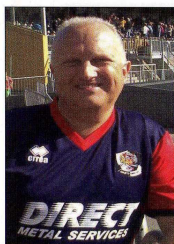


big ed's bit.....



Hello, good afternoon and welcome to Princes Park, home of The Darts.
Today we welcome, the players, officials and supporters, from Bromley.
Bromley come to us today sitting proudly on top of the League, having won their first seven games of the season? A run that only ended last Saturday with a 1-1 home draw, with draw specialists St Albans City. Their run bears a remarkable similarity to our blistering start in the Ryman Premier last year. Its great to get off to such a good start. It sets you up nicely for the rest of the season, knowing that you are nearly half way to avoiding relegation !!!
In our last home game, two weeks ago, we gained a very impressive 4-1 win against Weston-Super-Mare. A bit of a strange game in as much that for the first hour or so, there wasn't a great deal between the teams. A three goal burst in only 4 minutes soon put paid to that mind, and in the end we ran out comfortable winners. Last Saturday saw us return to one of our previous squats for the first time, when we visited Thurrock. It was nice to see some familiar faces once again, and an end to end game finished as an honourable draw. We could moan a little about the incidents in the last couple of minutes when we hit the bar, and then were denied right at the death, by a great block, but overall a draw was a very fair result.

Today is our last home league game for over a month, although we have been drawn at home to Ryman Premier League opposition Lowestoft Town, in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup next Saturday.

FA YOUTH CUP

The FA Youth Cup campaign for the U 18's started on Tuesday 7th September, when Erith & Belvedere were defeated 4-1. Next round:- Monday 20th September, Dartford vs Deal Town, Princes Park Stadium, 7pm Kick off (TBC)

The Kent youth league also started recently, with wins for the U18s 8-1 at Maidstone, and U14 winning 3-1 at home to Sevenoaks Town.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dartford FC would like to offer their congratulations to goalkeeper Andy Young and his partner Jo on the birth of their baby son on Saturday 28th August. Similar congrats to midfielder Michael Shinn and his partner on the birth of their baby, a boy of 5lb 3oz called Billy, on Friday 10th September. Everyone at Dartford FC send their best wishes.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Friday 15 October 2010 - JUKEBOX JUMBLE DISCO
Friday 29 October 2010 - HALLOWEEN RACE NIGHT

Keep Smilin'

Tony

my matchday

who does what, at dfc

No. 3 - Peter Martin - Fixture Secretary

Generally I try to get to Princes Park for a Saturday match at around 1.15pm. With the Football Conference requiring the team sheet to be presented to the match referee an hour before kick off. I usually track Tony Burman down at around 1.40 to get the team for the day, and then prepare the team sheet ready to present to the referee at 2.00pm. At 2.00pm I meet up with the opposition secretary and together go to the match officials' room to exchange team sheets. I obtain the officials expenses card and make sure that they have everything for the match ahead, and generally invite them to the Boardroom after the game for a post match drink. I then take a copy of the opposition's team sheet and give the original to Tony Burman. From the copy I can then update the remainder of the details on the team sheets by which time John Hall has usually come down to the office for his copies. John usually requires about twenty copies to distribute to the press, and a further ten copies are usually for the boardroom, and another ten left on reception. A copy of the boardroom team sheet then has to be emailed or faxed to the Press Association as early as possible which Nicola usually does for me. There is very little then to be done prior to the commencement of the game. Once the game has commenced it is necessary for me to update the Non League news by text as soon as any goals are scored with the players names and times plus any other incidents, ie red cards or major delays in the game. For home games I usually receive a call from Radio Kent for any updates. At half time I then have to text the half time score to Non League News and also phone the Press Association with the half time score and goals scorers. During the second half I also have to text the Non League News with the attendance. At the end of the game I then text the Non League News with the final score and also phone the Press Association with the full time result, goal scorers and attendance. During the game I would have also been making a record of the Dartford goals scorers and any substitutions made as these are required for the match report that I have to submit to the

Conference. After the game I collect the match officials expenses from the office if Steve has not already given them to me. I usually wait for about twenty to thirty minutes before I go to the referee's room to pay them and also collect what is described as the "Crime Sheet". This is a report that the referees give to both clubs after the game itemised with the players either cautioned or sent off together with any other remarks where a club is to be reported for a breach of league regulations, ie too many people standing in the technical area. At this stage I usually just an informal chat with them for any incidents that may or may not have happened during the game. I usually wait to meet the officials when they attend the boardroom for the post match drink but then that is usually the end of my day before I head off home.

Generally I try to keep Saturday nights free of football matters apart from reading the match day programme which I don't usually have time to read during the game. Sunday is spent preparing the Match report form that is to be emailed to the Conference. This shows the players representing Dartford with their registration numbers, the result, attendance, substitutions used and the times and the match official's expenses. This is then emailed to the Conference, taking a copy from my own records. The report on the referee is then prepared with any comments and a mark given out of one hundred which is emailed to the FA. This sometimes is delayed by another twenty four hours if there is a need for a bit more thought to go into the report. Once this has been done that completes the paper work for that game. Its then to start preparing for the next games if I haven't already done so. It is a requirement to notify the opposition and match officials generally a week before the game of the location and details of the game and to receive their confirmations and also give the opposition time to send programme information to Tony Jaglo. For an away game, it is necessary to send the programme information to them which is to include an expected team line up, pen pictures plus club history and a team photo for Dartford FC.

from the captains table.....

Welcome to today's game against Bromley.

Bromley have had a flying start to the season, so I fully expect today's game to be the toughest test we have faced this year. They have been scoring goals regularly and putting points on the board, and that is what the game is all about. As we last year, a great start sets you up nicely for the rest of the season, so I am sure they are buzzing at the moment. But we also know that such a run of success will always come to an end, and if we can put in a performance today we are certainly capable of getting a result.

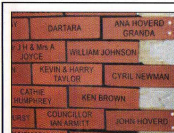
Looking back at the Thurrock game, we were all hugely disappointed to come away with just a point. We could easily (and probably should) have taken all three, but then again they could have done the same. Their goal was sloppy from our point of view and we wasted a number of chances to put the game to bed.

I think we missed a real opportunity to put two back-to-back wins together, which is disappointing. But that said, it was our first point away from home this season, which is a positive.

I would also like to go on record and say that in no way do I blame Danny Harris for his last second miss against Thurrock. He has a big exam coming up in 2015 so his mind was understandably on other things. Rooky claims that he would have put it away, but none of us believe him. We are also going to be holding a whip round to see if we can buy Burnys a goal. If anyone knows where there is one going cheap, I would appreciate it.

Lastly, I would like to pass on our congratulations to both Youngy and Shinnay (and their respective partners) following the birth of their sons over the past couple of weeks. We wish them all the best.

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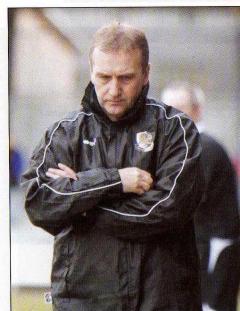
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tony burmans' diary

5th SEPTEMBER

We started very nervy against WSM yesterday. It really needed something to happen, a big shot, a big tackle, something like that. The crowd was a little quiet to be honest, we didn't really give you much to shout about, but that's when we need you most. It was nice for us to get the rub of the green with the penalty, we've not had a lot of that this season. We felt at half time that the game was there for the taking, I wanted us to push on, and win the game, but it didn't happen and we were suckered right at the start of the second half. That may have been the spark that kicked us into life. They came with a 4-5-1 formation, to pack the midfield, we countered that with Hayise in midfield at the start, but we moved him second half, back out to the wing, and it paid dividends. I was very pleased with Whiteys goal. We're always saying, if you can make a bit of space, have the shot. We gambled a bit with Whiteys fitness, as we did with Elliotts, but it paid off. I was very pleased with the result, as I felt that we didn't get the reward, points wise, from the two bank holiday games, that our performances deserved. Our home record so far, is ok. Two wins and two draws, is acceptable. The away record, obviously not, although as I said, I don't think we have got the rewards that our performances away have deserved. In this league its going to be a lot harder. Just because you go a goal up, doesn't mean you are going to win the game. Belief is a big thing within a team. We have quite a few lads here, who haven't been here very long. They don't really know the way I work as yet, but they will, and we will get that belief in there.

Billy Burgess suffered a full shoulder dislocation at Chelmsford, Doc put it straight back, but it will be at least 3-4 weeks before we can consider him again. We are very lucky to have players of the quality of Adam Gross, who has stepped straight in, without a lot of match fitness, and did great. I have a huge headache with team selection every week. We have eighteen players. Eighteen very, good players. Obviously they can't all get a game, or even get on the bench. There was some disappointing



comments on the forum after the Chelmo defeat last week, concerning team selection. We have to pick the best team, that we

feel can do a job on the day. It all very well to criticize in hindsight, but we have to make these decisions without that. We know more about what's going on with players during the week, that others are not privy to. So it's not easy. Next Saturday (11th) we return to Thurrock, one of our many homes during 'The Lost Years'. The last time we played there, we lost 1-0 at home to Evesham in the FA Cup in front of about 250 supporters. Times have certainly changed. We've improved every year, and we will continue to improve. We obviously want to get into The National Conference, but we know how very, very hard that will be. We will have ups and downs on the journey, but this is what we are all working towards. I've been here since the Ryman South days. I admit I am a bad loser, and I hate it when people knock this club. But I will tell you this, I wouldn't have missed this for the world !!!
Enjoy the game

Tony

the all seeing eye.....

Stadiums Gone, but not forgotten. No. 2 – Manor Ground Plumstead

The Manor Ground in Plumstead, south east London was a football stadium which, between 1888 & 1890, and 1893 & 1913, was the home of the football club formerly known as Royal Arsenal, renamed Woolwich Arsenal in 1891, and later simply Arsenal F.C. soon after they moved across London to Arsenal Stadium, Highbury. Under their original name of Dial Square, the club's very first match in December 1886 was on a field in the Isle of Dogs, most likely by Glengall Road (now known as Tiller Road) After that, for the rest of the 1886-87 season, the newly-renamed team Royal Arsenal played on Plumstead Common. They moved in September 1887 to a pig field on Plumstead Marshes, which was renamed the Sportsman Ground after the Sportsman pub nearby. They continued to play there for the next six months. In 1888, after the Sportsman Ground had flooded, the club moved to the adjoining Manor Field, which was soon renamed Manor Ground. The pitch was notoriously muddy and on its southern side ran a large open sewer. There were no stands as such; the club used wagons borrowed from nearby Army bases to house spectators. The club's first match there was against Millwall Rovers, on March 30, 1888. In 1890, Royal Arsenal decided to move to the much more suitable Invicta Ground (which possessed a stand, terracing and changing rooms), on the south side of Plumstead High Street. They stayed there for three years (in the meantime changing their name to Woolwich Arsenal, and turning professional), Arsenal bought the Manor Ground with money raised from a share issue, erected a single main stand and banks of terracing, and moved back there before the start of the 1893-94 season, in time for the club's Football League debut. The stadium averaged a gate of 6,000 that season. Woolwich Arsenal continued to play their home matches at Manor Ground for the next twenty years, with two exceptions. They were forced to stage one league fixture against Burton Swifts at New Brompton's Priestfield Stadium and one against Leicester Fosse at Lyttelton cricket ground, Leyton in 1895; the Manor Ground had been closed by the Football League for a period of five weeks after crowd trouble at a match against Burton Wanderers in January of that year. In 1904 a second stand was added (this was the first terrace in the country to be nicknamed Spion Kop, although many other clubs, such as Liverpool, also built eponymous stands that were better known). With the club having achieved promotion to the First Division that year, with the additional capacity attendances reached over 20,000 for some matches. However, attendances soon dipped, thanks in no small part to the Manor Ground's relatively isolated location, in an industrial area with few local residents. After years of financial precarity, in 1910 Woolwich Arsenal faced bankruptcy, with the club managing an average crowd of only 11,000, compared to Chelsea's average gate of 28,000. That year, London property magnate and Fulham chairman Sir Henry Norris bought Arsenal out, rescuing the club, and he proceeded to move them all the way across London to the new Arsenal Stadium in Highbury three years later, after an attempt to merge Fulham and Arsenal failed. Woolwich Arsenal played their last match at the Manor Ground on April 26, 1913, a 1-1 draw against Middlesbrough watched by only 3,000 people. After they left, the ground soon fell derelict, and was eventually demolished and the land redeveloped. Today it is home to an industrial estate; the stadium's former site is roughly bound by Nathan Way, Griffin Manor Way and Hadden Road. Arsenal's departure was one reason for another local club, Charlton Athletic, to turn professional in 1920 and taking their place as the area's main club.



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the all seeing eye.....

Reeling in the years- BBB

I just happened to be scanning through Bromley's history and trying to come up with a germ of an idea for this weeks trawl through my memory banks. Then suddenly I realised that with their proud record over the years should they by definition be called a big club. I think supporters of all clubs compare themselves against other teams all the time looking for some imaginary advantage. Do we have more supporters, a bigger ground. Have we won more trophies over the years?

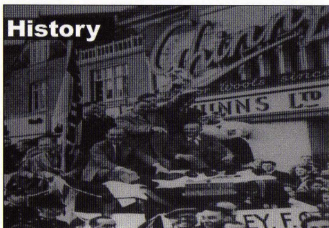
When I started supporting the club in the early 70's we were by any definition (at least to my mind) a big club. When we won the Southern League Championship in 1974 and played at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final I truly believed, at least for a short while that we were No 1. Also beating Boston in the play-offs with the Northern Premier Champions only cemented that idea. The trouble was that other clubs were less impressed and gave us a mighty total of 1 vote when we applied to join the football league. Did they not realise that we were a big club!!!

Following this epic season was always going to be difficult and somehow we followed it up by being relegated and have never quite reached that pinnacle again.

Most Dartford supporters will still tell you that we are big club because we get good support, play at a big ground and have been successful over the last few years. But is this really true any more? Non League has changed dramatically over the last 15 years. We have numerous ex league clubs playing in front of 7000 plus attendances, massive stadia with 25000 capacity any of which would dwarf Princes Park.

The answer for clubs like Dartford and Bromley is still a resounding yes at least in the supporters' dreams. Both clubs have reached the pinnacle. Us in 1974 and Bromley further back in the 1950's with the Amateur cup. Nobody will take that history away and both clubs are heading in the right direction to one day taste more glory.

Big John



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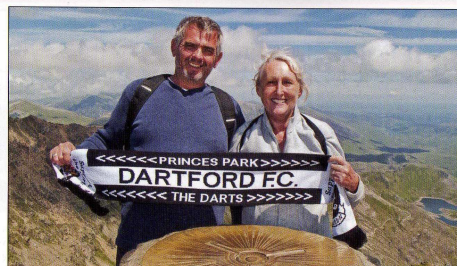
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where's your shirt been.



From the flat beaches of Cuba to the mountains of North Wales, Ken's Dartford scarf has been travelling again. Ken and Brenda spent the weekend of the 18-21st June in North Wales and on Sunday 20th walked from Pen-y-pass to the summit of Snowdon via the Pyg Track and returned along the Miners Path. The walk took around seven and a half hours with plenty of "scenery stops" along the route and an hour spent on the summit having lunch.

sicknote corner.....

NEWS FROM THE PHYSIO ROOM

Billy Burgess has seen a Consultant and had a scan on his shoulder, we are waiting now for a full report of the scan from his Consultant to know the full extent of any further damage in and around his shoulder when he dislocated it. Obviously his recovery and rehabilitation will depend on this report so at the moment difficult to advise exactly when he will be back in training but expect it to be in approx 3 to 4 more weeks.

No further major injuries or problems to report, a couple of players have picked up minor injuries but I am sure with treatment will be available for selection for the Bromley game.

Dave P
Club Physio

