect a large away following for that game so if you are thinking of coming you might want to get to the ground a bit earlier than normal.

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	Appearances (Sub Appearances)	Goals
Adeyemi Thompson	21 (2)	3
Aikins-Hawkson Jude	1 (1)	. 0
Amissah Ben	7 (7)	. 0
Antwi Jerry	0 4)	0
Batula Ade	24 (6)	5
Brazier Ethan	3 (4)	. 0
Brown Kiyo	12 (5)	. 0
Carpene Tino	23 (12)	1
Clothier Chester	8	0
Colwell Toby	4	0
Edwards Rory	30 (2)	0
Elsom Louis	1 (2)	0
Eshilokun Tijani	14 (1)	2
Inwugwu Nick-Aaron	28 (9)	1
Keogh Harvey	27	0
Kugthas Ayran	13 (3)	0
Miller Luke	16 (5)	5
Negassi Sirak	16 (10)	3
Nelson-Roberts Ethan	27	4
Oblitey Carl	1 (1)	0
Ofosu-Hernandez Jabari	7 (3)	0
Owusu George	15 (9)	4
Pearch Lewis	3 (1)	1
Powell Zach	15	1
Stanley Jaan	25 (8)	5
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