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LEAGUE NEWS

MONTHLY AWARDS

The eighth and final series of the Ryman Football League's Monthly Awards, covering the month of April, will be announced on the Ryman League Newslines on Thursday, 1st May and then on the League's website later that day.

The four Divisional awards cover:

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

WEEKEND REVIEW

With all of the championships and most of the playoff places decided, the real drama came at the bottom of the Premier and One North divisions. In the Premier Division, three of the bottom four won, as did all of the bottom three in Division One North.

The result was that both Carshalton Athletic, conquerors of play-off seeking Tonbridge Angels, and Maidstone United, victors at Kent rivals Folkestone Invicta, survived. It meant that Folkestone joined doomed Leyton, beaten at home by Hastings United, East Thurrock United, who won at Harlow Town, and Boreham Wood, trounced by Ramsgate, in being the ones to go down. For East Thurrock, the point deduction in November proved the difference between staying up and going down, while Boreham Wood's goal difference went from three better to four worse

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than Carshalton's with Saturday's results. In the end, 21st placed Folkestone were just three points behind Harlow Town in 15th – and 19 from the play-offs!

Division One North was no less congested at the bottom. Despite a fantastic late run of 20 points out 24, Ilford ended up relegated by three goals, this after Tilbury suffered a late-season point deduction. The Foxes finished with a win over Witham Town, but they and Wivenhoe are relegated, despite the latter winning against Waltham Forest at Witham. Tilbury saved themselves with a win at Arlesey.

In the play-off races, the last Premier Division spot went to Ramsgate, who ended up two points clear of Ashford Town (Middlesex), winners against champions Chelmsford City, and three ahead of Hendon, who needed to beat Wealdstone, but lost at home. It means that Staines Town, winners at Billericay Town, will entertain Ramsgate and the AFCs will meet, at Wimbledon's Kingsmeadow Stadium, rather than at Hornchurch, as was the case in Saturday's draw.

In Division One North, there was no dramatic comeback for Edgware Town who lost to Ware, so the Hertfordshire club joins Canvey Island, winners over Enfield Town, Redbridge and AFC Sudbury in the postseason. Both Sudbury and Redbridge lost on Saturday, but

they still have home games against Ware and Canvey Island, respectively.

In Division One South, Tooting & Mitcham United and Cray Wanderers both won – the Terrors beating bottom club Molesey and Wanderers triumphing at Chipstead. Metropolitan Police, who lost at home to Dulwich Hamlet will visit Cray, while Worthing, also losers – against Ashford Town – travel to Tooting.

Two players scored hat-tricks on the final weekend of the season: Stafford Browne for Heybridge Swifts against Horsham and John Frendo for Ware against Edgware.

Premier Division

Chelmsford City signed off with a most surprising 4–0 defeat at Ashford Town (Middlesex). Despite goals from Ricky Wellard, two from Gavin Smith and another from Byron Harrison, the Short Lane club ended up just outside of the playoffs. That is because Ramsgate crushed managerless Boreham Wood to claim the last spot and relegate Wood into the bargain after winning 5–0. There was a six-minute hat-trick of sorts for the Schulz brothers, Ollie scoring after 44 and 50 minutes, Warren in the 45th. Ollie Jones had scored in the fourth minute, while Dean Hill finished the scoring after 52.

The biggest crowd of the Division – 1,362 – turned up at Bridge Avenue to see Dean Green's strike for AFC Hornchurch cancelled out by AFC Wimbledon's Jon Main. There were just 28 fewer at the Buzzlines Stadium, but it was visiting Maidstone United's Mo Takalobighashi who ruined the day for Folkestone Invicta fans by scoring the only goal of the game to relegate the hosts. Matt Flitter scored the only goal at New Lodge to give Staines Town the victory they needed to finish second in the table.

Wealdstone, whose safety was confirmed by Monday's goalless draw for Folkestone, celebrated their survival by ending Hendon's playoff hopes, winning 2–1 at Claremont Road. Dean Papali and Nick Salapatas – on his senior debut – put the Stones two goals up before Belal Aiteouakrim replied in the last minute for Hendon. Carshalton Athletic escaped the drop by beating Tonbridge Angels at Colston Avenue with Matt York's first half penalty being followed a second in stoppage time from Matt Carpenter. A win proved insufficient for East Thurrock United at Harlow Town, who led through Clark Akers.

But Max Cornhill equalised for the Rocks and Tony Boot won it in stoppage time.

A solitary goal from Nick Moir was enough for Margate to end the season with a narrow win at Harrow Borough. Scraley Road was the site of the most entertaining game of the day, with Heybridge Swifts twice cancelling out goals from Horsham, before going on to win 3–2. Lee Farrell and Dwayne Clarke scored the Hornets' goals, Stafford Browne all three for the Swifts. Leyton's season ended with a 24th defeat in 25 games – believed to be the worst top-flight run since the Isthmian League went to two divisions in 1974. Hastings United could thank Nathan Russell, Tim Olorunda and Sam Adams for their 3–0 victory.

Division One North

The League's biggest crowd of the day was at Dartford, where 2,568 fans saw Brendon Cass score the only goal to defeat Wingate & Finchley. A goal from Same Adejokun was enough for Potters Bar Town to surprise AFC Sudbury, who nevertheless finished second. This was because Sean Thomas and Danny Carroll were on target for Brentwood Town as they saw off Redbridge.

There were double celebrations on Canvey Island. The Gulls won 2–0 at home to Enfield Town, Leon Gordon and Ian Luck scoring to cement their playoff position, while the town's second club, Concord Rangers was winning promotion from the Essex Senior League. Ware snatched the last postseason spot with a 5–2 win over Edgware Town, John Frendo, 3, Sam Berry and Chris Ellerbeck scoring. Greg Ngoyi was Edgware's marksman twice.

It was the same score at Cricklefield Stadium, where Witham Town lost to hosts Ilford. Elie Kayembi's early goal for Ilford was cancelled out by Michael Lowes, but Carl Bruce, Petrit Elbi, twice and Earl Sterling made it 5–1 before Rob King pulled a goal back. Ilford would have been safe from relegation had Tilbury not won 4–2 at Arlesey Town. The Dockers led through Bradley Smith and Paul King, before Leon Gutzmore and Obi Nene restored parity. But Kurt Smith made it 3–2 and Tom Poole's fourth saw Tilbury safe by two goals. Wivenhoe Town also signed off with a win in vain. They needed both Ilford and Tilbury to fail to win for their 3–1 success at Waltham Forest to matter. Lee Underwood opened the scoring at the Spicer McColl Stadium, Witham, but Waltham Forest were level soon after half-time courtesy of Dazemend Baulti. Two goals in two minutes

from Daniel Flack gave the Dragons their victory.

Waltham Abbey won 2–0 over Maldon Town at Capershotts, Mark Sontag and Louis Collins scoring. Northwood finished the season on a winning note, Matt Baxter's goal being the difference against Great Wakering Rovers at Chestnut Avenue.

Division One South

There was late drama in a number of games, none more so than at Burgess Hill Town, where the Hillians and Chatham Town were drawing 1–1 with five minutes to go. Steve Harper's early goal for Burgess Hill had been cancelled out by Justin Ascheri before half-time. Then, with four minutes to go, Harper restored the Hillians' lead, only for Darren Smith to equalise in stoppage time and Tyran James to grab an even later winner.

At Whitstable Town, Robert Smith gave Whyteleafe a first-half lead, but Ian Pulman and Jake Gess gave the Oystermen an advantage they held until the 86th minute. Enter Leafe substitute Sean Rivers, and he scored twice in the final four minutes to take the points back to Surrey. Ben Andrews opened the scoring for Worthing early in the second half at home to Ashford Town, but Lee Hockey equalised with 14 minutes to go and the Rebels lost with an own goal from Joe Keehan in the last minute.

At Fetcham Grove, Greg Ball's 85th minute goal for Walton Casuals added to Wes Harrison's earlier strike. Billy Marshall made it interesting, pulling a goal back for Leatherhead with a minute to go. There were fewer dramas at Chipstead where Ross Lover and Ryan Royston, albeit the latter in the final five minutes, gave Cray Wanderers a 2–0 victory.

Champions Dover Athletic were largely untroubled as they strolled to a 3–0 victory at Walton & Hersham, with Jon Wallis, twice, and Shaun Welford on target. There was the same result at Horsham YMCA, who went down to Croydon Athletic, Adam Wadmore, Danny Waldron and Greg Andrews the marksmen. Dulwich Hamlet just missed out on the playoffs despite winning at fourth-placed Metropolitan Police. Ryan Bernard and Meshach Nugent scored midway through the first half.

Allan McLeod's goal, midway through the second half, was enough to see off relegated Molesey and guarantee Tooting & Mitcham

United second-place finish. Eastbourne Town climbed out of the bottom three by winning against Kingstonian at Kingsmeadow. Phil Williams gave the Ks the lead after 60 minutes, but Luke Benton equalised six minutes later and Liam Baitup proved to be the match-winner. Twentieth place fell to Corinthian-Casuals who ended the season with a 1–1 draw at Sittingbourne. Home players scored both goals, Colin Richmond at the right end after 14 minutes, Joe Bowley into his own net four minutes later.

Youth League

Ryman Youth League leaders Leatherhead took a giant step towards winning the first ever Youth League championship with a 2-1 win at second placed Kingstonian on Thursday evening. The win leaves Leatherhead needing just seven points from their last five games to clinch the title.

Thursday was quite an evening for the travelling teams, as all five won, with Staines Town and Maidstone notching eight goals each at Carshalton Athletic and Horsham YMCA respectively. Dominic Dwyer and Ryan Ford both scored hat-tricks for Staines, whilst Dave Lewis scored three for Maidstone United.

Elsewhere Croydon Athletic won 3-2 at Tonbridge Angels, whilst Horsham won 2-1 at Worthing – their second win of the week. On Monday evening, Horsham had beaten Maidstone United 2-0, whilst on Tuesday evening Worthing had won 2-1 a home against Tooting & Mitcham United.

ISTHMIAN VETERANS CUP

A brace from Mark Tompkins as well as goals from Micky Collins, Steve White, Austin Barclay and Jerry Dolke saw Bromley win the Veterans' Cup Final 6-1 on Thursday evening against visitors Great Wakering Rovers.

Bromley will be donating all of the prize fund to Ernie Cooksey who is suffering from a form of Cancer known as Malignant Melanoma. For more details on how to make a donation to Ernie Cooksey go to www.erniecooksey.com

BURGESS HILL TOWN FC

Burgess Hill Town Football Club played an ineligible player, Romain le Roux, in eight League matches earlier in the season before he had obtained an International Registration Transfer Certificate, having previously played in France in the summer.

The Club has been fined and has had eight points deducted from their records. The League table has been adjusted accordingly.

TILBURY FC

Tilbury Football Club played a player, Craig Gillam, in their League match against Wivenhoe Town on 29th March whilst he was under a sine die suspension received playing for another club by the Essex County FA. The match had finished as a goalless draw.

The Club has been fined and has had one point deducted from their records. The League table has been adjusted accordingly.

**THE RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
2008 BANQUET AND BALL**
Saturday 14th June 2008
6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

**THE MUSEUM SUITE, COPTHORNE
HOTEL, EFFINGHAM PARK, GATWICK**

Further details, including accommodation, and tickets (price £50 each inclusive of VAT) from
Bruce Badcock

RESULTS

RESULTS

Monday, 21st April 2008

Premier Division

Folkestone Invicta	0 - 0	AFC Hornchurch	387
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Division One South

Horsham YMCA	1 - 0	Molesey	88
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Kingstonian	1 - 0	Whyteleafe	247
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Lodge 46

Tuesday, 22nd April 2008

Premier Division

Boreham Wood	1 - 2	Staines Town	297
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Thomas 22

Newton H. 9, Scarlet 15

Division One North

Maldon Town	2 - 2	Great Wakering Rovers	64
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Division One South

Ashford Town	2 - 1	Walton Casuals	159
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Lovell 69, Bottle 80

Weston 61

London Senior Cup - Final

Hendon	2 - 3	Tooting & Mitcham United	312
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Dwyer 24, Haule B. 83

Henry-Haden 12, 28, Vines P. 56

Wednesday, 23rd April 2008

Herts. Charity Cup - Final

Ware	0 - 1	Cheshunt	122
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Farrell 57

Thursday, 24th April 2008

ISTHMIAN VETERANS CUP - FINAL

Bromley	6 - 1	Great Wakering Rovers	52
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Tompkins (2), Collins,
White, Barclay, Dolke

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Saturday, 26th April 2008

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch	1 - 1	AFC Wimbledon	1,362
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Green 36

Main 69

Ashford Town (Middx)	4 - 0	Chelmsford City	357
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Wellard 32 (pen), Smith 37, 63,
Harrison 69

Billericay Town	0 - 1	Staines Town Fliter 12	532
Carshalton Athletic York 16 (pen), Carpenter 90	2- 0	Tonbridge Angels	510
Folkestone Invicta	0 - 1	Maidstone United Tkalobighashi 26	1,334
Harlow Town Akers 47	1 - 2	East Thurrock United Cornhill 73, Boot 90	427
Harrow Borough	0 - 1	Margate Moir 52	142
Hendon Aiteouakrim 90	1 - 2	Wealdstone Papali 53 (oen), Salapatas 83	446
Heybridge Swifts Browne 14, 45 (pen), 66	3 - 2	Horsham Farrell 6, Clarke 41	259
Leyton	0 - 3	Hastings United Russell 23, Olorunda T. 40, Adams 87 (pen)	195
Ramsgate Jones 4, Schulz O. 44, 50, Schulz W. 45, Hill 52	5 - 0	Boreham Wood	496
Division One North			
AFC Sudbury	0 - 1	Potters Bar Town Adeiokun 65	333
Arlesey Town Gutzmore 29, Nene 39	2 - 4	Tilbury Smart 9, King 15, Smith K. 65. Poole 79	93
Aveley Doyle 3, Bradbury 30, Barnes 37, Wheeler 66	4 - 1	Bury Town Smith 15	136
Brentwood Town Thomas 39 (pen), Carroll 87	2 - 0	Redbridge	212
Canvey Island Gordon 49, Luck 73	2 - 0	Enfield Town	613
Dartford Cass	1 - 0	Wingate & Finchley	2,568
Ilford Kayembi 6, Bruce 41, Elbi 60, Laxton 72, Sterling 77	5- 2	Witham Town Lowes 16, King 1	92
Northwood Baxter 8	1 - 0	Great Wakering Rovers	137
Waltham Abbey Ontag M. 14, Collins 48	2 - 0	Maldon Town	101
Waltham Forest Bauti 49	1 - 3	Wivenhoe Town Underwood 41, Flack 61, 63	95
Ware Frendo 7, 21 (pen), 90, Berry 16, Ellerbeck 19	5 - 2	Edgware Town Ngoyi 3, 45	317
Division One South			
Burgess Hill Town Harper 8, 86	2 - 3	Chatham Town Ascheri 39, Smith 90, Tyran 90	414
Chipstead	0 - 2	Cray Wanderers Lover 32, Royston 88	112
Horsham YMCA	0 - 3	Croydon Athletic Wadmore 10, Waldron 23, Andrews 85	112
Kingstonian Williams P. 60	1 - 2	Eastbourne Town Denton 69, Baitup 76	323
Leatherhead Marshall 89	1 - 2	Walton Casuals Harrison 44, Ball 85	171
Metropolitan Police	0 - 2	Dulwich Hamlet Bernard 26, Nugent 31	148
Sittingbourne Richmond 14	1 - 1	Corinthian-Casuals Dowley 18 (og)	164

Tooting & Mitcham United McLeod 71	1 - 0	Molesey	229
Walton & Hersham	0 - 3	Dover Athletic Wallis 10, 33, Welford 82	260
Whitstable Town Pulman 59 pen), Gess 74	2 - 3	Whyteleafe Smith 41, Rivers 86, 89	221
Worthing Andrews 47	1 - 2	Ashford Town Hockey 76, Keeham 90 (og)	457

FIXTURES

Tuesday, 29th April 2008

Premier Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. AFC Hornchurch
Staines Town vs. Ramsgate

Division One North

AFC Sudbury vs. Canvey Island
Redbridge vs. Ware

Division One South

Cray Wanderers vs. Metropolitan Police
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Worthing

Wednesday, 30th April 2008

Middlesex F.A. Charity Cup - Final

Enfield Town vs. Hillingdon Borough (at
Hayes & Yeading F.C. - kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

Saturday, 3rd May 2008

Premier Division

Play-off Final

Division One North

Play-off Final

Division One South

Play-off Final

Tuesday, 6th May 2008

Surrey Senior Cup - Final

Whyteleafe vs. Merstham (at Metropolitan
Police F.C. - kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

LEAGUE TABLES

Final Tables

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Chelmsford City	42	26	9	7	84	39	87	+45
Staines Town	42	22	12	8	85	54	78	+31
AFC Wimbledon	42	22	9	11	81	47	75	+34
AFC Hornchurch	42	20	10	12	68	44	70	+24
Ramsgate	42	19	11	12	67	53	68	+14
Ashford Town (Middx)	42	20	6	16	79	65	66	+14
Hendon	42	18	11	13	79	67	65	+12
Tonbridge Angels	42	17	12	13	77	57	63	+20
Margate	42	17	11	14	71	68	62	+3
Billericay Town	42	16	12	14	66	57	60	+9
Horsham	42	18	5	19	63	63	59	+0
Heybridge Swifts	42	14	13	15	64	64	55	+0
Wealdstone	42	15	9	18	68	75	54	-7
Hastings United	42	15	8	19	58	67	53	-9
Harlow Town	42	13	13	16	56	52	52	+4
Harrow Borough	42	15	7	20	61	74	52	-13
Maidstone United	42	16	4	22	56	79	52	-23
Carshalton Athletic	42	14	8	20	52	65	50	-13
Boreham Wood	42	15	5	22	56	73	50	-17
East Thurrock United	42	14	9	19	48	67	50	-19
Folkestone Invicta	42	13	10	19	49	70	49	-21
Leyton	42	4	4	34	35	123	16	-88

East Thurrock United FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player

DIVISION ONE NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Dartford	42	27	8	7	107	42	89	+65
AFC Sudbury	42	24	8	10	86	40	80	+46
Redbridge	42	24	9	9	70	43	80	+27
Ware	42	23	10	9	110	58	79	+52
Canvey Island	42	23	10	9	82	39	79	+43
Brentwood Town	42	22	11	9	70	49	77	+21
Bury Town	42	22	9	11	76	53	75	+23
Edgware Town	42	20	14	8	53	39	74	+14
Maldon Town	42	19	10	13	78	63	67	+15
Northwood	42	18	12	12	71	61	66	+10
Aveley	42	18	12	12	68	65	66	+3
Enfield Town	42	18	9	15	60	63	63	-3
Great Wakering Rovers	42	13	9	20	64	66	48	-2
Waltham Abbey	42	12	10	20	42	78	46	-36
Arlesey Town	42	12	9	21	64	84	45	-20
Witham Town	42	12	5	25	75	109	41	-34
Potters Bar Town	42	10	9	23	45	77	39	-32
Wingate & Finchley	42	8	11	23	45	72	35	-27
Waltham Forest	42	7	12	23	44	74	33	-30
Tilbury	42	7	12	23	49	96	32	-47
Ilford	42	8	8	26	47	95	32	-48
Wivenhoe Town	42	8	7	27	46	86	31	-40

Redbridge FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player

Tilbury FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Dover Athletic	42	30	8	4	84	29	98	+55
Tooting & Mitcham United	42	26	8	8	88	41	86	+47
Cray Wanderers	42	25	11	6	87	42	86	+45
Metropolitan Police	42	24	3	15	69	47	75	+22
Worthing	42	22	7	13	77	49	73	+28
Dulwich Hamlet	42	20	10	12	68	47	70	+21
Kingstonian	42	20	10	12	66	52	70	+14
Ashford Town	42	19	10	13	64	51	67	+13
Sittingbourne	42	20	7	15	56	58	67	-2
Walton & Hersham	42	15	12	15	65	62	57	+3
Whyteleafe	42	17	5	20	57	62	56	-5
Burgess Hill Town	42	18	8	16	61	57	54	+4
Croydon Athletic	42	14	9	19	65	76	51	-11
Whitstable Town	42	14	8	20	69	84	50	-15
Chipstead	42	15	5	22	58	76	50	-18
Walton Casuals	42	11	15	16	55	68	48	-13
Leatherhead	42	13	7	22	52	63	46	-11
Chatham Town	42	12	10	20	58	70	46	-12
Eastbourne Town	42	11	11	20	58	84	44	-26
Corinthian-Casuals	42	11	11	20	51	77	44	-26
Horsham YMCA	42	7	6	29	36	85	27	-49
Molesey	42	3	9	30	36	100	18	-64

Burgess Hill Town FC deducted eight points for playing an ineligible player

RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE

RESULTS

Monday, 21st April 2008

Horsham Whiteford 2, Nwachukwu 83	2 - 0	Maidstone United	54
Tonbridge Angels	<i>Postponed</i>	Burgess Hill Town <i>(Waterlogged pitch)</i>	

Tuesday, 22nd April 2008

Worthing Constable 37, 52	2 - 1	Tooting & Mitcham United Sorpung-Abodgue 66	40
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Thursday, 24th April 2008

AFC Wimbledon	<i>Postponed</i>	Tooting & Mitcham United <i>(Waterlogged pitch)</i>	
Carshalton Athletic Bonsu 85	1 - 8	Staines Town Dwyer 1, 3, 82 (pen), McShane 7. Ford 16, 59, 60, Marren 54	39
Horsham YMCA Rowland 12, Oram 68	2 - 8	Maidstone United Breden 1, Lewis 42, 72, 89, Lyll 15, Whibley 17, Garner 28, Ibbotson 87,	65
Kingstonian Sheridan 45	1 - 2	Leatherhead M'Baye 7, Barilli 63	28
Tonbridge Angels Daly 8, 30	2 - 3	Croydon Athletic Carnegie 20, Omoniyi 65, Oni 90	20
Worthing Rees 80	1 - 2	Horsham Elliott 30, 60	50

RESULTS

FIXTURES

Monday, 28th April 2008

Croydon Athletic vs. Carshalton Athletic
Horsham vs. Worthing
Leatherhead vs. Maidstone United

Tuesday, 29th April 2008

Tonbridge Angels vs. AFC Wimbledon
Isthmian Youth Cup – Semi-Final
Boreham Wood vs. Worthing

Wednesday, 30th April 2008

Croydon Athletic vs. Leatherhead
Staines Town vs. Burgess Hill Town
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Maidstone United
Worthing vs. Tonbridge Angels

Friday, 2nd May 2008

Croydon Athletic vs. Maidstone United

Saturday, 3rd May 2008

Staines Town vs. Worthing

FIXTURES

Monday, 5th May 2008

Burgess Hill Town vs. Worthing
Carshalton Athletic vs. Tonbridge Angels
Leatherhead vs. Kingstonian

Wednesday, 7th May 2008

Maidstone United vs. Horsham YMCA
Staines Town vs. Tonbridge Angels

Thursday, 8th May 2008

AFC Wimbledon vs. Croydon Athletic
Leatherhead vs. Worthing

Friday, 9th May 2008

Tonbridge Angels vs. Burgess Hill Town

Tuesday, 13th May 2008

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Tonbridge Angels

Wednesday, 14th May 2008

Maidstone United vs. Worthing

Thursday, 15th May 2008

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Burgess Hill Town

To be dated

AFC Wimbledon vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Horsham YMCA vs. Tonbridge Angels

Kingstonian vs. Maidstone United
Staines Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham

Tonbridge Angels vs. Leatherhead

Worthing vs. Horsham YMCA

YOUTH LEAGUE TABLES

As at Saturday, 26th April 2008

YOUTH LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Leatherhead	19	14	3	2	61	28	45	+33
Kingstonian	22	12	4	6	60	25	40	+35
Staines Town	20	13	0	7	56	30	39	+26
Croydon Athletic	20	12	3	5	48	29	39	+19
AFC Wimbledon	21	10	3	8	46	41	33	+5
Worthing	17	8	3	6	42	22	27	+20
Burgess Hill Town	20	8	3	9	44	58	27	-14
Horsham	22	8	3	11	36	57	27	-21
Maidstone United	18	8	1	9	36	34	25	+2
Tooting & Mitcham United	19	7	3	9	44	40	24	+4
Tonbridge Angels	15	6	4	5	31	21	22	+10
Carshalton Athletic	22	5	2	15	21	47	17	-26
Horsham YMCA	21	0	2	19	19	112	2	-93

CLUB GOSSIP

BOREHAM WOOD FC

Boreham Wood Football Club has given Team Manager George Borg compassionate leave until the end of the current season as a result of an illness due to an illness to a member of his family. All wish George and his family well.

BRENTWOOD TOWN FC

Steve Witherspoon, Brentwood Town Football Club's first team manager, has announced that he is to resign his post at the end of the season. Steve has decided to give up more time to help Connor, his thirteen year old son who has a two year contract with Charlton Athletic Football Club.

The Club are reeling from the announcement, following Witherspoon's achievements over the past two seasons, presiding over the club being promoted from the Essex Senior League and winning the treble on the way, and also steering the first team to a very respectable place in the Ryman Division One North League in their first season still with an

outside chance of reaching the promotion play-offs. .

Brentwood's chairman Keith Woodcock issued a statement, "I am truly sorry to see Steve step down after two fantastic seasons, but fully understand his situation. In life you have to make decisions that affect many people around you, but I applaud Steve's decision, and wish both Steve and Connor, and in fact the rest of the Witherspoon family the very best of luck for the future. Steve has indicated that he still wants to be involved with the club in maybe a coaching capacity, and I will be happy to see him at the Brentwood Arena whenever he can make it."

The search for Witherspoon's successor goes on and the Club's Director of Football, Brian Hallett, is currently casting his eye over a few CV's and expecting many more to come through his letterbox. Anyone interested in applying for the post should send their CV to Brian at Leigh House, Weald Road, Brentwood, CM14 4SX.

CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC

The Robins have received more recognition for their Youth work in the local community, including a nomination for Charter Standard Club of the Year. Special mention has been made of the many activities co-ordinated by Mark Hudson, the Club's Youth Development Officer, including:

- Football Coaching at six Primary Schools
- Operating a Mini Soccer Centre at a local Secondary School
- Running Holiday Football Coaching.
- Running the Football and Multi Skills Coaching at a special needs school as part of the London Mayors Fund.
- Running a Football Programme as part of the Playground to Podium Programme.
- Coaching on the London Borough of Merton's Kicz Programme.
- Creating a link with the local small sided Football league to create a partnership designed to promote the club and help the league with their administration and meetings agenda.

DOVER ATHLETIC FC

Andy Hessenthaler says guiding Dover Athletic to win the Ryman League Premier Division One South title in his first season at the club ranks as high as anything he achieved at Gillingham.

The popular player-boss celebrated with his team and supporters after the game and not even a 2-0 home defeat by Sittingbourne could dampen the celebrations.

Hessenthaler said: "We made a bold statement when we arrived that we wanted to get promotion and have done that. Let's hope it's the start of something big. For me it's a big achievement, up there with the best, getting to the play-offs at Priestfield and then taking Gillingham to their highest position in the club's history in the Championship.

"I didn't see it as dropping a level when I came here. I was joining an ambitious club and am delighted by what we have achieved."

STAINES TOWN FC

Howard Newton's early goal in last Tuesday's 2-1 victory at Boreham Wood was Staines Town's 1,000th in the top flight of the Isthmian League. Their runners-up spot is their highest ever placing in this league.

Staines have scored 85 League goals this season, the same tally as they recorded in 1970/1, 1993/4, and 2003/4. Not since 1957/8 - exactly half a century ago - have they exceeded this figure; in that season, they

bagged exactly 100 goals in a Hellenic League season of only 30 games.

Staines Town have had an active Veterans XI ever since 1985, and one of their players in that first season was Peter Gelson. A former Brentford star, who played over 500 games for The Bees in the 60s and 70s, he is now back in England after several years abroad, and made a 20-minute appearance for Staines in their final game of 2007/8. However, the 66-year old could not turn the game around, as the Swans went down 3-1 at home to Old Latymerians, with John-Paul Coleman their scorer.

WALTHAM FOREST FC

Waltham Forest secured their place in the Ryman League with one of their best performances of the season last Saturday against Enfield Town.

The Stags desperately needed victory after a run of six games without a win had left them tantalising close to the drop zone. But an excellent all-round performance ensured they took home with all three points.

Boss Ged Searson was delighted with the performance. He said: "It was a great performance but that result has been coming for the last couple of weeks. There were some relieved people on the pitch after the whistle but the players have proved that they can play at this level."

WALTON & HERSHAM FC

Walton & Hershams Football Club manager Les Cleevely has announced that he is standing down as first team manager. Les who has combined his task of managing the first team alongside the duties of running the highly successful academy, felt that it was time for a change and decided it was in the best interest of the club

WEEKLY STATS ATTACK

Top Goalscorers

(Up to and including Saturday, 26th April 2008)

PREMIER DIVISION

		Lge Goals
Mark Nwokeji	Staines Town	26
James Pinnock	Margate	24
Carl Rook	Tonbridge Angels	23
<i>(includes 6 goals for Horsham)</i>		
Brian Haule	Hendon	20
Steven Wareham	East Thurrock United	20
<i>(includes 18 goals for Maldon Town)</i>		
Jon Main	AFC Wimbledon	20
<i>(includes 12 goals for Tonbridge Angels)</i>		
Reggie Savage	Heybridge Swifts	19
<i>(includes 15 goals for Croydon Athletic)</i>		
Bradley Woods-Garness	Billericay Town	19
Simon Parker	AFC Hornchurch	18
Stafford Browne	Heybridge Swifts	17
Wayne O'Sullivan	Hendon	16
Ricky Holmes	Chelmsford City	16
Billy Bricknell	Billericay Town	15
<i>(includes 9 goals for Leyton)</i>		
Simon Thomas	Boreham Wood	15
Kris Lee	AFC Hornchurch	14
Bertie Brayley	Chelmsford City	14
Sean Marks	Heybridge Swifts	14
Ade Olorunda	Hastings United	14

DIVISION ONE NORTH

		Lge Goals
John Frendo	Ware	32
Brendon Cass	Dartford	31
James Rowe	AFC Sudbury	27
Sam Reed	Bury Town	22
Cody McDonald	Witham Town	21
Kurt Smith	Tilbury	20
Kevin Hawes	Maldon Town	19
<i>(includes 10 goals for Witham Town)</i>		
Martin Tuohy	Great Wakering Rovers	19
Jamie Ricks	Maldon Town	18
<i>(includes 12 goals for Witham Town)</i>		
Scott Nielson	Ware	17
Jay May	Dartford	17

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

		Lge Goals
Craig Carley	Metropolitan Police	26
Liam Baitup	Eastbourne Town	23
Steve Harper	Burgess Hill Town	22
Jon Henry-Hayden	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	21
Bobby Traynor	Kingstonian	19
James Dryden	Dover Athletic	19
Paul Vines	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	19
Frannie Collin	Dover Athletic	18
Danny Oakins	Chipstead	16
Moses Ademola	Croydon Athletic	16
Darren Smith	Chatham Town	16

YOUTH LEAGUE

		Lge Goals
Lyle Taylor	Staines Town	16
Michael Mullen	Kingstonian	14
Mark Watkins	Kingstonian	14
Michael Antonio	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	12
Lee Davison	AFC Wimbledon	12
Dan Moody	Croydon Athletic	12

Hat-trick heroes

(Week beginning Monday, 21st April 2008)

This week's hat-trick stars are:

Stafford Browne	Heybridge Swifts
John Frendo	Ware

This week's Youth League hat-trick stars are:

Dave Lewis	Maidstone United
Dominic Dwyer	Staines Town
Ryan Ford	Staines Town

Best Attendances – Club by Club

(Up to and including Saturday, 26th April 2008)

PREMIER DIVISION

3,201	Chelmsford City vs. AFC Wimbledon 15 th March 2008
3,124	AFC Wimbledon vs. Chelmsford City 1 st December 2007
1,636	Carshalton Athletic vs. AFC Wimbledon 24 th March 2008
1,572	Billericay Town vs. Chelmsford City 27 th August 2007
1,536	Hastings United vs. AFC Wimbledon 17 th November 2007
1,508	Margate vs. Ramsgate 26 th December 2007
1,407	Staines Town vs. AFC Wimbledon 29 th December 2007
1,334	Folkestone Invicta vs. Maidstone United 26 th April 2008
1,224	Maidstone United vs. AFC Wimbledon 5 th January 2008
1,210	Ramsgate vs. Margate 24 th March 2008

DIVISION ONE NORTH

2,568	Dartford vs. Wingate & Finchley 26 th April 2008
819	Canvey Island vs. Dartford 24 th March 2008
738	AFC Sudbury vs. Dartford 9 th February 2008
613	Edgware Town vs. Dartford 19 th April 2008
516	Enfield Town vs. Dartford 15 th March 2008
511	Bury Town vs. Dartford 8 th March 2008
426	Ware vs. AFC Sudbury 15 th March 2008

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1,324	Dover Athletic vs. Ashford Town 24 th March 2008
1,041	Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Dover Athletic 1 st March 2008
1,002	Whitstable Town vs. Dover Athletic 27 th August 2007

855	Ashford Town vs. Dover Athletic	26 th December 2007
515	Chatham Town vs. Dover Athletic	19 th January 2008
488	Worthing vs. Dover Athletic	29 th March 2008
484	Dulwich Hamlet vs. Dover Athletic	2 nd February 2008

Wins Analysis

(Up to and including Saturday, 26th April 2008)

PREMIER DIVISION

Matches Played:	462	
Home Wins	219	47.4%
Away Wins	144	31.2 %
Draws	99	21.4 %
Home Goals	798	
Away Goals	625	
Total Goals	1,423	

DIVISION ONE NORTH

Matches Played:	462	
Home Wins	202	43.7 %
Away Wins	153	33.1 %
Draws	107	23.2 %
Home Goals	813	
Away Goals	639	
Total Goals	1,452	

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Matches Played:	462	
Home Wins	198	42.8 %
Away Wins	169	36.6 %
Draws	95	20.6 %
Home Goals	735	
Away Goals	645	
Total Goals	1,380	

YOUTH LEAGUE

Matches Played:	128	
Home Wins	62	48.4 %
Away Wins	49	38.3 %
Draws	17	13.3 %
Home Goals	289	
Away Goals	255	
Total Goals	544	

League Form Guide (Last six matches)

PREMIER DIVISION		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Ramsgate	4	1	1	13	8	13
2	Staines Town	4	1	1	9	6	13
3	AFC Hornchurch	3	3	0	14	3	12
4	Ashford Town (Mx)	4	0	2	16	8	12
5	Hastings United	4	0	2	16	8	12
6	Carshalton Athletic	3	1	2	11	7	10
7	Heybridge Swifts	3	1	2	15	12	10
8	AFC Wimbledon	3	1	2	12	9	10
9	Margate	3	1	2	15	13	10
10	Maidstone United	3	1	2	10	10	10
11	Hendon	3	0	3	9	11	9
12	Tonbridge Angels	2	2	2	10	6	8
13	Harlow Town	2	2	2	7	7	8
14	Wealdstone	2	2	2	9	10	8
15	Chelmsford City	2	2	2	6	7	8
16	East Thurrock United	2	1	3	8	9	7

17	Boreham Wood	2	1	3	6	11	7
18	Billericay Town	1	3	2	7	8	6
19	Folkestone Invicta	1	2	3	7	11	5
20	Harrow Borough	1	1	4	2	9	4
21	Horsham	1	0	5	8	13	3
22	Leyton	0	0	6	3	25	0

DIVISION ONE NORTH

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

DIVISION ONE SOUTH

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

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