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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES **MEL TOUGH**

Good evening to you all and a big welcome to "The Romans"! for tonight's encounter.

I hope you had a reasonable journey with a long trip of approximately 50 Miles and the potential carnage on the M25 and A3 has not caused you too many problems.

Our previous game was separated by two errors in what was an evenly matched game, hopefully, we have learned over recent games and in training to reduce those and if we do that, tonight's game could be evenly balanced. But then Tadley were on a decent run of form until the high-flying and high-paying Farnham visited them this weekend.

We are getting a few of our key players returning. Tommy, Ayran and Kiyo. Harvey is away on holiday but would still have needed to rest after his battering against Guilford which I am pleased that everyone took the correct procedures and precautions in dealing with the incident. Oli will be out for a few games after suffering a broken nose against Colliers Wood.

Stella's family would like to thank you for all your support and condolences, they held a private cremation last Thursday.

Peter Lumm has graciously accepted the appointment of President. We are very grateful to him and his continued support and attendance.

The committee would like to thank you all for your recent support and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.





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FOUNDED: 1989 (REFORMED AS TADLEY)

**NICKNAME: THE ROMANS** 

HOME GROUND: BARLOWS PARK, TADLEY

Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900s. In the modern era, the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995–96, gaining promotion to Division Two. The club changed its name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007–08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also highly successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year after year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010–11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4–1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013-14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3-2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2-2 draw in 90 minutes.



The club had its best run in the FA Vase in season 2015-16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4-2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (IoW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3-1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016-17, again at The Camrose, and then 5-4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017-18 at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved its ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division in the 2018-19 season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field. Tadley finished 8th in their first season. Tadley were lying 13th after 28 games in a season in 2019-20. The season finished in March due to the Coronavirus.

In 2020-21 Tadley had a change in Secretary, after many years Dean Newton stepped down. The club would like to place on record our thanks for the work and time put in by Dean. Wayne Chivers stepped in as temporary secretary. After no one came forward, Wayne Chivers took it up on a full-time basis.

In 2020/21 Tadley had their best run in the FA Cup in the club's history, team manager Adam Clarke saw the club reach the First qualifying round.

In 2021/22 Tadley Calleva saw a chance in league and management, the club joined the Combined Counties League. This was due to the FA restructuring at Steps 4-6. Adam Clarke had to step down due to work commitments, so we wished Adam the best of luck. Joe Lawler & and Ben Dillon were named joint first team managers in the 2021/22 season. We have enjoyed a good run under the joint managers for the past 2 and a half seasons.



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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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Epsom & Ewell FC v Guildford City Combined Counties Premier South Saturday 9th December 2023

On a relatively mild afternoon we entertained at home Guildford City who made the short journey up the A3 to the Reg Madgwick stadium in Cobham in front of a crowd of just over 70. Seven days earlier we played at Alton FC in freezing and foggy conditions and then this match was played in temperatures of between 10 and 13 degrees, but there 'is nothing wrong with the planet'!!

We welcomed onto our support staff two coaches with immense experience in Warren Burton and Gwynne Berry to support Steve Springett who took his place in the starting line up in a central defensive berth. We were missing the suspended TJ after he received his 5th booking of the season at Alton FC the previous weekend. Ade Batula came back into the team to lead the forward line.

It was an incident packed match which included both goalkeepers substituted due to injury; more of that later. We started brightly and began to cause the Guildford defence all manner of problems and it was no surprise when we went into the lead from a close-range header from Thompson Adjemi then ten minutes later we increased our lead after another dangerous cross was turned into their own net by a hapless Guildford defender. Guildford was given a lifeline on the half hour mark when our keeper was sent sprawling off the field and hit his head on the metal fencing that surrounds the pitch; the referee bizarrely played on and Guildford scored.

Our keeper received extensive treatment and was clearly distressed but the referee was having none of it and decided to award the goal to the consternation of the Epsom team and their supporters who were watching – the decision was controversial to say the least. Shortly afterwards Guildford were level as they scored from a cross that was mishandled by our goalkeeper who was clearly in distress from the previous incident – the half ended 2-2.

We began the second half with Nick 'Tricky' Wilson our midfielder in goal as it was medically assessed that our goalkeeper, Harvey Keogh was suffering from concussion. This is the third time that Tricky has had to go between the sticks for Epsom so he is no stranger to that position. He adjusted yet again to this change very well and was called upon to make a quite remarkable save early on. Then in the 75th minute we regained the lead through an accomplished finish from Luke Miller, this obviously unsettled the Guildford defence as we scored another goal shortly afterwards from Sirak Negassi to make it 4-2 with 15 minutes plus a substantial amount of injury time to go. Our visitors pulled another goal back to make it 4-3 from a corner so we were eft with a good few minutes to play to hold onto our lead which we did. It was a thoroughly deserved victory.









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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 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





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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.



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Colliers Wood v Epsom & Ewell FC Combined Counties Premier South Saturday 16th December 2023

A little over two months ago we beat our opponents of yesterday, Colliers Wood United in what so far has been our best result of the season 5-1. Therefore, we travelled to their home ground with some optimism. After the previous result, Colliers Wood changed their management and only one player was left from the defeated opposition on that day.

We had to make a few changes ourselves due to the suspension and the unavailability of a couple of players. We had the unfamiliar sight of our normal central midfielder, Rory Edwards filling in at right back, where he acquitted himself very well in this unfamiliar position. Our manager Steve Springett was also unavailable which gave a chance for Oli Thompson to return to the central defensive berth after sweeping a two-match ban.

What of the game? It was a match of very few chances. There were a few 'could of's, should of's and maybe's' for both teams but in the end, both half's finished scoreless so we took a point away from home and as we all know these types of performances do matter at the end of the season. We did have a claim for a legitimate goal towards the end of the game when it looked like we had scored a goal from a corner only for the opposition goalkeeper to scoop it back but video evidence after the game does show the ball crossing the line but the 3 officials that matter did not award the goal.

There was another incident in the first half worthy of note where Oli Thompson went down after a challenge from the Colliers Wood centre forward; we subsequently learnt that he had broken his nose and did not come out for the second half - we wish Oli for a speedy recovery.







# FIRST TEAM 2023/24 APPEARANCES & STATS

	Appearances (Sub Appearances)	Goals
Adeyemi Thompson	16 (1)	3
Aikins-Hawkson Jude	1 (1)	0
Amissah Ben	7 (7)	0
Batula Ade	22 (5)	5
Brazier Ethan	2 (1)	
Brown Kiyo	11 (4)	0
Carpene Tino	21 (11)	1
Clothier Chester	8	0
Colwell Toby	2	0
Edwards Rory	26 (2)	0
Elsom Lewis	1 (1)	0
Eshilokun Tijani	10 (1)	2
Inwugwu Nick-Aaron	25 (9)	1
Keogh Harvey	24	0
Kugthas Ayran	11 (3)	0
Miller Luke	11 (4)	3
Negassi Sirak	15 (9)	3
Nelson-Roberts Ethan	23	3
Ofosu-Hernandez Jabari	7 (3)	0
Owusu George	14 (9)	4
Powell Zach	15	1
Steve Springett	6 (1)	0
Stanley Jaan	22 (7)	4
Tierney Reece	14 (2)	0
Thompson Ollie	21 (4)	1
Williams Tommy	11 (1)	1
Wilson Nick	6 (2)	1



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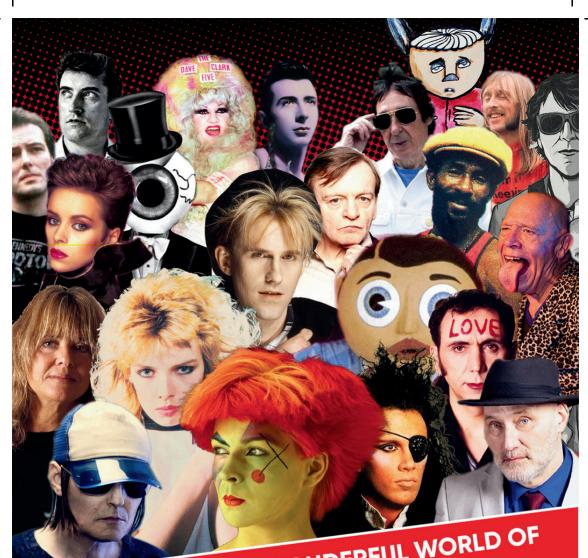












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