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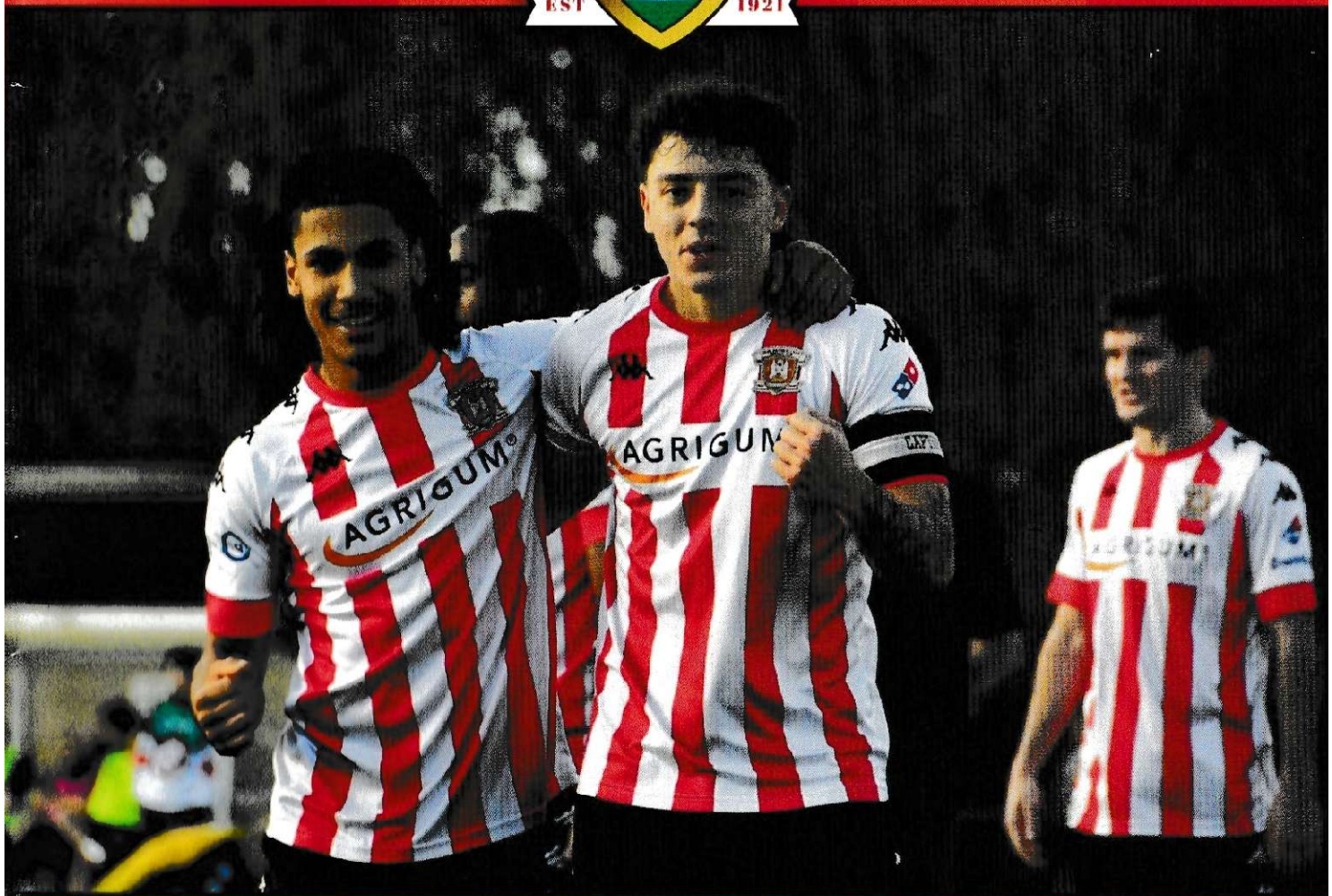
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From the Boardroom



Good afternoon all. Remarkably we are at the end of another league season. I must say that it seems a month too early to me. I know that the CCL are trying to avoid the problems faced at the end of last season, but for us at least it not satisfactory to finish our season in March. In fact today's game is rearranged after a postponement and so we could have finished last Saturday! We started the season ridiculously early on 25 July and now we finish too early. What happened to all sides playing on the last Saturday so that nobody had an advantage as the promotion or relegation battles concluded. So this afternoon we welcome the officials, players and supporters from Epsom & Ewell who themselves have an interest in the fight at the bottom of the table. For us today it is simple in that only a win will do. Epsom though have quite a number of matches in hand on the other clubs involved and it does seem likely that whatever happens today they will be able to gather enough points to beat the drop.

We are certainly going into this game with confidence. In our last two league games we outplayed Camberley Town at Krooner Park, and then a few days later did similar to Eversley & California. We have played much of this season without a centre forward but I am a traditionalist and I was delighted to see Ben Matthews notch his first goals of the season. Ben looks the part of a centre-forward. Big and strong and leads the line well. I personally am hoping that this is the start of Ben's goalscoring in a Guildford shirt.

At our last match supporters had the opportunity of voting for their player of the year. We are in the process of organising a date and venue for the presentation of our awards. We will everyone informed via our social media channels.

Being the final league match I would like to take the opportunity of thanking everybody for their support in what has been a hugely disappointing season. We hope that whatever league we end up playing in that we can perform as we are now at the close of the year, and that we can give our loyal supporters plenty to cheer about.

Enjoy the match!

Barry Underwood



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Southern League Champions: 1937-38, 1955-56

Southern League Div One Champions: 1970-71

Southern League Cup Winners: 1962-63, 1966-67

Combined Counties Premier Division Champions: 2010-11, 2011-12

Combined Counties Division One Champions: 2004-05

FA Cup 2nd Round Proper: Six times

FA Vase 4th Round: 2010-11

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From the Dugout

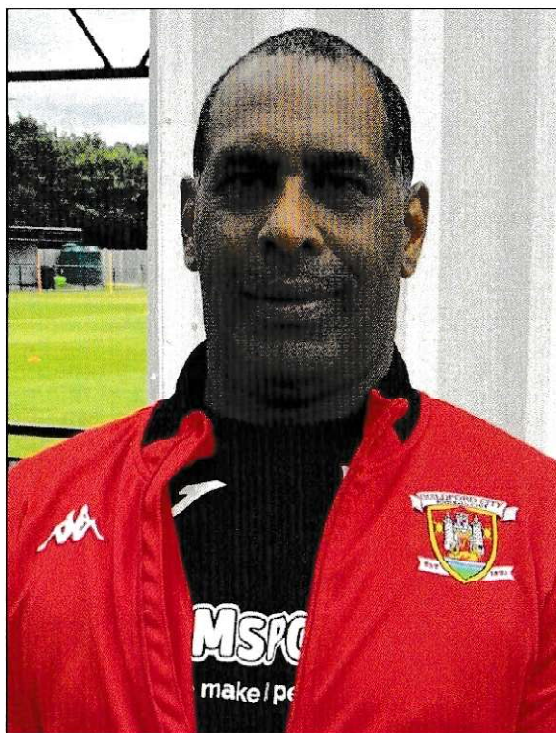


Good afternoon Sweeney.

Well what do we say about today?

After our first 21 league games and with just six points gained who would have said we would be here on our last day and still not relegated.

It's been an amazing level of performance from the players to recover from that poor start. Together with your amazing support home and away we have collected 24 points from the subsequent 16 matches to just about be still alive in the league. Last season you will remember we had Redhill here trying to win the league on the last day. We now have to win today to stay alive a bit longer. I'm sure Epsom will have their say, and they need points to stay safe. Unlike us they don't have to win today and I'm sure their fate will be decided in a positive way with the amount of matches they have left. Whatever the eventual outcome I'd like to thank the players who were here



from pre-season for their efforts over the year, and also to the new additions that have given the place a noticeable lift. Our group of players have developed into an exciting group and moving forward there are a lot of players that have created a good future for themselves.

Thanks to the Committee that gave me the time to turn the disaster around and create this exceptional group and the exciting times they've given us on this run.

Thanks also to my staff who have supported me when it was tough for them as well. A strong and positive group have definitely helped the players improve and perform.

So let's do this people. It's an exciting last day for us and so let's end it in a positive way!

Up the Sweeney!

Carl Taylor



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Congratulations: Congratulations are due to Cobham FC and their manager Craig Lewington who have had an exceptional season and have now been confirmed as CCL Premier Division South Champions for 2025-26. Without a shadow of a doubt Cobham have been far and away the best side in the division this year.

100 Club results: January: £100 David West, £20 Tristan Rees and £10 Ed Shires. **February:** £100 Andrew Glaysher, £20 Lyra Underwood and £10 Jon Woozley. **March:** £100 Tristan Rees, £20 Jon James and £10 Tim Hewlett.

Luis Gabriel Guembes Memorial

Match: Luis was the young man who in January was so sadly murdered at Stoke Park just yards from our home ground. A fundraising football match has been arranged between the two junior clubs Churt and Mytchett Athletic for whom he played. The game will take place at Farnborough FC on Tuesday 14 April with a 7pm kick off. Funds will be donated to local charities dealing with knife crime. Donations can also be made at www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/the-luis-gabriel-fund.

Bind the Gap Charity: We were delighted to have Ulas Puskuleu and his Turkish friends attend the recent Eversley match and create a tremendous atmosphere. A number of people said to me that it was one of their best matchdays at the Spectrum. Ulas is a Guildford supporter who is keen to organise similar visits and to have a bucket collection on behalf of their charity which raises money for the local area.

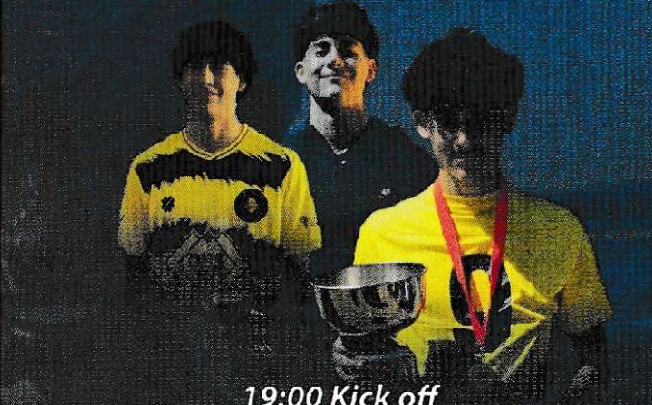
Guildford City History Group Meeting:

Organiser and club historian Dennis May has arranged the next meeting of the group which will take place on Monday 27 April at the Seasons café at Guildford Cathedral.

LUIS GABRIEL GUEMBES

TESTIMONIAL MATCH

In Support of the Luis Gabriel Memorial Fund
Honouring Luis' life and helping the local community through charitable projects



19:00 Kick off

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Entry by donation


Churt Juniors
U16 Vipers


Mytchett Athletic
U16 Kestrels

Hosted By:

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The meet time is 10.30am and everybody is welcome. It's a great opportunity to talk about the big games, and the players from days gone by.

Player News: With the season's transfer deadline looming this Thursday City has added extra depth to the squad over the last two weeks in the form of defender Tywon Gray who has returned to the club, plus midfielders Dylan Summerhayes from Bromley and Isaac Brown from Westfield. We also say farewell to Alex Rodway-Brown who has signed for Balham, and Josh Adjei who joined Spelthorne Sports on deadline day.

Top Premier South Goalscorers: 24 goals

- Ryan Marklew (Cobham), **21 goals** – Dean Rule (Cobham), **20 goals** - Derrick Hayford (Cobham), Ross Murdoch (Knaphill), **19 goals** – Luis Hamblin (Badshot Lea).



We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where we finished third. In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Bradshaw. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup "double".

In 1929 Redhill defeated us 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in our first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final! The thirties were a very successful era, and we won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield. However, the proudest moment of our pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the FA Cup in 1933/34, when we lost 4-2 against Clapton Orient in front of a 9,485 crowd at the Lea Bridge Stadium. After the war, Epsom FC restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. In 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park.

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. But the sixties were full of poor results, and we were relegated in 1965. However, in 1973 we rejoined the Surrey Senior League. The new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and the following season, 1974/75 achieved a second Surrey Senior League "double". However, the season would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural FA Vase, where 9,500 saw the

Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion was achieved in that first season. In 1976/77 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter. By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78 and were placed in the new Division Two. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their pitch, where the opposition was

blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. In 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Final at Imber Court. In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. In April

of 2010, we terminated our seventeen-year ground-sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season, where we would spend eight seasons. In 1981 we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup.

The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground. 2022/23 season saw us reach the play-off semi-final where we beat Selsey on penalties. In the final in front of almost 400 fans at Leatherhead FC we won 2-1 against Wick. Back in the CCL at Step 5 for 2023/24 we started a new ground share with Cobham FC, then for one year at Corinthian Casuals, then for 2025/26 at Chessington & Hook. Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough....



MJMSPORTS

Match Review

by Barry Underwood



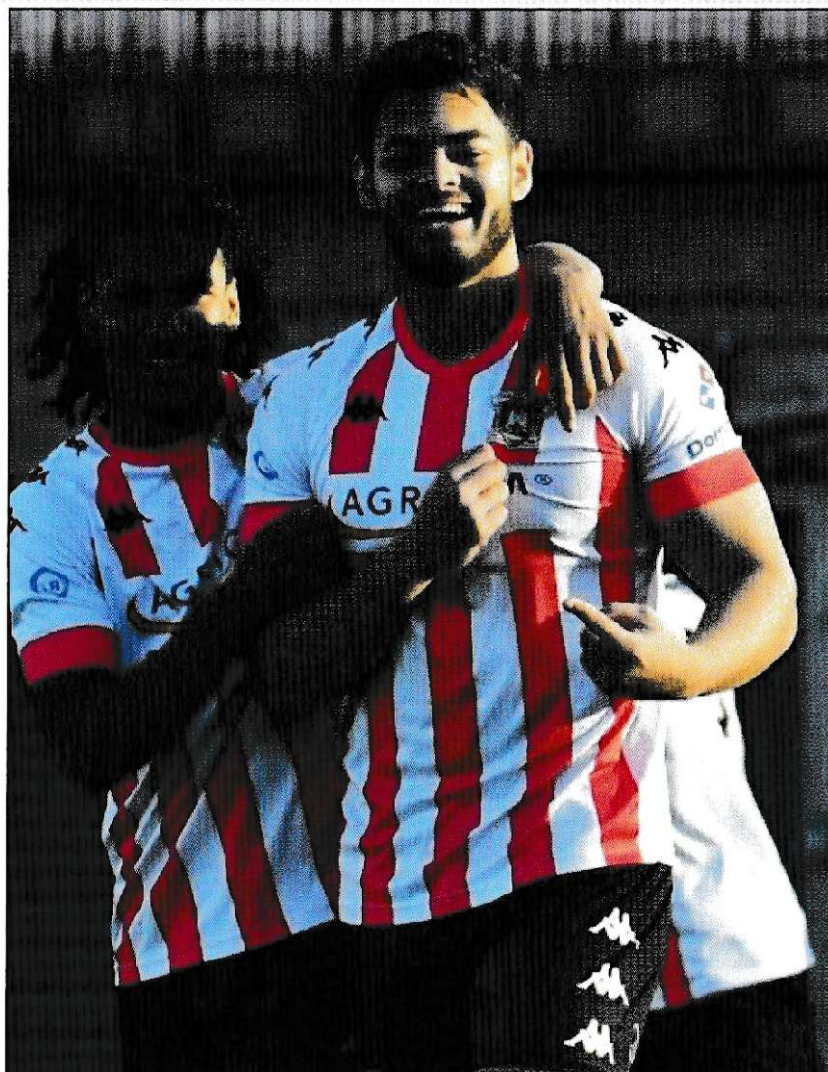
Camberley Town (0) 0

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Guildford City (1) 3

With relegation beckoning had City lost, Guildford's players rose above the pressure to claim an excellent 3-0 victory at fellow relegation threatened Camberley Town. Much of the first half was played at a frantic pace but it was the visitors who were playing the better football. Early on Sonny Cooper's overhead kick just cleared the crossbar, but on nine minutes Guildford did go ahead when Cooper's cross from the right was headed home by Ben Matthews (pictured). Guildford looked good going forward without creating a clear chance. Late in the half the home side enjoyed a good spell. Marvin Wood saved well from a shot on the turn, and after two consecutive corners Wood saved well with his legs.

After the break Guildford stepped up a gear. In the opening minutes debutant Isaac Brown shot wide after good approach play. Five minutes into the half Camberley's keeper spilled a steeping cross into the box but amidst a pile of bodies the ball was cleared. Marvin Wood did well to palm a header away from under the crossbar, but the advent of Tyrese Agbontaen and Josh Oppong off the bench saw City posing copious problems down the flanks. For all of their dominance Guildford needed a second goal. A Bertie Saunders free kick just outside the box beat the wall but was saved comfortably by Dom West in the home goal. Tyrese Agbontaen shot wide after a strong run, but a second goal arrived on 67 minutes. A low cross from the right wasn't held by West under pressure, and Ben Matthews turned the ball home from close range. City scored a third from the penalty spot on 84 minutes. A great pass from Ben Drake saw Joel Oppong dance into the box where he was brought down by a flailing leg. Up stepped



Kai Zini to score from the spot. In stoppage time Joel Oppong curled an effort just wide of the far post, and Guildford had claimed a priceless three points.

Team: Marvin Wood, Naison O'Neill, Luca Le Page (Kalam Safou 82), Ben Drake, Bertie Saunders, Alexander-William Nwadike (Abdullah Selloum 85), Sonny Cooper (Tyrese Agbontaen 53), Isaac Brown, Ben Matthews, Kai Zini (Joe Atkins 85), Alex McLean (Joel Oppong 62).

Referee - David London

Attendance -77

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League Table



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cobham	36	29	4	3	98	91
2	Tadley Calleva	33	20	7	6	30	67
3	Tooting & Mitcham United	36	19	10	7	9	67
4	Horley Town	36	20	3	13	16	63
5	Abbey Rangers	36	18	6	12	5	60
6	Redhill	34	16	11	7	21	59
7	Fleet Town	34	17	8	9	20	59
8	Knaphill	36	18	6	12	17	57 *
9	Sheerwater	37	15	6	16	-2	51
10	Badshot Lea	35	11	13	11	15	46
11	Corinthian-Casuals	35	12	10	13	-6	46
12	Alton	34	10	9	15	-11	39
13	Sutton Common Rovers	34	11	5	18	-1	38
14	Balham	36	9	9	18	-25	36
15	Thatcham Town	34	11	3	20	-26	36
16	Chipstead	35	9	8	18	-36	35
17	Epsom & Ewell	33	7	11	15	-18	32
18	Guildford City	37	8	6	23	-36	30
19	Eversley & California	35	7	8	20	-43	29
20	Camberley Town	34	5	13	16	-27	28

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Fixtures and Appearances 2025-2026

HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS USED SUBS IN BRACKETS

Date	Versus	Comp	Score	Att	Referee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	13/17
JULY																					
Fri 25 July	Epson & Swell	COLS	0-3	143	T Murray	Wood	Mathews	Rodney Brown	Chang Brown	Allen	Drake	Red Skelton	Halfway	Harper	Zini	Seene	Robertson	Jon-Peter	Brown	Barnah	Da Out
AUGUST																					
Sat 2 Aug	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	FACUP	1-1	98	E Stacey	Wood	Adji	Faloli	Barnah	Mathews	Allen	Chang Brown	Emmanuel	Harper	Zini	Jon-Peter 1	Chang Brown	Red Skelton	Brown	Holloway	Edward
Mon 4 Aug	Sutton Common Rovers	FACUP	0-1	158	B Trappe	Wood	Adji	Faloli	Barnah	Mathews	Allen	Chang Brown	Emmanuel	Harper	Zini	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Edward
Sat 9 Aug	Thatcham Town	COLS	2-1	180	J Marsh	Wood	Adji	Faloli	Barnah	Mathews	Drake	Chang Brown	Seene	Harper 1	Zini	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Edward
Sat 16 Aug	Backshot Uag	COLS	2-2	101	D Harvey	Wood	Adji	Faloli	Chang Brown	Mathews	Drake	Chang Brown	Brown 2	Harper	Zini	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Edward
Mon 25 Aug	Cornham (1.30pm)	COLS	2-5	137	R King	Wood	Adji	Faloli	Chang Brown	Barnah	Ellis-Vassell	Red Skelton 1	Harper	Harper	Zini	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Edward
Sat 30 Aug	REDHILL	COLS	1-2	100	L Chesley	Wood	Edward	Oton	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Nwadike	Red Skelton 1	Seene	Cooper	Zini	Red Skelton	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Edward
SEPTEMBER																					
Wed 3 Sept	SUTTON COMMON ROVERS	COLS	2-4	79	S Eason	Taylor	Adji	Faloli	Barnah 1	Nwadike	Drake	Red Skelton 1	Robins	Harper	Zini	O'Connor	Chang Brown 1	Chang Brown 1	Chang Brown 1	Chang Brown 1	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 6 Sept	Barnah	COLS	1-2	75	M Strobel	Stingelin	Nwadike	Faloli	Chang Brown	Mathews	Allen	Chang Brown	Le Page	Chang Brown	Zini	Jon-Peter 1	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Tues 9 Sept	totting & Micham U	COLS	1-3	147	J Healy	Wilson	Faloli	Antwi	Chang Brown	Mathews	Stingelin	Red Skelton	Drake	Chang Brown	Zini	Le Page	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 13 Sept	HORLEY TOWN	COLS	2-5	77	F Akanga	Wood	Faloli	Oton	Chang Brown	Edwards 1	Allen	Chang Brown	Drake	Chang Brown	Zini	Barnah	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Fri 19 Sept	totting & Micham U	FAW20	1-2	247	P Phillips	Wood	Stingelin	Allen	Chang Brown	Edwards	Mathews	Red Skelton 1	Drake	Chang Brown	Zini	Robertson	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Tues 23 Sept	Chardwell	COLS	0-3	74	A Bickelph	Wood	Stingelin	Allen	Chang Brown	Barnah	Taylor	Red Skelton	Drake	Chang Brown	Zini	Mundow	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 27 Sept	CAMBERLEY TOWN	COLS	0-2	81	B Mackery	Wood	Faloli	Antwi	Chang Brown	Edwards	Stingelin	Barnah	Mundow	Chang Brown	Zini	Allen	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
OCTOBER																					
Wed 1 Oct	NORTH GREENFORD UTD	LC1	0-2	52	T Murray	Wood	Edward	Oton	Nwadike	Edwards	Nwadike	Nwadike	Le Page	Cooper	Barnah	Seene	Robertson	Robertson	Robertson	Robertson	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 4 Oct	Alley Rangers	COLS	0-4	348	J Horne	Wood	Faloli	Oton	Barnah	Edwards	Allen	Chang Brown	Seene	Chang Brown	Zini	Drake	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 11 Oct	FLEET TOWN	COLS	0-5	105	J Aborrough	Wood	Stingelin	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Allen	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Wed 15 Oct	TADLEY CALLEVA	COLS	1-3	76	L Gray	Wood	Stingelin	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 18 Oct	Knehill	COLS	0-1	115	R Chahal	Wood	Stingelin	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 25 Oct	SHERWATER	COLS	0-2	77	M Lanning	Whitell	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Allen	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Wed 29 Oct	SUTTON UNITED	SS22	0-5	103	Philon	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
NOVEMBER																					
Sat 1 Nov	Everley & California	COLS	3-4	43	J Horner	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 8 Nov	BADSHOT LEA	COLS	2-2	79	K Wong	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Tues 11 Nov	Continental Casuals	COLS	0-3	180	A Bewick	Wilson	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 17 Nov	Sutton Common Rovers	COLS	0-0	74	P Phillips	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 22 Nov	TOTTING & MITCHAM UTD	COLS	0-4	179	J Whitall	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Wed 26 Nov	Valley United	ASC1	1-4	80	D Johnston	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 29 Nov	CHIPSTEAD	COLS	4-1	64	J Wess	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
DECEMBER																					
Wed 3 Dec	GODALMING TOWN	SC2	3-1	81	K Batten	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Wed 10 Dec	ALTON	COLS	0-1	78	C Bakombe	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 13 Dec	Tadley Calvea	COLS	0-2	94	S Frazier	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 20 Dec	THATCHAM TOWN	COLS	2-0	86	D Skright	Winners	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 27 Dec	COBHAM	COLS	1-1	104	C Griffiths	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
JANUARY																					
Sat 10 Jan	Redhill	COLS	2-2	155	S Hart	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 24 Jan	Harley Town	COLS	1-3	85	B Mackery	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 31 Jan	Alton	COLS	0-3	314	A Bickelph	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
FEBRUARY																					
Wed 4 Feb	BALHAM	COLS	3-1	72	E Frampton	Hyde	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 14 Feb	ABBEY RANGERS	COLS	1-2	78	S Marks	Hyde	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 21 Feb	Fleet Town	COLS	1-3	242	R Lurpa	Winners	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Wed 25 Feb	CORINTHIAN-CASUALS	COLS	4-2	91	N Owen	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 28 Feb	KNAPHILL	COLS	2-1	110	R Asher	Hyde	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
MARCH																					
Sat 7 Mar	Sharnwater	COLS	1-1	95	M Topp	Hyde	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Tues 10 Mar	Camperley Town	COLS	3-0	77	D London	Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
Sat 14 Mar	EVERLEY & CALIFORNIA	COLS	3-0	107	D King	Hyde	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
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Sat 28 Mar	EPSON & EWELL	COLS				Wood	Whitell	Faloli	Chang Brown	Nwadike	Nwadike	Chang Brown	Stingelin	Chang Brown	Zini	McLean	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Chang Brown	Ellis-Vassell
APRIL																					

HOME matches in bold. Scores are F-A

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Guildford City Football Club Player



Tyrese Agbontaen:

A forward who joined City in January 2026 from Pheonix Sports. He came through the Bromley academy and Suburban side.



Daniel Emmanuel:

A striker who joined City in February 2025 from Ilford FC. Initially he played at Bromley academy before playing in Poland for two years.



Jojo Ampah:

A forward who has come through the academy system at Woking.



Callum Hamnett:

A midfield player with experience at Aldershot Town academy. He made an impressive debut for City off the bench at Tadley Calleva.



Joe Atkin:

A powerful defender who has returned after two years out of the Saturday game. He is a good distributor of the ball. He formerly played for Banstead Athletic and Chipstead.



Callum Hope:

A full back who was near ever present at Raynes Park Vale in 2023-24. Signed for City in November 2025.



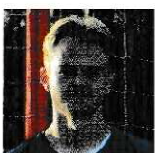
Isaac Brown:

An attacking midfield player who joined the club on dual registration from Westfield in March 2026. He was formerly part of the Hampton & Richmond Borough youth system.



George Hyde:

A highly experienced goalkeeper who is a club legend at Horley Town where he made 300+ appearances. George joined City in January 2026 and he will add vital experience to the defence.



George Burgess-Allen

A dynamic midfield player who signed for City from Mansfield Town on work experience forms.



Darnell Jon-Peter:

After originally playing at the MK Dons, Aldershot Town and Maidenhead United academies he returned to the game at Guildford City after a break from the game. He is a striker or attacking midfielder who can excite the crowds with the unexpected.



Regan Clarke-Salter:

A central defender who signed on dual registration from South Park Reigate in January 2026. He has also gained first team experience at Newhaven and Whitehawk.



Luca Le Page:

A powerfully built midfield player who has graduated this summer from City's U18 side. He made his first team debut at Jersey Bulls in March 2024. He has impressed during pre-season.



Ben Drake:

A stylish and versatile player who signed for City in July 2024. He formerly played for Horley Town and Banstead Athletic. Last season's Manager's Player of the Year.



Alex McLean:

A powerful midfield player with a great engine. He formerly played for Sutton Common Rovers and Knaphill.

Profiles 2025-26



Ben Matthews:

A central defender who made 34 appearances for Godalming Town in 2023-24. He signed for City in June 2025 from Met Police where he had converted to a striker.



Rob Mundow:

A midfielder who previously made 50 apps for City in his first spell at the club between 2016-18.



Alexander-William Nwadike:

A 19-year-old defender who signed in August 2025. He made 23 appearances for AFC Whyteleafe last season.



Kallum Peart:

A lively forward who signed for City in October from Epsom & Ewell. He previously played for Cobham.



Naison O'Neill:

A full-back who signed for City Ashford Town (Middx) in October 2025.



Emeka Okakpu:

A striker who signed for City from Sheerwater in December 2025. He previously played for Banstead Athletic where he made 40 appearances scoring 26 goals.



Joel Oppong:

Striker or wide player who joined City from Chatham in November 2025. He formerly came through the Millwall academy.



Alex Rodway-Brown:

A full back who has signed for City from Kingstonian. He has also played for Leiston, Mulbarton Wanderers, Sheringham and Fakenham Town.



Reece Samuels:

An attacking midfielder with a promising future. He joined City in the Autumn from Molesey.



Bertie Saunders

A young central defender who joined the club from British Airways FC in February 2026. He formerly played for Amersham Town.



Abdullah Selloum:

A young striker with Step 4 experience at Hanworth Villa.



Sam Sesay:

An attacking full-back or wide player who was a leading performer last season. After a period away he has now rejoined the club



Alex Stingelin:

A composed central defender who formerly played for Ashtford Town and Banstead Athletic. A competent emergency goalkeeper.



Marvin Wood:

An 18-year-old goalkeeper who has impressed during pre-season. A former City U18 keeper, he had senior experience at Bedford Sports.



Kai Zini:

Captain of the side. A central midfield player who joined City in October 2024 from Corinthian Casuals. He also has first team experience at Ashford Town (Middx). His City debut has been long delayed following a significant foot injury.



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Dennis started watching Guildford City as a child in the 1950s.

This atmospheric poem of a night match at Joseph's Road is from a different age.



UNDER THE LIGHTS

A football club should be there for life,
In times of triumph, and days of strife.
Our team is a town, but is known as 'CITY'
They've not climbed the leagues, which is rather a pity.

Troubling and costly to keep up the play,
Early winter kick offs mark the shortening of the day.
Then things moved on, there came big change,
But to play at night, to supporters seemed strange.

Floodlights were the answer, the futures great salvation,
Saving many smaller clubs from the fear of liquidation.
Fans came along, to see what's about,
Feelings made known, scream, cry and shout.

Stands and sundry buildings in daylight looked bleak,
But with night time illumination seemed dramatic and sleek.
Strips of the players, washed out red, faded white,
Sparkle like diamonds, an extra ordinary sight.

Tension is rising in the cold frosty air,
Both team and supporters want the best things to share.
Directors and manager have something to prove,
And players are anxious not to miscue a move.

Referee's final whistle, and it's now time to go,
Nods and farewells, with the lights dimming low.
General departure from North, West and East,
How was the match was it famine or feast?
We trail along with others, in what is now a busy street,

But one by one they tail off, there's no one left to greet.
The walk seems long and weary, and we still have far to go,
Just an intoxicated murmur from someone we don't know.

At last we come upon our road, the house is now in sight,
It's been a long eventful day, and an interesting night.
Two hours or so a nervous watch, we've been adrenalin fed,
Now through the door, into the warmth, coco time and bed.

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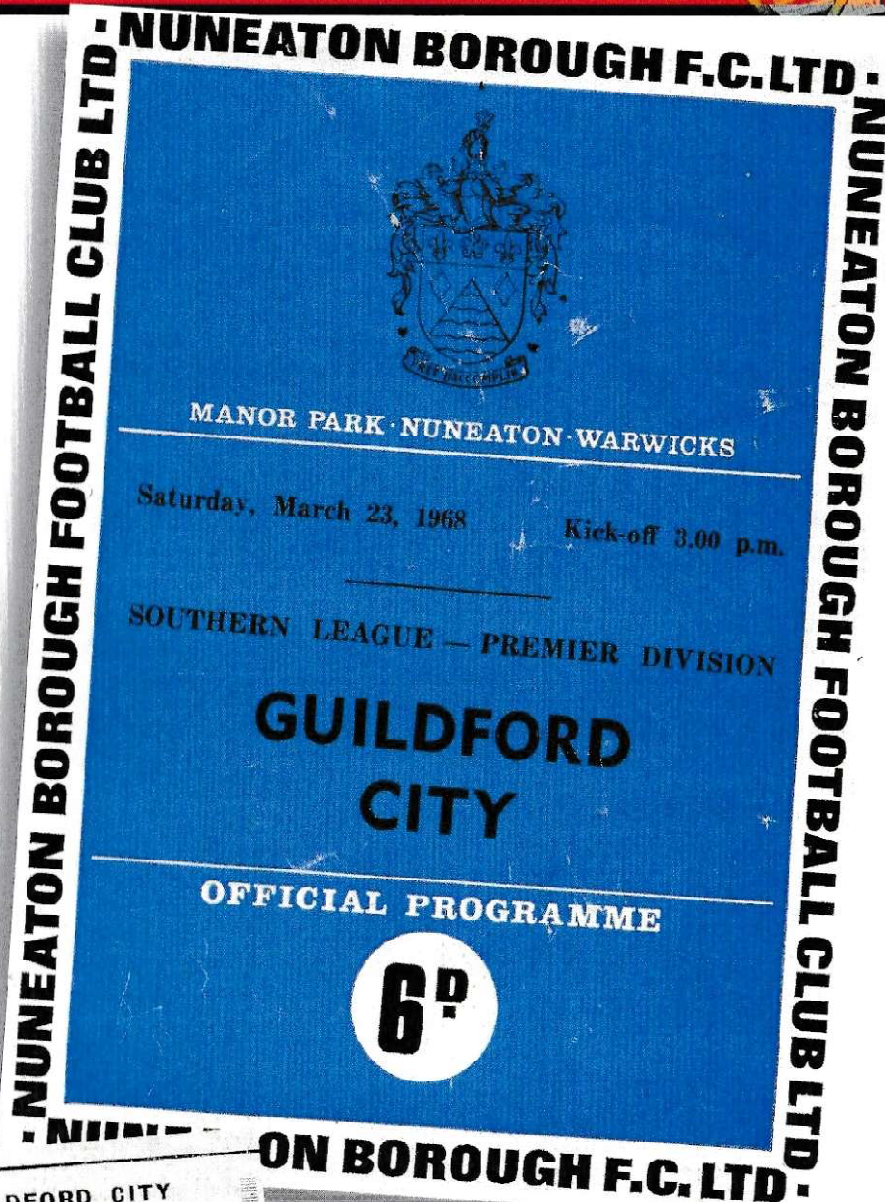
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Sat 30 Aug	Redhill		
Wed 3 Sept	Sutton Common Rovers		Tim Hewlett
Sat 13 Sept	Horley Town	David West & Steve Pilkington on behalf of the Motor Neurone Association	Keith Bates
Sat 27 Sept	Camberley Town		Barry Underwood
Wed 1 Oct	North Greenford Utd		
Sat 11 Oct	Fleet Town		Brian Holt
Wed 15 Oct	Tadley Calleva		
Sat 25 Oct	Sheerwater		Keith Bates
Wed 29 Oct	Sutton United (Cup)		
Wed 5 Nov	Yateley United (Cup)		
Sat 8 Nov	Badshot Lea		
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Sat 27 Dec	Cobham		
Wed 21 Jan	Corinthian Casuals		
Sat 17 Jan	Balham		
Sat 14 Feb	Abbey Rangers		
Sat 28 Feb	Knaphill	In Memory of Cyril West	
Sat 14 Mar	Eversley & California		
Sat 28 Mar	Epsom & Ewell		

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Programme History

This week's historic programme comes from the 1967/68 season. Nuneaton Borough were one of the best supported sides in the Southern League with regular attendances exceeding 4,000. After a bad run of form these gates had halved by the latter part of the season. At kick-off Guildford were sitting in fourth position with 12 matches still to play. City went into this match unbeaten in six games but they came unstuck at Manor Park losing 1-0 in front of 2,863 spectators.



Referee:
Mr. B. F. Watkins
(Hereford)



Linesmen:
Mr. K. Merrett
(Brackley)—
Orange flag.
Mr. L. Bates
(Walsall)—
Cerulean flag.

GUILDFORD CITY

1. Alec SPRATLEY
 2. Phil GUNTER
 3. Tommy ANTHONY
 4. Bob MASSEY
 5. Sid BISHOP
 6. Terry MORE
 7. Tony BURGE
 8. David WATTS
 9. Seth VAFIADIS
 10. Allan GREGORY
 11. John HUDSON
- Red and white vertical
stripes, black shorts

Match Review

By Emmy Birch



Guildford City (1) 3

vs

Eversley & California (0) 0

The battle to survive the drop is still ongoing with Guildford City claiming another three points against relegation rivals Eversley & California. On a cold but sunny afternoon conditions were perfect for an important game of football. Early on Joel Oppong's shot on the turn cleared the bar, whilst for Eversley their main threat came from long throws into the box. From one throw it took an excellent block from Callum Hope on the line to prevent the visitors going ahead. Minutes later from another throw George Hyde palmed the ball away under pressure.

City responded from a set piece of their own. Bertie Saunders headed a corner back into the box and Sam Sesay shot inches wide. On 21 minutes a **Kai Zini** free kick went short to Isaac Brown whose low shot across the six-yard box just evaded Joel Oppong at the back post. Guildford were now enjoying plenty of possession but attempts on goal were from long range. In a rare attack Henry Paxford shot wide for Eversley. Minutes from the interval Kai Zini found space on the left side of the box and shot low past Sam Sawyer into the corner of the net to give City the lead. Zini almost had a second following a good move but off balance his shot lacked power.

Guildford improved further after the break and dominated proceedings. Bertie Saunders had a powerful shot held by Sawyer, as did Sam Sesay moments later. Eversley's best chance of the half saw a pass laid off to Paxford but Ben Drake appeared from nowhere to make



a tremendous block. City went further ahead on 72 minutes. A low ball was played into the box and **Ben Matthews**, fresh off the bench, had time and space to pick his spot. George Hyde punched away a headed effort before City returned to the offensive. On 81 minutes Ben Matthews thundered an effort against the post. In stoppage time Abdullah Selloum also hit the post but from the loose ball a City player went down courtesy of a clumsy challenge. Up stepped Kai Zini to make it 3-0 from the penalty spot.

Team: George Hyde, Naison O'Neill, Callum Hope (Ben Matthews 70), Ben Drake, Bertie Saunders, Sam Sesay, Tyrese Agbontaen (Joe Atkin 82), George Burgess-Allen (Dylan Summerhayes 87), Isaac Brown, Kai Zini, Joel Oppong (Abdullah Selloum 82).

Referee - Dylan Ing

Attendance - 107



Appearances & Goalscorers



Up to and including 25 March 2026

CITY APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 2025-26				
	Season 2025-26		GCFC Career	
	League & Cup only		League & Cup only	
Player	Appearances	Goals	Appearances	Goals
Tyrese Agbontaen	11	1	11	1
Josh Adjei	20	0	45	0
Jojo Ampah	11	1	11	1
Joe Atkin	29	1	64	1
Charlie Bland	6	0	6	0
Isaac Brown	3	0	3	0
George Burgess-Allen	9	2	9	2
Sonny Cooper	11	0	11	0
Ben Drake	33	2	74	5
Bryan Edwards	7	2	7	2
Callum Hamnett	3	0	3	0
Callum Hope	10	0	10	0
George Hyde	6	0	6	0
Darnell Jon-Peter	13	4	47	14
Ben Kennett	2	0	2	0
Luca Le Page	26	0	61	0
Jack Lillie	1	0	1	0
Alex McLean	23	2	23	2
Ben Matthews	26	3	26	3
Rob Mundow	13	0	63	6
Alexander-William Nwadike	26	0	26	0
Naison O'Neill	22	0	22	0
Joel Oppong	22	3	22	3
Alex Rodway-Brown	14	0	42	0
Kaliam Safou	4	0	4	0
Bertie Saunders	7	1	7	1
Abdullah Selloum	8	2	8	2
Sam Sesay	13	2	33	5
Dylan Summerhayes	1	0	1	0
Adam Withers	2	0	2	0
Marvin Wood	30	0	30	0
Kai Zini	42	15	52	16

* denotes former player



City Women



Fixtures & Results

Surrey Flexi-League

(Home matches played at Horsley FC)

		score	
19 Oct	Walton & Hersham (H) Lost	1	2
16 Nov	Kingswood Terriers (H) Drew	1	1
18 Jan	Churt Lightning A) Drew	2	2
15 Feb	West Woking Rubies (A) Won	6	0
15 Mar	Mole Valley Mayhem A) Won	3	1
19 Apr	Beacon Hill Ballers (H)		



City U'18s



Fixtures & Results

Allied Counties Youth League, West Division.

(Home matches played at the Spectrum)

		score	
8 Sept	Alton (A) (League Cup) Lost	0	5
17 Sept	Yateley United (A) Won	3	2
24 Sept	Knaphill (H) Lost	1	3
29 Sept	Eversley & California (H) Lost	1	7
8 Oct	Hartley Wintney (A) Lost	1	5
13 Oct	Alton (A) Lost	2	3
24 Oct	Knaphill (A) Lost	2	4
29 Oct	Westfield (H) Lost	2	3
19 Nov	Cove (H) Lost	1	2
26 Nov	Ash United (A) Won	2	1

		score	
17 Dec	Frimley Green (H) (Midweek Cup) Won	5	2
17 Feb	Knaphill (A) Lost	1	6
4 Mar	Woking (H) (Cup) Lost	0	3
11 Mar	Westfield (H) Lost	1	3
18 Mar	Alton (H) Lost	2	6
25 Mar	Hartley Wintney(H) Lost	1	5
1 Apr	Yateley United (H)		
9 Apr	Aldershot Town (A)		
15 Apr	Aldershot Town (H)		



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	Player	Sub	Goals
George Hyde (GK)			
Marvin Wood (GK)			
Naison O'Neill			
Callum Hope			
Joe Atkin			
Ben Matthews			
Alexander-William Nwadike			
Bertie Saunders			
Robbie Mundow			
Ben Drake			
Alex McLean			
Luca Le Page			
George Burgess-Allen			
Callum Hamnett			
Isaac Brown			
Sam Sesay			
Sonny Cooper			
Kai Zini (Capt)			
Joel Oppong			
Jojo Ampah			
Tyrese Agbontaen			
Abdullah Selloum			
Kallum Peart			

Manager: Carl Taylor
Colours: Red & White

Referee:
 Daniel Harvey

Assistant Referees:
 Phil Paice

EPSOM & EWELL

	Player	Sub	Goals
Faebian Witter (GK)			
Sami Nabbad (GK)			
Stefan Aiwone			
Callum Wilson			
Conor McShane			
Toby Young			
Antonius Nazareth			
Jack Torbett			
Luis Oliveira			
Che Bell			
Harry Murphy			
Teddy Ralph			
Prince Aderogba			
Luke Miller			
Tom Collins			
Ethan Nelson-Roberts			
Craig Dundas			
Niall Stillwell			
Emmanuel Limpo			
Brendan Murphy-McVey (Capt)			
Ryley Merrett			
Karl Bailey			
Tom Smith			
Callum O'Keefe			
Nathan West			
Jason Bloor			
Ali Fofahan			

Manager: Max Johnson & Craig Dundas
Colours: Blue & White

Assistant Referees:
 Harry Hearn

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