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Hello, good afternoon and welcome to Princes Park, home of The Darts.

Today we welcome, the players, officials and we hope supporters, from many many miles away, Weston-Super-Mare. We hope they had a speedy and uneventful journey to Kent, and that their journey home is equally so.

I hope you have all got your breath back from the Ebbsfleet game? What an advert for non league Kent football that was huh? A crowd of pushing 3000, which was, incidentally, the biggest non league gate of the day, even beating SIX Football League gates, was royally entertained right from the very first minute. I think its fair to say that a draw was the right result, with both teams going close on numerous occasions. Bank holiday Mondays trip to Chelmsford was always going to be a difficult game, as the 2-0 defeat showed. A couple of things I noted at this game, was 1) You really HAVE to take some of the half chances that present themselves at this level. We are being punished results wise, with our apparent inability to

gobble up one or two of these hard worked opportunities when they are presented. 2) The increase in 'Professionalism' of the teams that we are playing. In my opinion, the diving and general play acting by the Chelmsford players was very frustrating, and resulted in our players getting unwarranted bookings. Also, the amount of holding at corners, and free kicks is really getting out of hand. Its amazing that in roughly 95% of these incidents the officials end up giving a free kick to the DEFENDING side !!! How many penalties do we see being given for this offence? Very very few. If only a league directive could be issued, making clear that this will not be tolerated, and instruct refs to start giving penalties every time, surely this would soon stop? This would probably result in more goals, and more entertainment for the viewing public. No?

DFC WARBLER DRAW

Dartford FC Warbler Lottery - £400 in prizes every month

This season the monthly draw of the winning numbers for the Warbler Lottery will be made on the pitch (weather permitting) at half-time of the first home game of each month. The draw for the winners of the August draw will be made at half-time today.

If you are not a member of the Warbler, why not pick up an application form and you could be in with a chance of winning up to £250 each month. Forms are available from the Club Shop or Supporters' Association.

TODAYS COMMUNITY TEAM

Todays community team of the week is Dartford FC Under 7's. Namely, Sam Clarkson, Sunny Harward, Harry orpin, Caine Rogers, Joe Smith, Adam Nicklin, Toby Hergest, Josh Crab, George Warner, Max Stephens, Sam Bradley. We hope they enjoy their day here.

Keep Smilin'
Tony

from the captains table.....

Welcome to today's game against Weston-Super-Mare.

I think we can all agree it was a mixed bank holiday weekend. The much anticipated game against Ebbsfleet lived up to expectations, with a great atmosphere, and a decent game of football. Both teams had chances to win the game, so all in all I think a draw was probably a fair result. Obviously we would have liked to have taken all three points and given you guys something to cheer about, but come the end of the season I think a point against Ebbsfleet will be seen as a point gained rather than two lost.

Chelmsford was a bit of a different story. We had a lot of possession, but in all honesty didn't really cause them any problems. Both keepers didn't have much to do on the day, but Chelmsford showed that little bit more quality in front of goal than we did. I don't think we are getting the rub of the green at the moment, but we can't go through a whole season complaining about being unlucky. At some point we have to start making our own luck and putting the ball in the net when it matters.

As a side note, I assure you that players don't like losing. I hate losing. The management team hates losing, and believe me I can understand supporters getting upset when we lose too. But I think things need to be put into perspective. This isn't the Ryman Premier League anymore and we are going to win games and we are going to lose games. Hopefully this will include more winning than losing but let's remember that we are only two weeks and six games into a 42 game season. There is a long way to go.

We will continue to work hard to turn things around, and your support is going to make the difference.

Keep the faith.

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