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IN MEMORIAM MARK DURBRIDGE

It is with deep regret that everyone at Epsom & Ewell Football Club were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Mark Durbridge last Friday.

Mark was a loyal supporter of our football club and a player's favourite and he will be sorely missed on match days.

We all remember how pleased he was back in May when our club achieved promotion back to Step 5 and within a few days his beloved Luton Town were promoted to the promised land of the Premiership.

We will be remembering him on Friday 18th August at the FA Cup game please come along to celebrate his life.

REST IN PEACE MARK.



I would like to add my own personal tribute to Mark not as a chair but as someone that respected and loved what he contributed and brought to this football club.

He smiled, he laughed, he had a wicked somewhat near to the bone sense of humour but loved this football club and in particular the players he had а fantastic rapport relationship unknown at this level of football with everyone he encountered.

One thing I have learnt is that he will be missed by many.

Thank you for your support, honesty, and love.

Mel Tough



IN MEMORIAM MARK DURBRIDGE

Mark, you could see his grin from across the pitch. He followed us everywhere home and away regardless of the weather; snow, sunshine, rain you knew Mark would be there. All the boys had a personal connection with him as he would always give his analysis after games, whether that be in person or on Twitter you would definitely know about it, but it was always done in a loving, caring way. He often stood just in front of the burger stand the same spot every week. He had so much time for his players often spending ages after the game just catching up and speaking about life. I'm so happy he saw us win promotion as that's the least of what he deserved for following us home and away and celebrating with us. He'll be sorely missed not just as a fan but as a friend also. R.I.P Mark Durbridge Epsom & Ewell FC Former Player

Epsom and Ewell FC supporters are sad to announce the death of one of our most dedicated supporters. Mr Mark Durbridge, who has died after a short illness. Mark was a friend to all supporters and players at Epsom and Ewell FC. His first love was Luton FC, but we came a close second. On a personal note, I will miss the road trips to away matches where many topics were discussed often with great humour. Our thoughts at this difficult time are with his family.

Andrew Young, Epsom & Ewell FC Supporter







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FOUNDED: 1919

NICKNAME: THE MET

HOME GROUND: IMBER COURT, EAST MOLESEY



On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969. In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under Team Manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper.

In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season (1977/78) resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In Season 1981/82 the club finished 3rd in Division One, missing promotion by just two points.

However, fortunes changed and in 1984/5, as a result of finishing third from the bottom, the Blues were relegated to Division Two (South). Ironically, in that 1984/5 season, the Blues enjoyed their best run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper. The home tie against Dartford was subsequently featured on the BBC's Match of the Day programme. Defeat against Dartford was followed by a run of defeats in the league, which saw the Blues drop into one of the four relegation places introduced that season.

On returning to Division Two (South) the Blues finished 7th in both 1985/6 and 1986/7. During 1987/88 the Blues led the Division Two (South) table in January by seven points but they were overhauled by Chalfont St Peter, who won their last two games of the season and became champions by just one point. The Blues were runners-up by virtue of a one-goal difference over Dorking. It was a nail-biting finish to a season in which the Blues lost just two league matches, both away.

The next two seasons saw the club finish in midtable in Division One but in 1990/1 the club finished second from bottom and were relegated to the newly formed Division Two of the restructured Diadora (Isthmian) League. The club remained in Division Two for several years, always finishing in the top half but just outside the promotion positions. In 1993/4 the Blues again reached the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, losing 2:0 to Crawley Town. Season 1994/5 saw the club celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a game against the Army and the opening of a new grandstand at Imber Court. The Blues finished in 5th position in Division Two and ended the season with a thrilling victory in the Carlsberg Trophy, defeating Collier Row in a penalty shoot-out following a 1:1 draw after extra time.

During the next few seasons, the club continued to finish in the top half of Division Two and in 1999/2000 reached the 5th Round of the F.A. Vase (last 8), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town.

Throughout the first decade of the 2000s, the club were mainly in and around the play-offs but were frustratingly defeated each time in the semis or the finals. In 2009/10 the Blues won the London Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating AFC Wimbledon in an exciting final, 4:3 on penalties after the match ended 4:4 after extra time.

The 2010/11 season proved to be the most exciting in the club's history, culminating in the club winning the Ryman League Division 1 South Championship by the narrow margin of one goal. Bognor Regis Town had a 2-point advantage during the latter stages of the season and that was the situation when the clubs lined up for the final match. Bognor was held to an unexpected draw by Chatham Town and the Met managed to scramble a 1:0

win against Merstham, it was enough to win the title with a goal difference of 61 against Bognor's 60.

The next few years saw The Blues establish themselves at this level with a series of higher to mid-table finishes and a Surrey Senior Cup win in 13/14 over Merstham.

In the 2018/19 season due to FA restructuring, we were moved from the Bostik League to the Southern League which led to the departure of our long-serving manager Jim Cooper, a number of players and also greatly increased travelling costs. Gavin Macpherson was appointed manager with Jon Nurse as his assistant and they gave youth a chance which they took with both hands playing outstanding football and commitment to finish 3 rd in the league and then beating Salisbury and Poole Town in the playoffs.

We then had to play a super play-off final against Tonbridge Angels winners of the Bostik league playoff for promotion to the National League South, unfortunately, we lost 3-2 aet. The club had a tremendous run in the FA Cup reaching the 1 st Round proper where we lost to AFC Newport County of League 2. The Blues also won the Surrey Senior Cup beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 in the final.

The seasons of 2019/20 & 2020/21 were both curtailed early due to the Covid-19 pandemic but 2021-2022 proved to be yet another enthralling campaign, eventually finishing 4th in the league, the club's highest ever final position, and were in the hunt for the title until the final few games of the season. We were eventually beaten 2-1 A.E.T in the play-off semi-final by Farnborough who went on to be promoted after winning the final.

2022-23 was another season where the Met played good football, however with midweek away trips to the likes of Plymouth Parkway and Tiverton Town the travelling and busy schedule was likely affecting the team's ability to challenge for promotion, not to mention the costs of travelling regularly to the likes of Devon and Dorset. A reputable eighth place was achieved and silverware was sourced in the form of another win of the Surrey Senior Cup via an impressive 4-1 final win over Virginia Water, but it was apparent that the long and hard campaigns on and off the park warranted discussion.

In the summer of 2023, the Club held a number of internal discussions, Manager Gavin MacPherson had departed for Enfield and with FA League Committee Deadlines approaching, the club decided to apply for relegation to Step 4 and a return to the Isthmian League. Confirmation from the FA Leagues Committee followed and a new chapter for The Blues was turned. A number of players departed the club, seeking Step 2 & 3 football but with the new Management Team of Suj Singh Khera and Scott Kemp in place a new-look Met Squad has been assembled with a number of players progressing from the Development Squad bolstered



Met Police winning the 2022/23 Surrey Senior Cup, beating Virginia Water 4-1.

MATCH ACTION REDHILL FC

Epsom & Ewell FC v Redhill FC

Combined Counties Premier South

Tuesday 15th August 2023

We played our first competitive league game at home on Tuesday 15th August at our new home of the Reg Madgwick Stadium in Cobham against very tough opponents in Redhill, who we fully expect to be at the 'business end' of the table come the season end.

The preparations for the match did not start too well when our goalkeeper, Harvey Keogh was injured in the warmup, so Toby Colwell made his debut in goal for us.

Redhill started the match brightly and were clearly on top for the first 30 minutes with us just being thankful that they had not scored. Then more calamity for us as within a few minutes our Captain Callum Wilson went off with an ankle injury and then our tenacious wing back, Tommy Williams went down holding his hamstring and was also substituted. Soon after those two substitutions we were 1-0 down and then shortly after in injury time in the first half, we found ourselves 2-0 down after a superb shot from outside the penalty area. The scoreline was a fair reflection of the first half.

The pressure from Redhill did not let up in the second half and various chances came and went from them until the 70th minute when a former Salt, Adam Grant made it 3-0.

We eventually got on the score sheet after a terrible error from the Redhill goalkeeper in the 79th minute which left Nick Inwugwu to score a tap-in for his first goal for the Club. We did not threaten after that goal and neither did Redhill, so the game ended in a 3-1 defeat.

We need to put this result to history and get ready for a hugely important FA Cup tie against Met Police at the Reg Madgwick stadium on Friday evening at 19:45. Why not come on down and support the 'lads?











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2	Redhill	2	2	0	0	7	6
3	Tooting & Mitcham United	2	2	0	0	3	6
4	Sheerwater	2	1	1	0	2	4
5	Knaphill	2	1	1	0	1	4
6	Cobham	2	1	0	1	2	3
7	Guildford City	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Jersey Bulls	2	1	0	1	1	3
9	Fleet Town	2	1	0	1	0	3
10	AFC Croydon Athletic	2	0	2	0	0	2
11	Horley Town	2	0	2	0	0	2
12	Spelthorne Sports	2	0	2	0	0	2
13	Colliers Wood United	1	0	1	0	0	1
14	Camberley Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
15	Alton	2	0	1	1	-2	1
16	Abbey Rangers	2	0	1	1	-3	1
17	Tadley Calleva	1	0	0	1	-2	0
18	Epsom & Ewell	2	0	0	2	-3	0
19	Balham	2	0	0	2	-6	0
20	Sandhurst Town	2	0	0	2	-9	0

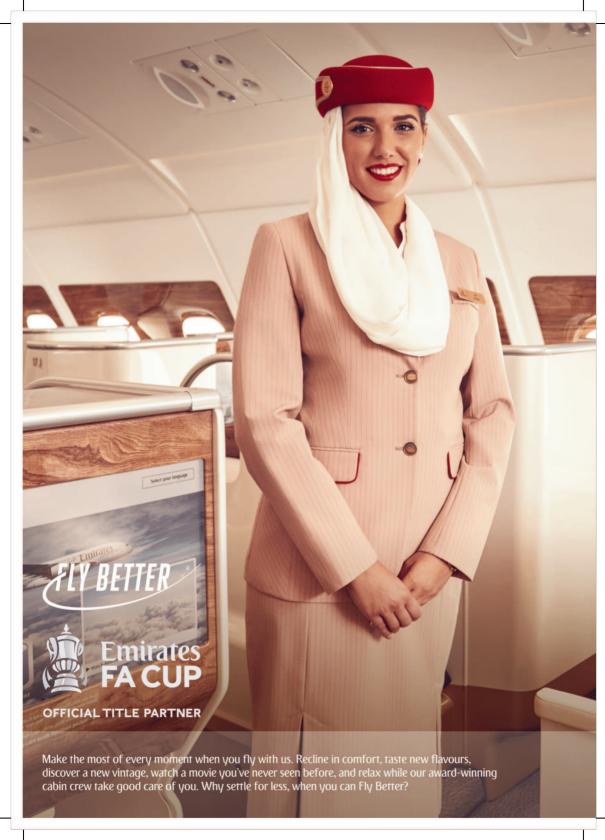
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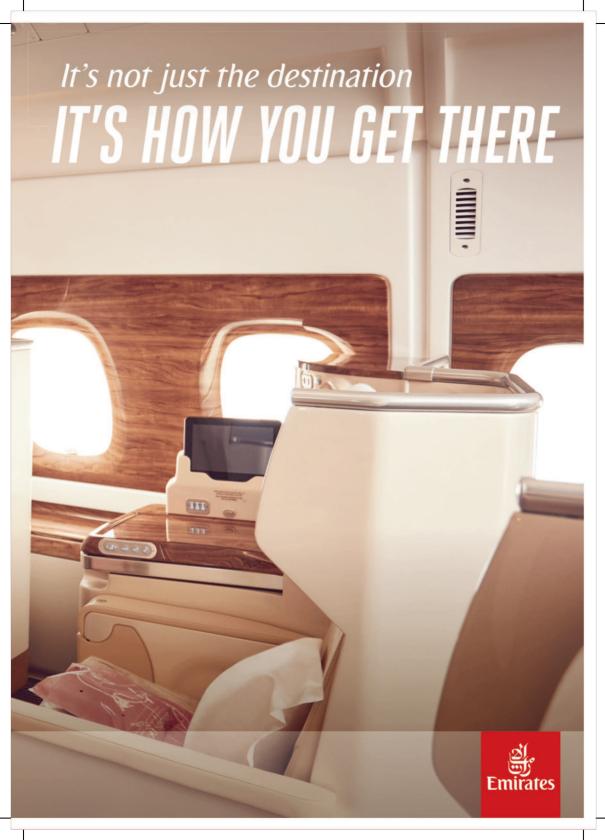
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Alton	0 - 2	Jersey Bulls		
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Farnham Town	4 - 0	Sandhurst Town		
Knaphill	3 - 2	Fleet Town		
Spelthorne Sports	2 - 2	Sheerwater		
Tooting &	4 - 2	Balham		

FIRST TEAM 2023/24 APPEARANCES & STATS

Full Name	Played	Goals
Harvey Keogh	2 (0)	0
Toby Colwell	1 (0)	0
Ayran Kugathas	2 (2)	0
Zach Powell	3 (0)	0
Nick-Aaron Inwugwu	3 (2)	1
Steve Springett	0 (0)	0
Ollie Thompson	3 (1)	1
Reece Tierney	0 (0)	0
Tommy Williams	3 (0)	0
Callum Wilson	3 (0)	0
Chester Clothier	1 (0)	0
Rory Edwards	3 (1)	0
Ethan Nelson-Roberts	3 (0)	0
Ash Snadden	2 (0)	0
Jaan Stanley	3 (1)	1
Ade Batula	2 (0)	1
Valentino Carpene	2 (0)	0
George Owusu	0 (0)	0
Ben Amissah	2 (1)	0
Ben Bauchop	1 (0)	0
Sirak Negassi	3 (1)	0
Kiyo Brown	1 (0)	0

Appearances: Numbers in brackets are the number of appearances as a substitute. The whole number is the total amount of appearances.







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