



## **RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN**

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**RYMAN LEAGUE NEWSLINE**

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### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

The Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors of the Ryman Football League send Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our Clubs, Players, Match Officials and Followers of the League.

### **LEAGUE NEWS**

#### **MONTHLY AWARDS**

The fourth series of the Ryman Football League's Monthly Awards, covering the month of December, will be announced on the League's website on Wednesday, 2nd January 2008.

The four Divisional awards cover:

- Manager of the Month
- Team Performance of the Month
- Golden Gloves Monthly Award
- Golden Boot Monthly Award

#### **WEEKEND REVIEW**

FA Trophy success for AFC Wimbledon at Maidenhead United, whilst Tonbridge Angels produced an exceptional performance to draw at Conference club Oxford United, and a replay at home on Tuesday evening.

In the Premier Division, League leaders Chelmsford City went down 2-4 t Boreham Wood, allowing Hendon to return to the top of

### **LEAGUE NEWS**

the table, following their extraordinary 11-1 win at bottom club Leyton.

Staines Town won at Harrow Borough to move up to third place, but fellow FA Cup heroes Horsham crashed 1-4 at Folkestone Invicta.

AFC Sudbury and Dover Athletic retained their leaderships of Division Ones North and South, although the latter dropped points following their 1-1 draw at Cray Wanderers

Top scorers of the day were Hendon, hitting eleven at Leyton, followed by Northwood with six at home to Waltham Forest and five from AFC Sudbury at home to Maldon Town and Ware at Waltham Abbey.

Twenty-eight League matches were completed the weekend – Ashford Town's match at home to Chatham Town was abandoned at half-time due to a floodlight failure. 101 goals were scores, including four from Wayne O'Sullivan for Hendon and hat-tricks from Brendan Cass

of Dartford, Jamie Ricks of Witham Town and Billy Marshall of Leatherhead

### **Premier Division**

New leaders in the Premier Division as Hendon won 11-1 at Leyton to record the highest score of the season. With the previous week's leaders Chelmsford City slipping up 2-4 at Boreham Wood, the Middlesex club returned to the top of the Division as a result. With third placed Ramsgate not laying, Staines Town took the opportunity to run up a 3-1 win at Harrow Borough to slip into third place, and with games in hand on the top two. In the final play-off place are Margate, 4-1 winners at home to East Thurrock United, just clear of Boreham Wood in sixth place.

AFC Hornchurch won the Essex derby at Billericay Town 2-0 with two first half goals, leaving their hosts sitting in the relegation zone. Folkestone Invicta had clawed themselves above Billericay with a good 4-1 home win against Horsham. Below Billericay are Tonbridge Angels and Carshalton Athletic, both on FA Trophy duty, with bottom club Leyton in some disarray as they slip to six points adrift of the clubs above them.

Heybridge Swifts picked up another three points following their single goal home victory against Harlow Town to move up to ninth spot after being in the relegation zone for so much of the season.

In the only draw of the afternoon in the Premier Division, Maidstone United were held 1-1 by Hastings United.

### **Division One North**

AFC Sudbury beat local rivals Maldon Town 5-1 to retain top spot in Division One North, staying just ahead of Dartford, 4-2 winners at home to bottom club Wivenhoe Town. It looked at one stage the visitors might record their first win of the season as they led their hosts 2-1 at half-time, and it cannot be long before that elusive win comes along.

Edgware Town sit in third place following their single goal win at Wingate & Finchley, three points clear of fourth placed Enfield Town, 2-0 winners at relegation threatened Ilford.

Ware recorded a clear 5-0 win at Waltham Abbey as they sit just outside the play-off places, but with games in hand, as have Brentwood, held 2-2 at Tilbury. Sitting between Brentwood and Ware are Bury

Town, only club in the eight to lose as they crashed 4-1 at Witham Town.

Northwood had the best win of the afternoon in the Division, knocking out Waltham Forest 6-0, whilst Redbridge won with the only goal of the match at Arlesey Town. In the final match in the Division, Great Waking Rovers and Aveley shared four goals and the points.

### **Division One South**

Division One South leaders Dover Athletic were held to a 1-1 draw by third placed Cray Wanderers, but the club sitting between these two, Tooting & Mitcham United, lost to the only goals of the game at home to Walton & Hersham, leaving themselves five points behind title favourites Dover.

Kingstonian and Metropolitan Police, currently in fourth and fifth places respectively, both completed away wins – Kingstonian with a single goal win at Corinthian-Casuals, and Metropolitan Police in Kent by three goals to nil at Whitstable Town. Sitting in wait in sixth and seventh places are Dulwich Hamlet, 2-1 winners at Horsham YMCA, and Worthing, 3-0 home winners against Croydon Athletic.

Leatherhead returned to winning ways with a 3-0 home win against Sittingbourne, whilst Burgess Hill Town won 3-2 at Chipstead and Whyteleafe by the only goal of the game at Walton Casuals. In the basement battle, the bottom two clubs, Molesey and Eastbourne Town, shared two goals and the points in Surrey.

### **FA Trophy**

AFC Wimbledon reached the Second Round Proper (the last 32) of the FA Trophy competition on Saturday with an expected win at Maidenhead Town, members of the Conference South. Two second half goals were enough to confirm the Dons passage into the next round to be played on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January.

They could be joined by a second Ryman league club, as Tonbridge Angels returned from their match at Oxford United with a highly creditable 0-0 draw, and a replay on Tuesday evening.

For the other three Clubs, the journey came to an end, as Wealdstone, Canvey Island and Carshalton Athletic all lost matches to clubs from higher Leagues.

With six ties to be settled, currently there are twenty six clubs through to the next round – 16

from the National Conference League, 3 from Conference North, six from Conference South and just one Step 4 club – AFC Wimbledon from the Ryman league.

## **RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE**

Another disappointing week for the youngsters playing in the Ryman Football Youth League, as only one League match escaped the weather – this time frozen pitches in midweek doing the damage.

The only match to escape the midweek freeze was on Monday evening, when Worthing beat visitors Maidstone United 3-0 to move up to places into fourth place – Harry Constable scoring two of the goals for the Sussex youngsters. This was only the second League game played so far in the month of December.

## **HENDON F.C.**

Hendon recorded their biggest win in Isthmian League history when they scored 11 against Leyton at Leyton Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

They scored eight times in the second half, indeed in the final 38 minutes. Wayne O'Sullivan scored twice in the first half and Lubomir Guentchev once. Early in the second half, Billy Bricknell pulled a goal back, but Sam Tanner scored an own goal to restore Hendon's three-goal lead.

Thereafter, O'Sullivan scored twice more to complete a four-timer and Brian Haule got number seven with 20 minutes to go. In the final five minutes, Jamie Busby scored twice, Lubo Guentchev got his second and Ivalio Dmitrov got his first goal for Hendon with No. 11.

For some Hendon fans, there was a sense of déjà vu, because 18 years ago, the Greens were on the wrong end of a 9-1 drubbing at the same ground.

Hendon's biggest ever victory was in the Middlesex Senior Cup, 13-0 over Wingate and they scored 11 a couple of times as members of the Athenian League. But their two biggest victories in the Isthmian League came against Dulwich Hamlet, both in 1963-64, the Greens' first season in the division, winning 10-1 at Claremont Road and 9-1 at Champion Hill.

With Chelmsford losing at Boreham Wood, there was double celebration because it meant Hendon returned to the top of the division.

Biggest win in the Isthmian League - 11-1 at Leyton, 15/12/2007 - previous was 10-1 - Hendon vs. Dulwich Hamlet 1963-64

Biggest away in the Isthmian League - 11-1 at Leyton, 15/12/2007 - previous best was 9-1, away vs. Dulwich Hamlet 1963-64.

Biggest ever win, 13-0, Hendon vs. Wingate, Middlesex Senior Cup January 1957.

Biggest League wins since WWI, 11-1 (twice), Hendon vs. Redhill, 1952-53 and Hendon vs. Cambridge Town, 14/12/1957. (In their centenary season it was 50 years and one day after the previous 11-1 victory)

Biggest away League win: 12-0, Caledonian Old Boys v Hampstead Town 09/04/1910, Finchley & District League Division Two.

It was Hendon's second season of existence and they needed to do better than Totteridge - who were at third placed Edgware Athletic on the same day - to win the title. Both teams entered the game with a P11, W8, D2, L1, GF35, GA9, Pts18 record. Edgware Athletic won 1-0 and Hendon won 12-0 to take their second consecutive league title.

## **PITCH INSPECTIONS**

The procedures for pitch inspections are documented on page 96/97 of the current League handbook and on the Information Page on the League website.

The League Secretary, Bruce Badcock, must be informed in advance in all cases of the date and time when a pitch inspection has been requested, and then of the outcome once the inspection has been completed and a decision taken.

This will enable the current status for matches that are in doubt or have been postponed to be carried on the League website.

With the continued uncertain weather approaching, home clubs must make provisional arrangements for pitch inspections in advance of match day.

In the first place the Match Referee must be contacted. If the match referee is unavailable or lives too far away to sensibly attend, then another Level 3 Contributory League referee should be used.

If for any reason this is not possible, permission must be obtained for a Level 4 official (Contributory League assistant referee

to undertake the inspection, from the League Secretary, Bruce Badcock, or from the FA Appointing Officers Dave Cook or John Jones.

A match postponement form must be completed at the time, signed by the inspection official, and sent (faxed) to the League as soon as possible.

Where the match referee does not make the inspection, in ALL cases the inspecting official must speak to the match referee from the pitch/ground for the decision to be confirmed.

## RESULTS

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### Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007

#### **FA Cup – Second Round Proper Replay**

Swansea City 6 - 2  
Pratley 21, Britton 38,  
Scotland 42, Bodde 43,  
Robinson 56, Feeney 79

Horsham 5,911  
Farrell 20, 23

#### **Middlesex Senior Cup – Second Round**

Northwood 2 - 1  
Buchanan 45 (pen), 70

Hayes & Yeading United 85  
Palmer 20 (pen)

### Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007

#### **Premier Division**

Heybridge Swifts 2 - 1  
King 40, 76

Maidstone United 130  
Rowland 17

Ramsgate 1 - 1  
Vahid S. 83

AFC Hornchurch 239  
Green 49

Tonbridge Angels 2 - 2  
Powell 54, Barr 89

Billericay Town 294  
Boot 35, Wood-Garness 45

#### **Division One North**

Canvey Island 0 - 1

Brentwood Town 176  
Thomas 34

Witham Town 5 - 2  
Hawes (Kevin) 12, 26, 39,  
Ricks 29, Morgan 32

Ilford 51  
May 65, Edwards 87

#### **Division One South**

Croydon Athletic 1 - 2  
Shirley 62

Horsham YMCA 103  
Palmer 20, Keeham 51

Whyteleafe 0 - 0

Burgess Hill Town 83

Worthing 1 - 2  
Andrews 77

Chipstead 177  
Simpson 38, Sidwell 72

#### **Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round**

Redbridge 0 - 1  
(After extra time)

AFC Sudbury 76  
Stokes 91

#### **Kent Senior Cup – First Round**

Dartford 2 - 0  
Bradbrook 50, Kadi 76

Dover Athletic 448

Margate 2 - 1  
Moir 29 (pen), Haworth 53

Welling United 113  
Mosedale 80

#### **London Senior Cup – Fourth Round**

Dulwich Hamlet 1 - 3  
Chattaway 89

AFC Wimbledon 334  
De Bolla 6 (pen), Ferguson 15,  
Quinn 51

#### **Middlesex Senior Cup – Second Round**

Enfield Town 4 - 0  
Grieves 24, Hall 35 (pen),  
Georgiou 70, 85

Bedfont 76

Harefield United	0 - 6	Hendon	58
		Guentchev L. 9, 71, Haule B. 23, 36, 40, Dyer 69	
Hillingdon Borough	1 - 2	Ashford Town (Middx)	35
Lawrence 4		Logie 15, Harris S. 29	
Potters Bar Town	(A) 2 - 0	Uxbridge	22
	<i>(Abandoned after 75 minutes due to injury)</i>		
Jackson, James			
Staines Town	1 - 0	Harrow Borough	77
Asombang 78			
Wealdstone	0 - 2	Hampton & Richmond Borough	60
		Jeffrey 36, Yaku 88	
Wembley	2 - 2	Edgware Town	48
	<i>(After extra time – Edgware Town won 4-2 on penalties)</i>		
Mitchell 27, Bates 90		Wallace 6, 21	
<b>Surrey Senior Cup – Third Round</b>			
Carshalton Athletic	1 - 0	Epsom & Ewell	81
Wright 33 (pen)			
Corinthian-Casuals	1 - 2	Tooting & Mitcham United	71
	<i>(After extra time)</i>		
Gay 22		Gray 8, Pinnock 114	
Egham Town	1 - 2	Kingstonian	80
Sousler 64		Lodge 47, Dunne 76	
Leatherhead	2 - 1	Ash United	47
	<i>(After extra time)</i>		
Gibbs 15, Fitzpatrick 100 (og)		Reid 80	
Metropolitan Police	1 - 0	Walton & Hersham	64
Frontin 39			

### Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

#### FA Trophy – First Round Proper

Wealdstone	0 - 1	Weymouth	343
		Louis 90	

### Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007

#### Premier Division

Billericay Town	0 - 2	AFC Hornchurch	555
		Baoteng 11, Elmes 45	
Boreham Wood	4 - 2	Chelmsford City	257
Waters 27, Williams T. 51, Onochie 70, MKoran 74		Holmes 2, Duncan 54	
Folkestone Invicta	4 - 1	Horsham	275
Saunders 18, Glyde 20, Shittu 30, Everitt M. 90		Taylor 88 (pen)	
Harrow Borough	1 - 3	Staines Town	135
Schroot 41		Nwokeji 17, 37, Cook 22	
Heybridge Swifts	1 - 0	Harlow Town	173
Browne 30			
Leyton	1 - 11	Hendon	78
Bicknell B. 50		O'Sullivan 24, 35 61, 65, Guentchev L. 31, 85, Collins 55, Haule B. 72, Busby 88, 89, Dimitrov 90	
Maidstone United	1 - 1	Hastings United	363
Takalobighashi 73		Olorunda A. 35	
Margate	4 - 1	East Thurrock United	335
Martin 21, 81, McKimm 56, Pinnock 61		Richards 76	

#### Division One North

AFC Sudbury	5 - 1	Maldon Town	281
Clements 26, Sampson 51 (og) Rowe 62, 67, Head S. 82		Perry 15	
Arlesey Town	0 - 1	Redbridge	75
		Antoine 34	

Dartford Cass 43, 70, 73, Coyle 68	4 - 2	Wivenhoe Town Cockerill 32, Brothers 45	917
Great Wakering Rovers Foy 25, Cartlidge 89	2 - 2	Aveley Maskell 34, 36	88
Ilford	0 - 2	Enfield Town Hall 32, Crace 39	121
Northwood Buchanan 10, 83, Abramain 24, 70, Tackley 27, Hewitt 41	6 - 0	Waltham Forest	82
Tilbury Smith K. 72 (pen), Olagunju 90	2 - 2	Brentwood Town Gillam 19, Dafter 2	55
Waltham Abbey	0 - 5	Ware Stevens 23, Horsey 27, Nielsen 52, 54 (pen), Frendo 84	82
Wingate & Finchley	0 - 1	Edgware Town Ingham 35	233
Witham Town Ricks 8, 55, 90 (pen), Hawes 38	4 - 1	Bury Town Smith 53	75
<b>Division One South</b>			
Ashford Town	(A) 0 - 0	Chatham Town	211
<i>(Abandoned at half-time – floodlight failure)</i>			
Chipstead Pitterson 6, Simpson 51	2 - 3	Burgess Hill Town Cotton 25, Fleming 46 (og), Harper 81 (pen)	91
Corinthian-Casuals	0 - 1	Kingstonian Goddard 53	311
Cray Wanderers Power 21 (pen)	1 - 1	Dover Athletic Collin 2	291
Horsham YMCA Simpson 5 (pen)	1 - 2	Dulwich Hamlet Mandodza 52, Beveney 68	124
Leatherhead Marshall 15, 23, 65	3 - 0	Sittingbourne	145
Molesey Fowler 90	1 - 1	Eastbourne Town Dallway 90+1	65
Tooting & Mitcham United	0 - 1	Walton & Hersham Thompson J. 90	261
Walton Casuals	0 - 1	Whyteleafe Rivers 10	62
Whitstable Town	0 - 3	Metropolitan Police Brown 4, Stevens 13, Cobden 44	174
Worthing Johnson 14, Phelan 71, Lutwyche 86	3 - 0	Croydon Athletic	217
<b>FA Trophy – First Round Proper</b>			
Bishop's Stortford Pearson 21, 26, 77, Midson 33, 80, Edwards 40, Deen 58, Williamson 85	8 - 0	Canvey Island	359
Ebbsfleet United McPhee 14, 51, Moore 77 Akinde 88	4 - 1	Carshalton Athletic Ruggles 34	492
Maidenhead United	0 - 2	AFC Wimbledon Gayle 50, Howard 56	1,157
Oxford United	0 - 0	Tonbridge Angels	1,508

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# FIXTURES

## Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Division One North

Aveley vs. Wivenhoe Town

## Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Division One North

Potters Bar Town vs. Waltham Abbey

Redbridge vs. Brentwood Town

Ware vs. Witham Town

### Division One South

Sittingbourne vs. Molesey

### Isthmian League Cup – Third Round

AFC Hornchurch vs. Maidstone United

Boreham Wood vs. Wealdstone

### Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round

Horsham vs. Walton Casuals

### FA Trophy – First Round Proper Replay

Tonbridge Angels vs. Oxford United

### London Senior Cup – Third Round

Croydon Athletic vs. Erith Town

Romford vs. Wingate & Finchley

## Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007

### Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Ashford Town (Middx)

Carshalton Athletic vs. Harrow Borough

Chelmsford City vs. Margate

East Thurrock United vs. Boreham Wood

Harlow Town vs. Leyton

Hastings United vs. Billericay Town

Hendon vs. Heybridge Swifts

Horsham vs. Maidstone United

Ramsgate vs. AFC Wimbledon

Staines Town vs. Tonbridge Angels

Wealdstone vs. Folkestone Invicta

### Division One North

Aveley vs. AFC Sudbury

Brentwood Town vs. Arlesey Town

Bury Town vs. Wingate & Finchley

Canvey Island vs. Northwood

Edgware Town vs. Potters Bar Town

Enfield Town vs. Witham Town

Maldon Town vs. Dartford

Redbridge vs. Tilbury

Waltham Forest vs. Great Wakering

Rovers

Ware vs. Ilford

Wivenhoe Town vs. Waltham Abbey

### Division One South

Burgess Hill Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Chatham Town vs. Corinthian-Casuals

Croydon Athletic vs. Molesey

Dover Athletic vs. Horsham YMCA

Eastbourne Town vs. Whitstable Town

Kingstonian vs. Ashford Town

Metropolitan Police vs. Leatherhead

# FIXTURES

Sittingbourne vs. Worthing

Walton & Hersham vs. Chipstead (*kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Whyteleafe vs. Cray Wanderers

## Boxing Day, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Premier Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Carshalton Athletic

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Staines Town

Billericay Town vs. Harlow Town (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Boreham Wood vs. Hendon (*Kick-off 12 noon*)

Folkestone Invicta vs. Hastings United

Harrow Borough vs. Wealdstone

Heybridge Swifts vs. Chelmsford City

Leyton vs. AFC Hornchurch

Maidstone United vs. East Thurrock United

Margate vs. Ramsgate (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham

### Division One North

AFC Sudbury vs. Bury Town

Arlesey Town vs. Ware (*Kick-off 12 noon*)

Dartford vs. Canvey Island (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Maldon Town (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Ilford vs. Waltham Forest (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Northwood vs. Edgware Town

Potters Bar Town vs. Enfield Town (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Tilbury vs. Aveley (*Kick-off 12 noon*)

Waltham Abbey vs. Brentwood Town

Wingate & Finchley vs. Redbridge (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)

Witham Town vs. Wivenhoe Town

### Division One South

Ashford Town vs. Dover Athletic

Chipstead vs. Whyteleafe (*Kick-off 11.30 a.m.*)

Horsham YMCA vs. Burgess Hill Town

Leatherhead vs. Kingstonian (*Kick-off 11.00 a.m.*)

Molesey vs. Dulwich Hamlet (*Kick-off 2.00 p.m.*)

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Croydon Athletic (*Kick-off 11.30 a.m.*)

Walton Casuals vs. Walton & Hersham (*kick-off 12.30 pm*)

Whitstable Town vs. Sittingbourne

Worthing vs. Eastbourne Town (*Kick-off 11.00 a.m.*)

## Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Division One South

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Metropolitan Police

## Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Heybridge Swifts  
Carshalton Athletic vs. Maidstone United  
Chelmsford City vs. Billericay Town  
East Thurrock United vs. Leyton  
Harlow Town vs. Boreham Wood  
Hastings United vs. Tonbridge Angels  
Hendon vs. Harrow Borough  
Horsham vs. Margate  
Ramsgate vs. Folkestone Invicta  
Staines Town vs. AFC Wimbledon  
Wealdstone vs. Ashford Town (Middx)

### Division One North

Aveley vs. Dartford  
Brentwood Town vs. Great Waking Rovers

Bury Town vs. Arlesey Town  
Canvey Island vs. Tilbury  
Edgware Town vs. Waltham Abbey  
Enfield Town vs. Northwood  
Maldon Town vs. Witham Town  
Redbridge vs. Ilford  
Waltham Forest vs. Wingate & Finchley  
Ware vs. Potters Bar Town  
Wivenhoe Town vs. AFC Sudbury

### Division One South

Burgess Hill Town vs. Worthing  
Chatham Town vs. Chipstead  
Croydon Athletic vs. Corinthian-Casuals  
Dover Athletic vs. Whitstable Town  
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Cray Wanderers  
Eastbourne Town vs. Horsham YMCA  
Kingstonian vs. Tooting & Mitcham United  
Metropolitan Police vs. Walton Casuals  
Sittingbourne vs. Ashford Town  
Walton & Hersham vs. Leatherhead (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)  
Whyteleafe vs. Molesey

## Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007

### Premier Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Hendon

## Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007

### Division One North

Witham Town vs. Aveley

### Division One South

Cray Wanderers vs. Chatham Town

## Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008

### Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Harlow Town  
Chelmsford City vs. Hastings United  
East Thurrock United vs. Billericay Town  
Folkestone Invicta vs. Leyton  
Harrow Borough vs. Heybridge Swifts  
Hendon vs. Carshalton Athletic  
Maidstone United vs. AFC Wimbledon  
Margate vs. Ashford Town (Middx)  
Staines Town vs. Ramsgate

Tonbridge Angels vs. Boreham Wood  
Wealdstone vs. Horsham

### Division One North

Arlesey Town vs. AFC Sudbury  
Bury Town vs. Edgware Town  
Canvey Island vs. Aveley  
Enfield Town vs. Wingate & Finchley  
Great Waking Rovers vs. Waltham Abbey  
Ilford vs. Northwood  
Maldon Town vs. Potters Bar Town  
Tilbury vs. Ware  
Waltham Forest vs. Redbridge  
Witham Town vs. Dartford  
Wivenhoe Town vs. Brentwood Town

### Division One South

Burgess Hill Town vs. Sittingbourne  
Chatham Town vs. Croydon Athletic  
Cray Wanderers vs. Leatherhead  
Eastbourne Town vs. Dulwich Hamlet  
Horsham YMCA vs. Ashford Town  
Kingstonian vs. Dover Athletic  
Molesey vs. Chipstead  
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Corinthian-Casuals  
Walton & Hersham vs. Worthing (*Kick-off 1.00 p.m.*)  
Whitstable Town vs. Walton Casuals  
Whyteleafe vs. Metropolitan Police

## Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

### Isthmian Veterans Cup – Quarter-Final

Metropolitan Police vs. Northwood

### Essex Senior Cup – Quarter-Final

Chelmsford City vs. Dagenham & Redbridge

## Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008

### Premier Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Ashford Town (Middx)  
Carshalton Athletic vs. Wealdstone  
Staines Town vs. Billericay Town

### Division One North

Edgware Town vs. Ware  
Great Waking Rovers vs. Northwood  
Waltham Forest vs. Enfield Town  
Witham Town vs. Arlesey Town

### Division One South

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Worthing  
Walton & Hersham vs. Molesey

### Isthmian League Cup – Third Round

Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham YMCA

### Essex Senior Cup – Quarter-Final

Grays Athletic vs. Heybridge Swifts

## Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

### Essex Senior Cup – Quarter-Final

Eton Manor vs. Redbridge



**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Tonbridge Angels  
Billericay Town vs. Folkestone Invicta  
Boreham Wood vs. Maidstone United  
Carshalton Athletic vs. Staines Town  
Harlow Town vs. Chelmsford City  
Hastings United vs. AFC Hornchurch  
Heybridge Swifts vs. Wealdstone  
Horsham vs. East Thurrock United  
Leyton vs. Harrow Borough  
Ramsgate vs. Hendon

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury vs. Great Wakering Rovers  
Aveley vs. Maldon Town  
Brentwood Town vs. Canvey Island  
Dartford vs. Ilford  
Edgware Town vs. Enfield Town  
Northwood vs. Arlesey Town  
Potters Bar Town vs. Tilbury  
Redbridge vs. Wivenhoe Town  
Waltham Abbey vs. Waltham Forest  
Ware vs. Bury Town

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Cray Wanderers  
Chipstead vs. Whitstable Town  
Corinthian-Casuals vs. Molesey  
Croydon Athletic vs. Burgess Hill Town  
Dover Athletic vs. Eastbourne Town  
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Chatham Town  
Leatherhead vs. Tooting & Mitcham United  
Metropolitan Police vs. Walton & Hersham  
Sittingbourne vs. Whyteleafe  
Walton Casuals vs. Kingstonian  
Worthing vs. Horsham YMCA

**FA Trophy – Second Round Proper**

Tonbridge Angels or Oxford United vs. AFC Wimbledon

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**LEAGUE TABLES**

*As at Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007*

**PREMIER DIVISION**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
Hendon	21	12	6	3	52	29	42	+23
Chelmsford City	20	12	4	4	48	20	40	+28
Staines Town	15	9	4	2	34	15	31	+19
Ramsgate	19	9	4	6	32	22	31	+10
Margate	21	8	7	6	33	30	31	+3
Boreham Wood	21	9	3	9	35	38	30	-3
AFC Hornchurch	18	8	4	6	26	24	28	+2
AFC Wimbledon	16	7	5	4	21	14	26	+7
Heybridge Swifts	20	6	8	6	29	23	26	+6
Harrow Borough	21	7	4	10	31	44	25	-13
Horsham	14	8	0	6	24	21	24	+3
Maidstone United	20	7	3	10	24	42	24	-18
Harlow Town	20	5	8	7	26	26	23	+0
East Thurrock United	19	6	5	8	24	30	23	-6
Hastings United	20	6	5	9	26	35	23	-9
Wealdstone	17	6	4	7	28	32	22	-4
Ashford Town (Middx)	19	6	4	9	29	36	22	-7
Folkestone Invicta	19	6	4	9	19	27	22	-8
Billericay Town	18	5	6	7	31	29	21	+2
Tonbridge Angels	19	5	6	8	30	31	21	-1
Carshalton Athletic	17	6	3	8	14	26	21	-12
Leyton	20	4	3	13	24	46	15	-22

**DIVISION ONE NORTH**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
AFC Sudbury	20	12	4	4	53	19	40	+34
Dartford	19	12	2	5	49	24	38	+25
Edgware Town	20	10	8	2	30	14	38	+16
Enfield Town	20	10	5	5	39	30	35	+9
Maldon Town	19	10	5	4	36	27	35	+9
Brentwood Town	16	8	6	2	29	17	30	+12
Bury Town	18	8	6	4	34	26	30	+8
Ware	16	8	5	3	43	24	29	+19
Canvey Island	18	8	5	5	36	21	29	+15
Arlesey Town	19	7	8	4	41	31	29	+10
Redbridge	18	8	6	4	27	20	29	+7
Aveley	19	7	3	9	23	43	24	-20
Great Wakering Rovers	19	5	7	7	31	32	22	-1
Northwood	17	6	3	8	30	33	21	-3
Witham Town	17	6	3	8	38	44	21	-6
Wingate & Finchley	20	5	6	9	23	35	21	-12
Waltham Forest	19	3	8	8	22	35	17	-13
Potters Bar Town	17	4	5	8	19	34	17	-15
Waltham Abbey	17	4	4	9	17	37	16	-20
Tilbury	16	2	9	5	26	28	15	-2
Ilford	20	2	3	15	17	52	9	-35
Wivenhoe Town	18	0	1	17	10	47	1	-37

*Redbridge FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player*

**DIVISION ONE SOUTH**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>GD</b>
Dover Athletic	18	14	3	1	44	15	45	+29
Tooting & Mitcham United	20	12	4	4	48	25	40	+23
Cray Wanderers	21	12	4	5	44	26	40	+18
Kingstonian	19	12	3	4	30	18	39	+12
Metropolitan Police	20	12	1	7	36	25	37	+11
Dulwich Hamlet	20	11	3	6	30	20	36	+10
Worthing	17	11	2	4	33	15	35	+18
Walton & Hersham	18	9	4	5	29	21	31	+8
Whyteleafe	20	9	4	7	26	24	31	+2
Burgess Hill Town	19	8	3	8	29	26	27	+3
Sittingbourne	19	8	3	8	23	32	27	-9
Croydon Athletic	20	7	3	10	38	43	24	-5
Chipstead	19	7	3	9	28	34	24	-6
Chatham Town	19	5	6	8	28	36	21	-8
Corinthian-Casuals	20	5	6	9	28	36	21	-8
Ashford Town	18	5	5	8	23	26	20	-3
Leatherhead	19	6	2	11	21	26	20	-5
Whitstable Town	20	5	4	11	30	43	19	-13
Walton Casuals	19	3	7	9	26	38	16	-12
Horsham YMCA	20	3	5	12	21	40	14	-19
Eastbourne Town	19	2	6	11	21	39	12	-18
Molesey	18	1	7	10	18	46	10	-28

**PLAYER MOVEMENTS**

<b>Player</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Date</b>
Alderton, Rio	Redbridge	East Thurrock United	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2007
Bajada, Leli	East Thurrock United	AFC Hornchurch	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Baker, Junior J.	Cray Wanderers	Dulwich Hamlet	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Bennett, Stephen	Great Wakering Rovers	Witham Town	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007

Bull, Charlie	Redbridge	Leyton	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Cockerill, Liam B.	Kingstonian	Wivenhoe Town	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Curley, Scott	East Thurrock United	Harlow Town	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Erskine, Jacob (Short term loan)	Dagenham & Redbridge	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Finch, Danny-Lee	Wivenhoe Town	Ilford	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Fisher, Luke	Wivenhoe Town	Heybridge Swifts	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Henry, Solomon	Leyton	Harrow Borough	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Holmes, Adam	Witham Town	Maldon Town	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Hull, Ryan	Wivenhoe Town	Heybridge Swifts	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
McGowan, Thomas	Leyton	Boreham Wood	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Murray-Price, Carlton	Walton Casuals	Corinthian-Casuals	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Northwood, Stephen	Redbridge	Maidstone United	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Purser, Wayne	Maldon Town	East Thurrock United	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Rook, Carl	Horsham	Tonbridge Angels	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Savage, Reggie	AFC Wimbledon	Croydon Athletic	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Shave, Paul	Maldon Town	Billericay Town	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Sonuga, Gbenga	Dulwich Hamlet	Tilbury	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Thompson, Julien	Leatherhead	Walton & Hersham	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007

## FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE

### Premier Division

Match	Original Date	New Date
AFC Hornchurch vs. East Thurrock United	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
AFC Hornchurch vs. Horsham	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
AFC Hornchurch vs. Staines Town	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2007	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
AFC Wimbledon vs. Ashford Town (Middx)	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
AFC Wimbledon vs. Hendon	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2008
AFC Wimbledon vs. Wealdstone	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Billericay Town vs. AFC Wimbledon	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008
Billericay Town vs. Horsham	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2008
Chelmsford City vs. Carshalton Athletic	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
East Thurrock United vs. Staines Town	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Folkestone Invicta vs. Staines Town	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Horsham vs. AFC Wimbledon	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Horsham vs. Heybridge Swifts	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Horsham vs. Ramsgate	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Leyton vs. Staines Town	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Leyton vs. Tonbridge Angels	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008
Tonbridge Angels vs. Ramsgate	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Wealdstone vs. Maidstone United	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Carshalton Athletic	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Wealdstone vs. East Thurrock United	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008
AFC Wimbledon vs. Margate	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	

### Division One North

Match	Original Date	New Date
Brentwood Town vs. Dartford	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Bury Town vs. Potters Bar Town	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Bury Town vs. Waltham Abbey	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	

Northwood vs. Bury Town	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Northwood vs. Wingate & Finchley	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Potters Bar Town vs. Northwood	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Redbridge vs. Potters Bar Town	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Tilbury vs. Great Wakering Rovers	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008
Ware vs. Redbridge	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	
Ware vs. Tilbury	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Wingate & Finchley vs. Ware	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	
Wivenhoe Town vs. Tilbury	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	

### Division One South

Match	Original Date	New Date
Ashford Town vs. Eastbourne Town	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Ashford Town vs. Walton & Hersham	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Burgess Hill Town vs. Whitstable Town	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Chipstead vs. Kingstonian	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Croydon Athletic vs. Walton Casuals	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
Dover Athletic vs. Kingstonian	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2008
Eastbourne Town vs. Chipstead	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Sittingbourne vs. Horsham YMCA	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Whyteleafe vs. Leatherhead	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	
Worthing vs. Walton Casuals	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008
Cray Wanderers vs. Walton & Hersham	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2008	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2008
Cray Wanderers vs. Kingstonian	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2008	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2008
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Chatham Town	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2008	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2008 – <i>kick-off 3.00 p.m.</i>
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Metropolitan Police	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2008	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Ashford Town vs. Chatham Town	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	

### Isthmian League Cup – Third Round

Match	Original Date	New Date
Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham YMCA	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2008

### Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round

Match	Original Date	New Date
Boreham Wood or Wealdstone vs. Ashford Town (Middx)		
AFC Hornchurch or Maidstone United vs. Ramsgate		
Tonbridge Angels or Horsham YMCA vs. Carshalton Athletic		

## RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE

### RESULTS

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#### Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Burgess Hill Town

*Postponed*

Staines Town

Worthing

3 - 0

Maidstone United

35

Constable 24, 28, Mitchell 70

### Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Carshalton Athletic	<i>Postponed</i>	Croydon Athletic
Tonbridge Angels	<i>Postponed</i>	Tooting & Mitcham United

### Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Kingstonian	<i>Postponed</i>	AFC Wimbledon
Leatherhead	<i>Postponed</i>	Horsham

#### **Sussex Youth Cup – Quarter-Final**

Burgess Hill Town	3 - 2	Hailsham Town	47
Lansdale 39, 70 (p), Morley 43		Coalan 3, Perry 73	

### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

#### **Sussex Youth Cup – Quarter-Final**

Oakwood	<i>Postponed</i>	Worthing
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## FIXTURES

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### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Burgess Hill Town vs. Leatherhead
Worthing vs. Tonbridge Angels

### Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Maidstone United vs. Kingstonian
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### Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

Croydon Athletic vs. Horsham YNCA
Staines Town vs. AFC Wimbledon
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Horsham

#### **Kent Youth Cup – First Round**

Westfield vs. Carshalton Athletic
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## YOUTH LEAGUE TABLES

*As at Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007*

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
AFC Wimbledon	10	8	0	2	30	13	+17	24
Kingstonian	9	6	2	1	39	11	+28	20
Tooting & Mitcham United	10	6	1	3	30	20	+10	19
Worthing	10	5	2	3	28	12	+16	17
Croydon Athletic	6	5	0	1	15	6	+9	15
Staines Town	9	5	0	4	22	19	+3	15
Tonbridge Angels	7	3	2	2	13	9	+4	11
Leatherhead	6	3	2	1	11	7	+4	11
Burgess Hill Town	8	2	2	4	19	30	-11	8
Carshalton Athletic	8	1	1	6	7	16	-9	4
Horsham	7	1	1	5	7	22	-15	4
Maidstone United	7	1	0	6	8	21	-13	3
Horsham YMCA	9	0	1	8	13	56	-43	1

## HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

### FOLKESTONE INVICTA FC

The contact details of the Folkestone Invicta's new Chairman, Gordon Wallis are address Beachborough House, Beachborough Park, Newington, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8BW. Telephone 01843 841 524 (business), 01303 275432 (home), 0783 652 6100 (mobile); e-mail [gordon@buckthorn.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:gordon@buckthorn.wanadoo.co.uk)

## NOTICEBOARD

### CHATHAM TOWN FC

Club Secretary Brian Burcombe will be unavailable from Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 through to Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

During that period all communications should be sent to the Club's Assistant Secretary, Henry Longhurst, 5 Cedar Grove, Hempstead, Gillingham, Kent ME7 3QT – telephone 01634 371594 (home & business), mobile 0796 746 5554; e-mail [h.longhurst@sky.com](mailto:h.longhurst@sky.com)

### FOLKESTONE INVICTA FC

Club Secretary Neil Pilcher will not have e-mail access from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007 until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, although he will be available on his home or mobile phone numbers during that period.

## CLUB GOSSIP

### AFC WIMBLEDON

AFC Wimbledon's Ryman Premier League promotion challenge has suffered a major setback with the news that goalkeeper Andy Little will be out for longer than expected. Little broke his finger in the 1-0 victory over AFC Hornchurch last month, but was expected to make a return at the start of January. However, the shot-stopper has now been ruled out until the start of February as his broken finger has taken more time to heal than anticipated.

The latest setback adds to the Dons' series of goalkeeping woes this season. After Little's injury against Hornchurch, Dons boss Terry Brown brought Fulham youngster Corrin Brooks-Meade in on loan. However, the teenager hurt his knee during his debut against Tonbridge Angels and returned to Fulham, while his replacement in that game, youngster Ben Symons, looked nervous between the sticks.

Brown has since drafted in Danny Knowles on loan from Grays Athletic and, having played

the past three matches for the Dons, is expected to fill the void until Little's return.

Little said: "According to the specialist, it looks as if I will be out until early February. I thought an early to mid January comeback was slightly over-optimistic. It's a bit of a blow, but I understand that the sooner I come back, the more risk there is of it happening again."

Little revealed that the club may invest in special glove inserts to give his injured finger more protection. And anything the club can do to get him back playing is fine with the goalkeeper.

"I have gone to all the home games, but I am not the best of watchers," he added. "All players go through a spell when they are not playing, and fortunately I have not had to go through many, but it is something I just have to deal with."

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### BOREHAM WOOD FC

Purpose-built classroom facilities have been unveiled at Boreham Wood Football Club's Meadow Park ground, as the club extends its scholarship scheme for teenagers.

Borehamwood and Elstree Town Mayor, Councillor Jean Heywood, met staff and players from the Ryman League Premier Division side at the opening ceremony last Friday. The event coincided with the signing of a new three-year sponsorship deal with Borehamwood-based finance group Cardif Pinnacle.

The new classrooms, which feature SMART board' interactive whiteboard technology, will be used as part of the club's Programme for Academic and Sporting Excellence (PASE) scheme, a sports scholarship for 16 to 19-year-olds. PASE was established in 2002, and gives teenagers the opportunity to receive expert football training while still continuing with their academic education.

In a first for a non-Football League club, three girls have been welcomed onto the scheme this season.

Teachers from Oaklands College's Borehamwood campus, in Elstree Way, will provide lessons at Meadow Park, with the classrooms accommodating more than 120 pupils at a time. Youngsters will also be able to take advantage of other facilities at the stadium, including physiotherapy suites and

kitchens. Students will study for 12 hours a week towards BTEC diplomas in sport and other foundation courses. A further 12 hours will be spent on football training with UEFA-licensed coaches.

Chris Watters, Boreham Wood's academy director, said: "The scheme offers students a proper career path with the emphasis on education. It provides them with the opportunity to progress to university and pursue sports-related occupations such as referees, coaches, physiotherapy and fitness instructors, in addition to making them better football players."

Mark Dawe, Oakland College principal, said: "This is the result of a fantastic partnership focusing on the needs of the young person. It provides them with the opportunity to follow their passion of football while ensuring they also have a sound and appropriate educational base."

The scheme has also seen success on the field, with 21 PASE players appearing for Boreham Wood's first team since 2002. The PASE team itself won the under-18 Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League, has not lost a game this season, and won the National Football Conference Youth League Cup in 2006.

Cardif Pinnacle's Pauline Duggan said: "We are delighted that our continued sponsorship of Boreham Wood FC has helped play a major part in establishing such a worthwhile initiative."

Boreham Wood Football Club have announced that 24 year old attacking midfielder player Paul Abbott has joined the Club from Billericay Town. London born Paul has previously played for Molesey, Dorking, Arlesey Town, Stevenage Borough, Harlow Town, Chesham United, Enfield, Aberystwyth Town, Hitchin Town, Braintree Town, Margate, Erith & Belvedere and Heybridge Swifts. Meanwhile, Fiston Manuella has left Boreham Wood Football Club after his contract was cancelled by mutual agreement.

## **FOLKESTONE INVICTA FC**

*Statement from Folkestone Invicta Football Club:*

Following the recent Shareholders Meeting, Bob Dix informed his colleagues that after nine years as Chairman of Folkestone Invicta Football Club, he feels he has taken the Club as far as he can and has relinquished the position. He would like everyone to be aware

that he is proud of what he has achieved and is anxious to assure all involved with the Club that he will continue to be a Director of the Club, maintaining his General Manager role.

The Board are extremely pleased to announce that, as from today, Gordon Wallis will assume the role of Chairman. Gordon – being vastly experienced in the running of a Football Club – is the natural choice to succeed and does so with the full backing of the Board. It is hoped that everyone will support and assist Gordon in fulfilling his ambition of taking Folkestone Invicta to the next level.

## **HORSHAM FC**

Horsham boss John Maggs praised his FA Cup heroes and said: "You did yourselves proud".

Hornets stunned League One leaders Swansea City by going 2-1 up in the first half in a second round replay at the Liberty Stadium last night before eventually running out of steam.

Maggs' part-timers held the Welsh high-fliers to a 1-1 draw in the first match ten days ago. Maggs said: "Every player did themselves proud. We played very well in the first half and played as much good football as they did. All credit to Swansea, they were fast across the pitch and in the second half it was a job to keep hold of them but we never stopped trying. I said before the game that we would work for 90 minutes and every player did that.

"The football club and the whole town should be proud of the team. We have been on a journey and have played eight games. If a League club who came in at round one had won that many they would win the cup."

Chairman Frank King added: "We have done Sussex and the Ryman League proud. The players' played their hearts out and they were absolutely brilliant. We didn't disgrace ourselves one iota and for a while we were living the dream but in the end Swansea showed their class.

"It has been a great experience for the players and I think it will hold them in good stead for the rest of the season. The whole FA Cup has been great for the club."

Horsham Football Club are to get a civic reception in recognition of their FA Cup run.

Horsham District Council communications manager Richard Morris said: "The Chairman

of Horsham District Council is to host a civic reception for Horsham Football Club to congratulate the team on its recent footballing success. The date of the reception is still to be confirmed.

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## **KINGSTONIAN FC**

Manager Alan Dowson believes the only reason Kingstonian are not top of the table is a crippling injury list.

Bobby Traynor's second-half strike was not enough to secure Ks maximum points against Ryman League Division One South play-off rivals Cray Wanderers last Saturday - a late penalty for handball earned the visitors a 1-1 draw.

Dowson has seen 11 first team regulars miss a host of games through injury this season - including top scorer Bobby Traynor and skipper Simon Sobihy. Central defender David Cartwright is the latest to go on the list of Kingsmeadow's walking wounded after being ruled out for the next three weeks with a knee problem.

Ks remain fourth in the Ryman League Division One South table after the weekend's stalemate, which saw them lose more ground on leaders Dover Athletic. But Dowson believes his side have achieved a minor miracle to still be in touch with the pacesetters considering the circumstances.

"I have never had a full squad to pick from this season and to still be fourth in the league is amazing," he said. "We are delighted with where we are at the moment. I don't think there is a club in non-league football that could have coped with the injuries we have had.

"I have been in the job a year and I have never made excuses, but when people around the club question selection and style of play, they have to realise what we are having to deal with. "I think we will only get stronger as the players come back. We are still there and we will keep battling."

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## **METROPOLITAN POLICE FC**

Metropolitan Police Football Club boss Jimmy Cooper has warned the rest of the league his side can only get better after goals from Martyn Lee and Jon Daly downed Tooting & Mitcham on Saturday. Cooper was forced to

reshuffle his starting line-up at the weekend after centre back Steve Sutherland was forced out during the warm up with a hamstring injury.

Midfielder Tommy Moorhouse switched to fill his boots - while Lee was drafted in from the bench - and cleared one Tooting effort off the line to help preserve a 2-1 triumph for the Blues.

Cooper, who has tipped the high-flying Terrors to be in the promotion shake up, released 10 players from the squad that finished outside the Ryman League Division One South play-offs in sixth last season. But his raft of new faces - including Moorhouse, Lee, Scott Corbett and James Greenaway - are beginning to gel and Cooper believes his side can build on a run of three unbeaten matches.

"We were over the moon with the win because Tooting are a very good side," he said.

"I released a lot of players over the summer because results showed they weren't quite up to it. The new boys are just starting to gel and I think they are good enough to see us through to the play-offs this season. I think we can only get stronger. If we finish close to Tooting, we will be in the mix."

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## **REDBRIDGE FC**

THE pizzazz of the Premier League may be restricted these days to re-runs of classic Wimbledon and Bolton Wanderers matches, but Dean Holdsworth insists he is "loving every minute" in the grind of non-league football.

Long gone are the blinding flashes of paparazzi cameras and hordes of journalists scrambling for quotes, the days when everyone wanted a piece of a famous footballer. Redbridge Football Club of the Ryman League Division One North has provided the one-time striker, who once made a £3.5m move to Bolton, sanctuary from the demands of top level football and a more tranquil breeding ground to learn his trade as a first-time manager.

"I miss going to Premier League grounds but I'm loving it here," he said without any hint of the jokiness associated with his time in the Crazy Gang at Wimbledon, when pranks were part and parcel of a club that thrived on tearing up reputations.

Holdsworth is attempting to carve out a reputation of his own in coaching circles and



having made a reasonable start to his managerial career, guiding Redbridge to 11th place, just off the play-off positions, he is serious about where he wants to take the club.

"We haven't overachieved. I haven't achieved anything. We won't know how far we've come until the end of the season," he said in unusually humourless fashion. The subsequent years since his playing days, though, have not eroded his determination. The aim is to be realistic. We have a good enough squad to reach the play-offs. After that, I'd back us in any cup final. We're no feeder club for anyone else. We want to make Redbridge formidable."

That goal lies at the end of a long, twisting path pot-holed with difficulties, but Holdsworth has never been short of enthusiasm and he is relishing the challenge of dragging the club out of the non-league quagmire. Progress has been steady and managerial pressures, as a result, have been limited.

"There's pressure, but I put pressure on myself to make sure we get results. I put pressure on the players but the chairman (Jimmy Chapman) is happy. He knows what we're trying to do," he suggested. "There have been ups and downs but lots of ups so far. The hardest part has been maintaining the squad. The starting XI picks itself but picking the bench has been hard because players are not happy when they're on the bench. I've tried to get them to realise it's a squad game. Trying to keep the clientele happy has been hard but I get on well with all of them."

Holdsworth's ability at one time to bully defenders and rampage towards goal without inhibition is behind him and though he admits there is "a slight chance" he will play for Redbridge this season, the 39-year-old gives the impression he wants to hone his focus on coaching.

"I get great satisfaction out of training the lads," he insisted before mischievously adding: "I still think I'm the best out there on the training pitch."

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## **TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC**

Manager Tommy Warrilow on Tuesday announced the signing of former Horsham and Dover Athletic striker Carl Rook for an undisclosed fee. Rook made a name for himself at Hastings United where he was

voted Player of the Year in 2004 before moving to Dover Athletic and later Horsham.

## **TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC**

Tonbridge Angels manager Tom Warrilow was "absolutely delighted" after his Ryman Premier Division side drew 0-0 at Oxford United in the FA Trophy. The Angels now face a replay at Longmead Stadium against the former top-flight Football League club.

"The boys didn't let themselves down - we matched their work-rate," Warrilow told BBC Radio Kent. "Obviously we tired a little bit at the end, but we had one chance headed off the line and we hit the post."

## **TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED FC**

Tooting & Mitcham midfielder Matt York has not given up hope of securing automatic promotion from Ryman League Division One South despite the prospect of falling 10 points adrift of leaders Dover Athletic.

The Terrors took the lead at fellow promotion hopefuls Met Police on Saturday, only to slump to a 2-1 defeat at Imber Court. Dover are now four points clear at the top with two games in hand, giving them the chance to go 10 clear.

Considering the Kent side have dropped just seven points all season, catching them will be a tough ask for Tooting, but York insists that top spot is still within their reach. He said: "It is still early days and we still have everything to play for. Dover are a decent side, but they still have to win those games in hand. We were disappointed on Saturday because we felt we deserved something, but we have to forget it and kick on."

Although they are the division's top scorers - with 48 goals in 19 games - the Terrors have also shipped 24 goals - 10 more than Dover. But York says he is not worried by his side's apparent defensive frailties.

"We are letting in too many goals - but we are gifting teams those goals," he said. "It's not like teams are ripping us apart at the back."

If any side is capable of going on an unbeaten run, it is Billy Smith's Tooting. They put together an unbeaten run of 24 matches on their way to the play-off final last season, and York says that experience will stand them in good stead.

"Going on that run can only help us because we know what it takes," said York. "We know we have to cut out the mistakes, put our chances away and turn up every week knowing we can go home with the three points."

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## WEALDSTONE FC

Wealdstone's adventure in The FA Trophy was ended by Blue Square Premier outfit Weymouth in gut wrenching fashion on Friday.

Wealdstone of the Ryman Premier League looked set to hold their opponents to a highly creditable draw until Jefferson Louis broke the Londoner's hearts with a 93rd minute strike - the only goal of the game. It was a bitter pill for Wealdstone to take, especially as their FA Cup hopes had been dashed in similar circumstances at the Fourth Round Qualifying stage by Hampton & Richmond in October.

Despite the obvious disappointment, chairman Howard Kraus was proud of the efforts his players put in and sees cause for optimism in the future. He said: "It's a huge blow to us especially after what happened in The FA Cup, going out twice in such similar circumstances is hard to take. But we've enjoyed our run in both competitions and played some really great football with real style."

"We are a young team and we can concentrate on the league now and try and get promotion. We have a few games in hand which if we win will bring us right into contention as it's a really tight league. To be able to match a side like Weymouth who are two divisions above us is a very encouraging sign. A few years ago we were at the same level but the gap between us now in terms of finances is massive."

"We have been sharing a ground for 16 years now so it has been difficult for us but tonight's performance from all of the players suggests the future will be bright."

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## WITHAM TOWN FC

Witham Town Football Club player Oilly Murs appeared on Channel.4's "Deal or No Deal" on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007, the 23 year old who has played this season for both the first team in the Ryman League and the reserves in the Ridgeons League walked away with £10.00.

The most he was offered was £22,000 and in a cruel twist of fate he switched the £1,000 that he had in his box with the £10 at the end of the show.

## PLAYER AVAILABILITY - BRAINTREE TOWN FC

Players Available for Loan.

Liam Baily - 19 year old left footed player who can play at left back or left side of midfield. Former Colchester United player who has been with Braintree Town since September 2006. Due to a lack of First Team opportunities this season it has been agreed between the Club and the player to be made available for a loan period. The player is under written contract and should not be contacted directly. Please call Manager Lee Patterson on 0797 688 5120 for more information.

Eugene Ofori - Centre Forward who signed for Braintree Town from Hendon. Due to a lack of First Team opportunities recently there is an opportunity for the player to be dual signed for a short period. The player is not under written contract but please call Manager Lee Patterson on 0797 688 5120 for more information.

## Essex Senior League

A last minute Christmas present – the "History of the Essex Senior League by Keith Roe - £9.99 plus £1.00 postage or post free for three copies from Rob Errington, League Chairman at 3 Chelsea Avenue, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2YL – cheques to be made payable to the Essex Senior League.

## WEEKLY STATS ATTACK

### Top Goalscorers

*(Up to and including Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007)*

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>		<i>Lge Goals</i>
Mark Nwokeji	Staines Town	12
Jon Main	Tonbridge Angels	12
Brian Haule	Hendon	10
Wayne O'Sullivan	Hendon	10
Ricky Holmes	Chelmsford City	10
Simon Thomas	Boreham Wood	9
Steffan Ball	Ramsgate	9
Joe Flack	Billericay Town	8
Peter Dean	Wealdstone	8
Elliott Onchie	Boreham Wood	8
<i>(includes 6 goals for Harrow Borough)</i>		
Kezie Ibe	Chelmsford City	8



## League Form Guide (Last six matches)

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Hendon	4	1	1	23	6	13
2	Staines Town	4	1	1	17	9	13
3	Chelmsford City	3	2	1	13	8	11
4	AFC Wimbledon	3	2	1	9	5	11
5	Wealdstone	3	2	1	10	7	11
6	Margate	3	1	2	12	9	10
7	AFC Hornchurch	3	1	2	10	7	10
8	Heybridge Swifts	3	1	2	7	4	10
9	Ashford Town (Mx)	3	1	2	10	9	10
10	Boreham Wood	3	0	3	12	11	9
11	Horsham	3	0	3	9	10	9
12	Carshalton Athletic	3	0	3	6	10	9
13	Maidstone United	2	2	2	9	9	8
14	Ramsgate	2	2	2	8	8	8
15	Tonbridge Angels	1	4	1	9	9	7
16	Harrow Borough	2	1	3	6	11	7
17	Harlow Town	1	3	2	10	8	6
18	Billericay Town	1	3	2	6	7	6
19	Folkestone Invicta	1	1	4	5	11	4
20	Hastings United	1	1	4	3	9	4
21	Leyton	1	1	4	3	17	4
22	East Thurrock United	0	3	3	4	11	3

<b>DIVISION ONE NORTH</b>		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Maldon Town	5	0	1	16	10	15
2	AFC Sudbury	4	2	0	18	5	14
3	Aveley	4	1	1	13	9	13
4	Enfield Town	4	1	1	10	10	13
5	Dartford	4	0	2	23	11	12
6	Canvey Island	3	2	1	15	7	11
7	Redbridge	3	1	2	9	8	10
8	Arlesey Town	2	3	1	18	10	9
9	Ware	2	3	1	16	9	9
10	Great Wakering Rovers	2	3	1	12	9	9
11	Northwood	3	0	3	12	9	9
12	Edgware Town	2	3	1	8	8	9
13	Witham Town	3	0	3	16	17	9
14	Brentwood Town	2	3	1	7	9	9
15	Potters Bar Town	3	0	3	11	14	9
16	Bury Town	1	3	2	10	13	6
17	Wingate & Finchley	1	1	4	6	14	4
18	Waltham Abbey	1	1	4	4	15	4
19	Tilbury	0	3	3	11	14	3
20	Ilford	1	0	5	4	16	3
21	Waltham Forest	0	2	4	6	18	2
22	Wivenhoe Town	0	0	6	5	13	0

<b>DIVISION ONE SOUTH</b>		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Dover Athletic	5	1	0	15	3	16
2	Dulwich Hamlet	5	0	1	11	5	15
3	Metropolitan Police	4	1	1	14	5	13
4	Cray Wanderers	3	3	0	13	6	12
5	Worthing	4	0	2	13	6	12
6	Kingstonian	3	2	1	8	7	11
7	Chipstead	3	1	2	10	10	10
8	Whyteleafe	2	3	1	4	4	9
9	Walton Casuals	2	2	2	9	8	8
10	Horsham YMCA	2	2	2	9	9	8
11	Burgess Hill Town	2	2	2	6	6	8
12	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	2	1	3	11	10	7
13	Croydon Athletic	2	1	3	9	12	7
14	Chatham Town	1	3	2	9	12	6
15	Eastbourne Town	1	2	3	5	9	5
16	Sittingbourne	1	2	3	6	12	5
17	Leatherhead	1	1	4	7	9	4
18	Corinthian-Casuals	1	1	4	5	10	4
19	Walton & Hersham	1	1	4	5	10	4
20	Molesey	0	3	3	7	14	3
21	Whitstable Town	1	0	5	7	14	3
22	Ashford Town	0	2	4	4	11	2

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