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Champions: 1977-78

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Champions: 1927-28

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Champions: 1925-26, 1926-27, 1974-75

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Champions: 1923-24

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Champions: 1922-23

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Winners: 2012-2013

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Champions: 1993-94

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Winners: 1979-80

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Winners: 1959-60

Surrey Senior League Cup Winners: 1973-74, 1974-75

Surrey Senior Shield

Winners: 1932-33, 1954-55

Surrey Senior League Charity Cup

Winners: 1926-27

The Stella Lamont Trophy





A message from Ian Lamont, son of Stella

Good Evening Everyone,

I used to love playing football. I wasn't much cop, but that didn't stop me. Every school break, every day. I'd even kick the Christmas balloons around the house until they deflated. And I'd be first up to take a penalty. Usually missed it. Put it too close to the keeper, and never learned. Like I say, wasn't much cop.

Stella, whose eponymous trophy is being played for tonight, was my mother. She was a fixture at Epsom & Ewell as supporter, committee member and co-editor of the programmes for a good half-century, ending her days as club President. While she was well, she never missed a game, home or away. When she became ill, she kept quiet about it, told few people. She died last year on Armistice Day aged ninety-five.

I wonder, did she kindle my interest in football? Or did I find that mine chimed with hers? Hard to say. I don't know. Football was somehow always in the air (she became properly involved in youth football as well). One thing's for sure, her enthusiasm back-dated mine by multiple years.

She watched games in London at grounds without floodlights when terraces were hills, actual hills. And these were professional clubs.

What she liked most, though, was the amateur game. To be fair she wasn't cut out for the barbarity of professional football. She didn't want to yell abuse at anyone; thought it a weakness; the justification of a crowd. It creates an atmosphere, granted, but comes at a cost. What she found at the amateur level was a camaraderie, not just between a club's supporters but between supporters of different clubs.

The Stella Lamont Trophy



Bit fanciful, I suppose, and not universal, but mostly holds good. You see it when a club folds, or looks like it could. There's a rallying round, an understanding of what a club means to its community. Torquay might be half way across the country, and where on earth is Barrow? but you still want them to be in business, even if you'd sooner beat them on a match day, and they you.

So, she would have appreciated tonight's match played against the Casuals, a club that was created out of and with luck still embodies that spirit of co-operation and shared resolve.

It's reckoned you're remembered for forty years on average after you've died. That's a leveller, isn't it. Stella's name is engraved on a trophy which began as a tribute and is now a memorial.

It was a delight for her when she was alive, and she'd be pleased to think of it carrying on. One day it'll be retired, I imagine, and the tribute passed to someone else. She would have understood that. It might be a single game played in her name today but the wider game is for everyone.

All can take part in one form or another, on the pitch, off the pitch.

All can cheer.

The game is for everyone.

Always.

Good wishes and good luck, Ian L



Stella Lamont
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Pre-season games and information

Date	Opponent	Venue	Score	Scorer
Tue 2 July 19:30	PART IN	Reg Madgwick KT11	1-2	Carl Oblitey 64'
Sat 6 July 11:00	WE PROCESSION	Reg Madgwick KT11	1-2	Carl Oblitey 9'
Sat 13 July 15:00		Reg Madgwick KT11	1-2	Sirak Negassi
Tue 16 July 19:00	FOOTBALL CLUB	Chalky Lane KT9	2-2	Will Kendall
Tue 23 July 19:45		King Georges Field KT6		
Sat 27 July 15:00	S COTBALL C	King Georges Field KT6		
Tue 30 July 19:20	RLFOLD T	Elliot Scott Stadium GU6		

First few games of the 2024-25 season

Date	Venue	Competition	Opponent
Sat 3 Aug	King Georges Field	FA Cup	Phoenix Sports
15:00	KT6	Extra Prelim	
Tue 13 Aug	King Georges Field	CCL	Jersey Bulls
19:45	KT6	Premier South	
Sat 21 Sep	King Georges Field	FA Vase	Seaford Town
15:00	KT6	2nd Qualifying	

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Match report



Guildford City 1 Epsom & Ewell 1

Combined Counties Premier Division South Saturday 27 April 2024 Referee: Ian Lane

Scorer: Sirak Negassi (16')

Attendance: 151



In our final match of the season, we faced off against Guildford City at The Spectrum sports centre in Guildford. The unique layout of the pitch, set across an 8-lane athletic track, meant spectators were quite a distance from the action, adding an extra layer of challenge for the fans viewing.

Guildford City approached the game with a sense of urgency, knowing a positive result could secure their safety from relegation. Meanwhile, our own relegation fears had been put to rest earlier in the week, thanks to Tadley Calleva's victory over Colliers Wood.

Despite being plagued by injuries and absences, our squad entered the match with determination. With a depleted bench, including reserve goalkeeper Toby Colwill donning an outfield number, our resources were stretched thin.

The match unfolded on a pitch showing signs of wear and tear, contributing to a tense and scrappy affair. Despite the conditions, we asserted ourselves as the more composed side, seizing the lead through Sirak Negassi's clinical finish after a well orchestrated corner. The home supporters were immediately checking all forms of social media to see how their relegation rivals were doing after this setback.

Guildford City responded with determination, twice rattling the woodwork before half-time. However, we maintained our slender lead going into the break.

The second half mirrored the first, with neither team able to seize control amidst persistent rain adding to the challenge. A defensive lapse on our part allowed Guildford City to draw level in the 71st minute, injecting a sense of uncertainty into the match.

Surprisingly, as the clock wound down, Guildford City seemed content to play for a draw, aware that results elsewhere had secured their safety from relegation. The final whistle blew with both teams settling for a 1-1 draw, much to the jubilation of the home side, who celebrated their narrow escape from the drop.

Despite the lackluster spectacle on the pitch, we secured a respectable 16th place finish in the division. As we look ahead to the future, we anticipate an exciting transition to sharing grounds with Corinthian Casuals, who will be joining us in the division following their relegation from the Isthmian South-Central Division.

Epsom & Ewell: Dan O'Donovan, Ethan Brazier, Ethan Nelson-Roberts (c), Adam Green, Reece Tierney, Ayran Kugathas (Jaevon Dyer 67), Luke Miller, Thompson Adeyemi, Carl Oblitey, Zach Ingham-Wright (Toby Colwell 89), Sirak Negassi

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the left found its way into the back of the net, catching out all those in the middle. It was just before the halftime whistle went when the home side doubled their lead

time whistle went when the home side doubled their lead on the Tilbury turf where they groundshare, after a corner was fired back across the face by Hirst, and Dariri was on hand to tuck it home.

As the second 45 got

underway, this fast-paced encounter lost its momentum slightly as Casuals looked to find a way back into the game, but Mu's men were reduced to 10 inst after the hour mark, after midfielder Malachi Hudson was sent off for a late challenge.

Despite playing with a man less

Despite playing with a man less in the hot sun around the Tilbury Docks, Casuals dug in and fought hard. Substitute Jenson Allchurch pulled out a 25-yard thunderbolt destined for the top bins to reignite the visitors' dreams of a comeback. The missile stunned Grays slightly, as the fighting spirit led to a flurry of late chances for Corinthian, of late chances for Corinthian, but it wasn't meant to be – a late lay-off from Gordon into the path of Joe Damrell allowed him path of Joe Damrell allowed him to rifle a low half-volley into the

bottom corner and seal the win

for the hosts.

sometimes that happens in football, and we've got to react straight away.
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next games. I feel like the more games we play, the better we'll get. The boys love to play so the quicker they come, the better for us!"



were very solid. It changes the

the boys showed resilience and

play, so overall very happy with

style of football we're trying to

said. "You can clearly see the

"The boys played well," he

remained upbeat afterwards.

"Obviously with 10 men, it was

more difficult, but even then

the performance.

Report: Josh Lamey Images: Stuart Tree

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ahead for the club. that a more exciting chapter lies crop of players, there are hopes new manager and a different strikes in the process. With a chocolate, scoring some crucial and 20 goals in the pink and he racked up 133 appearances old stomping ground, where 15th, Mu Maan returned to his might suggest. But on May heights that our rich history that we haven't reached the during that period meant while managerial uncertainty left supporters frustrated,

Everyone was eager to get the 2024/25 pre-season up and running, none more so than the travelling Casuals supporters who were brilliant from minute one. However, the hosts made the fast start as winger Bobby Unwin's cross-come-shot from Unwin's cross-come-shot from

made the trip up to the Thames Estuary in high spirits, producing a positive display against Step 4 opposition. The last two campaigns

The last two campaigns have been tough for the club. Back-to-back relegations have

Yesterday marked the dawn of a new era under the management of Corinthian-Casuals fans' favourite Mu Maan. Mo faced Grays Athlotis is pure

We faced Grays Athletic in our first pre-season game under the sunny Essex sky, and the squad









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> What would be your message to the supporters about what they can expect?

First and foremost, to the supporters, I want to say you're in good hands. You have a man here who cares for this club. I love this club and I want to bring success back to the club, because I feel the fans deserve that.

I know the fans, I know what they're like and they deserve success again. I don't really want to speak about the last two years, because we all know what's happened, but I'm here to change that and give them something they can actually shout about.

Gavin Rose, top manager, at Dulwich Hamlet – a young, knowledgeable manager. Jamie Howell, at Bognor Regis – exactly the same. Jim Cooper, at Met Police, was another top manager, but he taught me in a different way. Mick Sullivan, at Leatherhead, had an unbelievable squad and he knew just to let us play our football. I feel like live picked up bits from all of those live picked up bits from all of those from them. Now I've got my own from them. Now I've got my own trom them and learned from them. It is going to try and implement that.



Words: Dominic Bliss Images: Stuart Tree B Harvey Abbott



Mhat has been the first stage of your plan upon taking over as manager? Having the right people around me. I

Having the right people around me. I need strong people around me, people that I can trust. That's always the case, whether it's business, whether it's life, and football is no different. That is the foundation – having people around you who will be there for you when you need them to be.

Mu the player was gifted, committed, and had a knack of popping up with a contribution at key moments. What is Mu the manager shaping up to be?

Listen... I'll leave you to be the judge of Mu the player! This is something that is massive to me, it's not new to me, but of course managing a team is completely different to playing. I will approach it with hard work, commitment, morals, standards. Those are the principles and if you do those things right, and have the foundations right, then I feel like we'll be alright.

> You've named James Bracken and Brian Adamson already, and you've worked with a few other well-respected nonleague managers in your time. Have they influenced you?

Of course. You live, you learn, you pick up bits here and bits there, and you put your own twist on it.

> Mu, welcome back to Corinthian-Gasuals, as manager. How does that sound?

Amazing. I'm delighted to be given this opportunity, first and foremost, and thank you to Brian Adamson for that. This club is a place that I call home, it's my local club and it feels great to be here.

> What are your abiding memories of this place and what kind of an atmosphere do you associate it with?

l ended my career here under James Bracken and, to give credit where it's due, what he had here was unbelievable. I've been around non-league football for a long time and I feel like they were the beat years of my footballing life. The fans were unbelievable, they would come out in numbers, even on Tuesday nights, away from home, they would still turn up. I am trying to bring that back.

> You know the potential of this club. Where do you want to take it?

Wow, what a question! It might sound mad, but I think we can take this club wherever we want to. The club has got fantastic people behind the scenes and I feel like, with what I will bring as well – I'm a young manager and I'm hungry, very committed – we can go wherever we want to take this.



two seasons. games here at the Armada Group Stadium, King George's Field for the next between these two clubs that will see Epsom & Ewell play their home onight's game marks the beginning of a groundshare arrangement

If you wish to get in touch about committee that we can now boast new It is a sign of the ambition of this who wish to advertise here. for our sponsors and local businesses to display dibond pitchside hoardings Fund. Those fence panels now allow us part of the Premier League's Stadium grant from the Football Foundation as largely to a successful application for a fencing surrounding the pitch thanks notice we have replaced the perimeter can make, but most strikingly you'll the difference a few fresh coats of paint throughout the close season. You'll see parties at the ground on Saturdays as the chairman organised regular work have also been very busy this summer, The Corinthian-Casuals committee

opportunities available. and we will be happy to discuss the please email media@ccfcltd.co.uk sponsorship or pitchside advertising, relationship with all our new partners. and look forward to a good working Armada Group and Horizon on board stadium sponsor. We welcome Skip It, men's team shirts, as well as a new sponsors for the front and back of our

our boardroom, which now includes a have been central to the refitting of boost the security of our home and a new, improved CCTV system to around you. Our tenants have installed ground improvements you will notice & Ewell here through some of the seeing the benefits of having Epsom of that agreement, and we are already This joint programme is a celebration historic clubs back to where they belong." relationship, and helping to get both look forward to developing the good Casuals for agreeing to the share and I would like to thank Corinthianat the closest ground to our borough. opportunity for Epsom & Ewell to be the agreement: "This is a fantastic announced upon the completion of As the Salts chairman, Mel Tough, committee, staff and supporters. a close working relationship with their clubs and we look forward to enjoying Epsom & Ewell - will be beneficial to both - a short journey from the borough of We believe their move to Tolworth clubs, most recently Cobham. have since shared with a number of local of their West Street ground in 1993 and ground of their own since moving out The Salts have been without a home

kitchen and office.

IN MEMORIAN

t has been a summer punctuated by sadness for Corinthian-Casuals as we mourned the passing of several much-loved figures.

Keith Webb, who passed away at the end of June, was one of our most popular supporters and a face that every regular at thing George's Field recognised. He supported his club through thick and thin, atanding behind the goal in his Casuals shirt, surrounded by family and friends.

It is through speaking to loyal fans like Keith that you best understand the mood of the club in general. Often he didn't need to say anything, his expression said it all – unbridled joy and colour in his cheeks when times were good, world-weary resignation when we were enduring tougher spells. That was because he cared. He truly loved this club.

but we won't forget their contribution to Corinthian-Casuals. Rest in peace, gents.

Gerry Young, our former assistant manager and loyal supporter, also passed away in May, at the age of 75.

Gerry was a popular figure at

Getry was a popular figure at the club, someone who could be trelied upon to offer atoic words of comfort during the tougher periods. He had seen it all in the game and formed part of s group of former players who remained staunch supporters. Getry was part of the Jolworth FC setup who played at king George's before our

Defry was part or tne Tolworth FC setup who played at King George's before our smalgamation with them in 1988, and then remained as assistant manager of Corinthian-Casuals after we took over the lease on the ground that summer. His loyalty, consistency of character and dedication to the club remained undimmed throughout the decades that have followed and his passing will leave a void that we can never fill.

and the tributes that followed Town. He passed away in May Carshalton Athletic and Crawley Kingstonian, Tooting & Mitcham, the likes of Dulwich Hamlet, league scene, and also managed greatly respected on the non-Billy was a huge character, forward, Shea Cascoe-Rogers. Cascoe, the father of our current Crystal Palace, as well as Gary all of whom went on to play for Andy Gray and Tony Finnigan, featured the likes of Alan Pardew, replay in 1983, with a team that where we took Bristol City to a first-round proper of the FA Cup, the last man to lead us to the between 1981 and 1984. He was during his time in charge strugglers to over-achievers

who led us from perennial

Billy Smith was the manager





popularity in the game.

for his achievements and his

made an impact spoke volumes

from each of the clubs where he

Words: Dominic Bliss



It is a special feeling to be managing the club where I played for so long and I think we've put together a talented, competitive squad, with a good balance of youth and experience.

I'm happy with the way pre-season has gone, especially when you take into consideration that we've practically got a whole new squad. Last month, these players didn't really know each other and, as a management group, we are happy with how they've applied the work that we've done. I'd like to introduce the coaching staff. First, there's Gabriel Odunaike, my

assistant manager. The fans will know Gabs, he also loves this club and he knows non-league well, he's coached in his own right and, like all the coaches, is someone I can trust completely. Richard Blackwell has been around non-league for a long time as well, he's captained Sutton United and with his experience of the game, the younger boys will learn a lot from him. We've got my brother Mo Maan, who has been around non-league too, got promoted my brother Mo Maan, who has been around non-league too, got promoted at a high level, is someone I know well, and is a good person to have around. Josh Lakwata is the new goalkeeper coach – he was at Fulham for many years at a high level, is someone I know well, and is a good defender. He's played as a young keeper, and unfortunately didn't get a pro contract at the end of it, but he wanted to return to the game as a coach and we are very happy to have him on board. Then there is Raymond Girgis, our new kitman. Ray is someone I grew up with and he's like family to me. He is a good character to have around the club, he cares, and he will take his job seriously.

We're only a few weeks in, and most importantly we are trying to bring the identity back to this club. Of course, there are some adjustments to be made before the season starts and we have still got a lot of work to do. But, overall, we're very pleased with how things are going and I want to thank the fans for your unbelievable support so far.

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ood evening, everybody, including our opponents tonight, Epsom & Ewell, at the beginning of our groundshare arrangement. Welcome to the Armada Group Stadium at King George's Field, and we look forward to working with you. We know their manager – Warren Burton – well from his time here as a coach during my period in interim charge a couple of seasons back and will be pleased to see him again this evening.

It's been a sad summer for our fans with the loss of Gerry Young, Keith Webb and Billy Smith, and there are tributes to each of them in this programme. I would also like to say welcome to Mu Maan and his coaching impressed with the way Mu and his team have gone about their duties so far, and we are all right behind them this season in their new challenge.

As you can see, there have been many changes around the ground, as lots of things have happened over the summer. I'd like to especially thank bar manager, has been working very hard on hiring out the clubhouse and organising functions, especially with the England games during the Euros, organising thouse, especially with the England games during the Euros, which have been a great success. Well done, Sarah.

We have a newly refurbished boardroom, which is looking very smart, and the works were carried out by Epsom & Ewell, as part of the groundshare agreement (please pop your head in to take a look). We also have a new ground naming sponsor and new shirt sponsors, front and back, as Armada Group, Skip It and Horizon have partnered with us. There is lots more going on behind the scenes and I am very happy to say the club is moving forward once more, have send I am very happy to say the club is moving forward once more, have sond I am very happy to say the club is moving forward once more, wour hard work off the pitch. We could not have done this without you all. Finally, a big thank to you the best fans in any league for sticking with us over

the past few seasons. Good times will return. Thank you all, and enjoy the game.







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