



RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN

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LEAGUE NEWS

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SEASON 2008-09 WELCOME

“Best wishes to all Member Clubs of the Ryman Football League in season 2008/09.

“As always, last season the three Divisions were particularly competitive, with the titles and play-off places only being settled late in the season, and I see no reason that 2008/09 will be any different.

“We warmly welcome the nine new member clubs to our League, competing in a very strong Premier Division and two regional First Divisions.

“At the same time we have had to say goodbye to a similar number of clubs, and we wish them every success and enjoyment in their respective new Leagues this season.

“Hopefully, we will also see the success, as last season at Staines Town, Horsham and AFC Wimbledon, in the national cup competitions – the FA Cup and the FA Trophy – as well as in the respective County Cup games.

“I also look forward with much anticipation to the second season for Youth League, now with twenty clubs competing in two Divisions, with another very successful season.

*The Ryman Football League is fully committed in its support of The FA’s “Respect Programme”, and look to the full co-operation of all Member Clubs of the League with this initiative to enhance our game.

“Good luck to every Club in our League, and thank you for your support.”

Alan Turvey
Chairman

ANDREW LETTS

It was with great sadness that the League heard that Sutton United Football Club President, and former Vice President of the Isthmian Football League, Andrew Letts, passed away on Saturday, 2nd August, aged 93.

Originally introduced to Sutton United by his neighbour Charles Collingwood, who was

himself President of the Club, Andrew became active in the early Supporters' Club before moving onto the Club's management committee after the war. He was one of the hardy group of volunteers who helped construct their main grandstand and his far-sightedness was instrumental in Sutton United becoming one of the first clubs to seek limited company status in 1953, a move that paved the way for what would become some four

decades of almost continual success. One of the pivotal people in the history of Sutton United, his role in creating the Club we know today should never be underestimated.

Andrew was the first Chairman of the limited company, a position he held until stepping down in 1974, and then became Club President. He remained the company's major shareholder and played an active part in Club affairs, attending board meetings as often as he could until quite recently. A lawyer by profession, Andrew also served the community as an alderman and became the first Mayor of the new borough of Sutton & Cheam in 1965.

He is survived by his second wife, Doris, son Howard and daughters Carol and Sheila. Two of Andrew's grandsons, Philip and William, are continuing in the family tradition by supporting the U's home and away. Phil is our current Safety Officer and William, a lawyer like his grandfather, provides us with legal advice.

The League send its sympathy and condolences to the family at this sad time.

The Club will be holding a minute's silence before their first home league game, against Ramsgate on Tuesday, 19th August.

Andrew's funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th August, at St. Paul's Church in Nork. All who wish to pay their respects are very welcome to attend the memorial service, which will commence at Noon. This will be followed by a private cremation.

The Club have set up a book of condolences for Andrew and this is available to sign at the club, but you can also make your entry on-line, simply e-mail secretary@suttonunited.net with your name (or names if there's more than one of you) and a brief message. The completed book will be given to the family.

ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FA

The Isthmian League Board of Directors has elected Nick Robinson to be the League's representative on the Council of The Football Association this season. The appointment follows the restructuring of The FA, allowing the League to have a representative on their Council for the first time, twelve months ago.

Nick is also the League's new Vice Chairman following his election to that office at the Annual General Meeting in June.

RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATISTICAL REVIEW –SEASON 2007/08

The eleventh edition of "The Statistical Review of the Ryman Football League" – 2007/08 season is now available.

It includes all the results, goalscorers and attendances of League, League Cup, Youth League, Youth Cup, Veterans Cup, Womens Cup, FA Cup, FA Trophy and County Senior Cups of each member club with listed player appearances for League matches including regular playing position. An index of players in alphabetical format is also included.

Also included is an index of players in alphabetical format of each player used in the Ryman League and their regular playing position.

The book costs £5.50 + 78p (1st) or 67p (2nd) to cover postage.

Copies may be purchased from: **Mike Wilson, 71 Elm Road, Slade Green, Kent DA8 2NN**

LEAGUE RULE 15.3 – MATCH OFFICIALS

Rule 15.3 was amended at the Annual General Meeting to read as follows:

In the event of any of the Match Officials appointed for a match not being in attendance at the match or becoming unable to complete the match it shall be completed under the control of the remaining Match Officials unless the competing Clubs are able to agree upon a substitute who is acceptable to the Match Referee; should the appointed Match Referee fail to appear then the senior Assistant Referee must take charge. Any substitute agreed for a match shall be considered a Match Official for the purposes of that match.

In the event that a Club causes a match to be abandoned in relation to the operation of this Rule then that Club shall be charged with failing to fulfil a fixture (Rule 8.6 refers).

NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM SEASON 2008/09 - STEP 1 TO 5 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The Football Association have confirmed the procedures relating to promotion and relegation at the conclusion of season 2008/2009. Set out below are the details of how this will operate, taking into account the changed structure for this season.

Therefore, the following procedures will apply:

Step 1 and Step 2

The clubs finishing in the bottom four places at Step 1 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2. They will be replaced by the clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 2 together with a further two clubs which win a series of play-off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 2. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs finishing below position 7 would not be considered.

Step 2 and Step 3

The clubs in the bottom three places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3. They will be replaced by the clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 3 together with a further three clubs determined by a series of play-off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 3. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs finishing below position 7 would not be considered. The promoted clubs will also be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2.

Step 3 and Step 4

The clubs in the bottom four places in each of the three divisions at Step 3 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4. They will be replaced by the club finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 4 together with a further six clubs to be determined by a series of play-off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 4. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs

finishing below position 7 would not be considered.

The promoted clubs will also be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3.

Step 4 and Step 5

In normal circumstances, the clubs in the bottom two places in each of the six divisions at Step 4 will be replaced by the twelve most suitable clubs from the leagues at Step 5 as determined by the LC. Each of these leagues will nominate the club finishing in 1st position subject to meeting the entry criteria and wishing to be considered for promotion. In the event of the 1st placed club not being nominated, the club finishing in 2nd position can be nominated subject to the same criteria. Both the clubs relegated from Step 4 and the clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be placed in a feeder pool and allocated to the most geographically appropriate league.

In the event that there are more clubs qualifying for promotion than spaces available, priority will be given to the Champion clubs in Step 5 leagues. If there remains vacancies, clubs finishing in 2nd place in Step 5 leagues will be ranked according to the average number of points gained per games played.

Clubs seeking promotion from Step 5 to Step 4 must make application in writing to The Football Association, copied to their existing league, by 31st December in the relevant year. The application must be accompanied by the agreed grading fee, as determined by the LC, which is non refundable. The Football Association will arrange for ground grading visits to take place before 31st March in the relevant year. A final list of clubs eligible to be considered for promotion will be published by 15th April. Final promotion will be subject to the criteria outlined in the paragraph above.

MATCH OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES

Match fees for match officials remain the same for the new season, but The FA have increased the travelling expenses.

They are as follows:

Referee match fee	£45.00
Assistant referee match fee	£30.00
Travelling expenses	34p per mile

The match fees, inclusive of travelling expenses, for officials in the Ryman Youth League are:

Referee match fee	£35.00
Assistant referee match fee	£27.00

MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

A reminder that Contributory League Match Official appointments are no longer distributed by The FA by post but are available online at:

<http://www.TheFA.com/ContributoryLeagueOfficials>

This link can also be accessed by visiting www.TheFA.com, selecting THE FA tab at the top of the page, then Refereeing on the left of the page, and then clicking the link to Contributory League Officials. Appointments will be available in accordance with the dates outlined below.

September - Week Commencing 18th August 2008

October - Week Commencing 15th September 2008

November - Week Commencing 13th October 2008

December - Week Commencing 17th November 2008

January - Week Commencing 15th December 2008

February - Week Commencing 12th January 2009

March - Week Commencing 6th February 2009
April/May - Week Commencing 16th March 2009

RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL - TELEPHONE 09066 555 777

The Ryman League ClubCall is the League's official telephone information service. The line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ClubCall presents a daily bulletin of news and interviews. We like to speak to the clubs that are in the news each day.

All the match results are available on the ClubCall line each midweek night after around 10pm and every Saturday after 6pm.

Calls are charged at 60p per minute. The call revenue helps the Ryman Football League.

RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL
Telephone 09066 555 777

FIXTURES

Saturday, 16th August, 2008

Premier Division

Canvey Island vs. Horsham
Carshalton Athletic vs. Margate
Dover Athletic vs. Harrow Borough
Harlow Town vs. Sutton United
Hastings United vs. Ashford Town (Middx)
Hendon vs. Dartford
Heybridge Swifts vs. Maidstone United
Ramsgate vs. AFC Hornchurch
Staines Town vs. Billericay Town
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Boreham Wood
Wealdstone vs. Tonbridge Angels

Division One North

Aveley vs. Cheshunt
Brentwood Town vs. Concord Rangers
Chatham Town vs. Ilford
East Thurrock United vs. Waltham Abbey
Enfield Town vs. Maldon Town
Great Wakering Rovers vs. Wingate & Finchley
Hillingdon Borough vs. Redbridge
Potters Bar Town vs. Leyton
Waltham Forest vs. Northwood
Ware vs. Thamesmead Town
Witham Town vs. Tilbury

FIXTURES

Division One South

Ashford Town vs. Walton Casuals
Burgess Hill Town vs. Leatherhead
Chipstead vs. Whitstable Town
Cray Wanderers vs. Godalming Town
Croydon Athletic vs. Metropolitan Police
Dulwich Hamlet vs. Eastbourne Town
Fleet Town vs. Corinthian-Casuals
Sittingbourne vs. Kingstonian
Walton & Hersham vs. Crowborough Athletic
Whyteleafe vs. Merstham
Worthing vs. Folkestone Invicta

Monday, 18th August, 2008

Division One South

Kingstonian vs. Fleet Town

Tuesday, 19th August, 2008

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Carshalton Athletic
Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Wealdstone
Billericay Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United
Boreham Wood vs. Hastings United
Dartford vs. Dover Athletic
Harrow Borough vs. Heybridge Swifts
Maidstone United vs. Canvey Island

Margate vs. Hendon
Sutton United vs. Ramsgate
Tonbridge Angels vs. Harlow Town

Division One North

Cheshunt vs. Hillingdon Borough
Concord Rangers vs. Aveley
Leyton vs. Brentwood Town
Maldon Town vs. East Thurrock United
Northwood vs. Enfield Town
Redbridge vs. Waltham Forest
Thamesmead Town vs. Potters Bar Town
Tilbury vs. Ware
Waltham Abbey vs. Witham Town
Wingate & Finchley vs. Chatham Town

Division One South

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Walton & Hersham
Crowborough Athletic vs. Ashford Town
Folkestone Invicta vs. Chipstead
Godalming Town vs. Burgess Hill Town
Leatherhead vs. Worthing
Merstham vs. Sittingbourne
Metropolitan Police vs. Cray Wanderers
Walton Casuals vs. Dulwich Hamlet
Whitstable Town vs. Croydon Athletic

Wednesday, 20th August, 2008

Premier Division

Horsham vs. Staines Town

Division One North

Ilford vs. Great Wakering Rovers

Division One South

Eastbourne Town vs. Whyteleafe

Saturday, 23rd August, 2008

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Dover Athletic
Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Tooting & Mitcham United
Billericay Town vs. Wealdstone
Boreham Wood vs. Ramsgate
Dartford vs. Hastings United
Harrow Borough vs. Carshalton Athletic
Horsham vs. Heybridge Swifts
Maidstone United vs. Harlow Town
Margate vs. Canvey Island
Sutton United vs. Hendon
Tonbridge Angels vs. Staines Town

Division One North

Cheshunt vs. Chatham Town
Concord Rangers vs. Enfield Town
Ilford vs. East Thurrock United
Leyton vs. Waltham Forest
Maldon Town vs. Ware
Northwood vs. Aveley
Redbridge vs. Potters Bar Town
Thamesmead Town vs. Great Wakering Rovers

Tilbury vs. Hillingdon Borough
Waltham Abbey vs. Brentwood Town
Wingate & Finchley vs. Witham Town

Division One South

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Sittingbourne
Crowborough Athletic vs. Fleet Town
Eastbourne Town vs. Croydon Athletic
(kick-off 12 noon)

Folkestone Invicta vs. Walton & Hersham
Godalming Town vs. Ashford Town
Kingstonian vs. Whyteleafe
Leatherhead vs. Cray Wanderers
Merstham vs. Dulwich Hamlet
Metropolitan Police vs. Worthing
Walton Casuals vs. Chipstead
Whitstable Town vs. Burgess Hill Town

Monday, 25th August, 2008

Premier Division

Canvey Island vs. Billericay Town
Carshalton Athletic vs. Horsham
Dover Athletic vs. Margate
Harlow Town vs. Dartford
Hastings United vs. Maidstone United
Hendon vs. Ashford Town (Middx)
Heybridge Swifts vs. AFC Hornchurch
Ramsgate vs. Tonbridge Angels
Staines Town vs. Harrow Borough
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Sutton United

Wealdstone vs. Boreham Wood

Division One North

Aveley vs. Thamesmead Town
Brentwood Town vs. Ilford
Chatham Town vs. Tilbury
East Thurrock United vs. Redbridge
Enfield Town vs. Leyton
Great Wakering Rovers vs. Maldon Town
Hillingdon Borough vs. Wingate & Finchley
Potters Bar Town vs. Cheshunt
Waltham Forest vs. Waltham Abbey
Ware vs. Northwood
Witham Town vs. Concord Rangers

Division One South

Ashford Town vs. Whitstable Town
Burgess Hill Town vs. Eastbourne Town
Chipstead vs. Leatherhead
Cray Wanderers vs. Merstham
Croydon Athletic vs. Kingstonian
Fleet Town vs. Walton Casuals
Walton & Hersham vs. Godalming Town
Whyteleafe vs. Corinthian-Casuals
Worthing vs. Crowborough Athletic

Tuesday, 26th August, 2008

Division One South

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Metropolitan Police
Sittingbourne vs. Folkestone Invicta

Saturday, 30th August, 2008

Premier Division

AFC Hornchurch vs. Staines Town
Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Canvey Island
Billericay Town vs. Carshalton Athletic
Boreham Wood vs. Dover Athletic

Dartford vs. Wealdstone
 Harrow Borough vs. Ramsgate
 Horsham vs. Harlow Town
 Maidstone United vs. Hendon
 Margate vs. Heybridge Swifts
 Sutton United vs. Hastings United
 Tonbridge Angels vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

FA Cup – Preliminary Round

Ash United or Sevenoaks Town vs. Folkestone Invicta
 Ashford Town vs. Leatherhead
 Brentwood Town vs. Erith Town or Potton United
 Burgess Hill Town vs. Hailsham Town or Worthing United
 Camberley Town or Lordswood vs. Worthing
 Chatham Town vs. Dorking or Chessington & Hook United
 Cheshunt vs. Southend Manor or AFC Kempston Rovers
 Clapton or Stewarts & Lloyds vs. Corinthian Casuals
 Cobham or Southwick vs. Merstham
 Cogenhoe United or Northampton Spencer vs. Wingate & Finchley
 Concord Rangers vs. Kingsbury London Tigers or Eton Manor
 Cray Wanderers vs. Crawley Down or Chichester City United
 Crowborough Athletic vs. Ringmer or Rye United
 Croydon Athletic vs. Kentish Town or Wellingborough Town
 Dulwich Hamlet vs. Long Buckby or Broxbourne Borough V&E

East Thurrock United vs. Brimsdown Rovers or Hatfield Town
 Fleet Town vs. Brockenhurst or Reading Town
 Great Wakering Rovers vs. Bedfont Green or Barking
 Hanwell Town or Wootton Blue Cross vs. Aveley
 Hassocks or Shoreham vs. Kingstonian
 Hillingdon Borough vs. Enfield Town
 Horley Town or Raynes Park Vale vs. Godalming Town
 Leyton vs. Romford or Biggleswade Town
 Northwood vs. Metropolitan Police
 Oxhey Jets or Hertford Town vs. Ilford
 Pagham or Hythe Town vs. Walton & Hersham
 Potters Bar Town vs. Waltham Abbey
 Redbridge vs. Uxbridge
 Redhill or Herne Bay vs. Chipstead
 Sidley United or Farnham Town vs. Eastbourne Town
 Sittingbourne vs. Chertsey Town or Deal Town
 Tilbury vs. Leighton Town
 Waltham Forest vs. Thamesmead Town
 Walton Casuals vs. Wick or Molesey
 Ware vs. London Colney or Sporting Bengal United
 Whitstable Town vs. Selsey or Egham Town
 Whyteleafe vs. Littlehampton Town or Peacehaven & Telscombe
 Witham Town vs. Maldon Town

PLAYER MOVEMENTS

Players Registered to date: **1,342**

Player	From	To	Date
Perry, Lee	Heybridge Swifts	Maldon Town	2 nd August 2008
Sjelton, Phillip	Aveley	Brentwood Town	2 nd August 2008

FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE

Division One North

Match	Original Date	New Date
Thamesmead Town vs. Potters Bar Town	19 th August 2008	20 th August 2008
Thamesmead Town vs. Concord Rangers	14 th October 2008	15 th October 2008
Thamesmead Town vs. Waltham Forest	9 th December 2008	10 th December 2008

Division One South

Match	Original Date	New Date
Walton Casuals vs. Dulwich Hamlet	19 th August 2008	18 th August 2008
Walton Casuals vs. Godalming Town	30 th September 2008	29 th September 2008
Walton Casuals vs. Corinthian-Casuals	14 th October 2008	13 th October 2008
Kingstonian vs. Burgess Hill Town	6 th September 2008	7 th September 2008

RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE

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Tuesday, 19th August 2008

South West Division

Croydon Athletic vs. Lewes

Thursday, 21st August 2008

North East Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Woking

Tuesday, 26th August 2008

North East Division

Woking vs. Godalming Town

Wednesday, 27th August 2008

North East Division

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Kingstonian
Staines Town vs. Hampton & Richmond
Borough
Walton & Hersham vs. Tooting & Mitcham
United

South West Division

Eastbourne Town vs. Tonbridge Angels
Croydon Athletic vs. Burgess Hill Town
Whyteleafe vs. Lewes

Thursday, 28th August 2008

North East Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Carshalton Athletic

South West Division

Horsham YMCA vs. Worthing
Maidstone United vs. Horsham

Monday, 1st September 2008

North East Division

Hampton & Richmond Borough vs.
Corinthian-Casuals

South West Division

Burgess Hill Town vs. Horsham YMCA
Lewes vs. Maidstone United
Tonbridge Angels vs. Croydon Athletic
Worthing vs. Eastbourne Town

Wednesday, 3rd September 2008

North East Division

Godalming Town vs. Staines Town
Kingstonian vs. Carshalton Athletic
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. AFC
Wimbledon
Walton & Hersham vs. Woking

Thursday, 4th September 2008

South West Division

Horsham vs. Whyteleafe

Wednesday, 10th September 2008

North East Division

Staines Town vs. Woking

South West Division

Whyteleafe vs. Maidstone United

Thursday, 11th September 2008

South West Division

Horsham vs. Croydon Athletic

Week beginning Monday, 8th September 2008

FA Youth Cup - Preliminary Round

Burgess Hill Town vs. Bisley
Carshalton Athletic vs. Oakwood
Corinthian Casuals vs. North Greenford
United
Deal Town vs. Lewes
Godalming Town vs. Three Bridges
Hampton & Richmond Borough vs. Dulwich
Hamlet
Hanwell Town vs. AFC Wimbledon
Hassocks vs. Walton & Hersham
Horsham YMCA vs. Kingstonian
Mile Oak vs. Tonbridge Angels
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Worthing

Tuesday, 16th September 2008

North East Division

Woking vs. Hampton & Richmond Borough

Wednesday, 17th September 2008

North East Division

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Carshalton Athletic
Kingstonian vs. Staines Town
Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Godalming Town

South West Division

Croydon Athletic vs. Worthing
Eastbourne Town vs. Horsham
Whyteleafe vs. Tonbridge Angels

Thursday, 18th September 2008

North East Division

AFC Wimbledon vs. Walton & Hersham

South West Division

Horsham YMCA vs. Lewes
Maidstone United vs. Burgess Hill Town

Week beginning Monday, 22nd September 2008

FA Youth Cup – First Round Qualifying

Arundel or Cobham vs. Burgess Hill Town or Bisley
Camberley Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United or Worthing

Carshalton Athletic or Oakwood vs. Horsham

Chertsey Town vs. Woking
Corinthian-Casuals or North Greenford United vs. Hayes & Yeading United
Croydon Athletic vs. Enfield Town
Faversham Town or VCD Athletic vs. Deal Town or Lewes
Godalming Town or Three Bridges vs. Shoreham
Hampton & Richmond Borough or Dulwich Hamlet vs. Hanwell Town or AFC Wimbledon
Horsham YMCA or Kingstonian vs. Colliers Wood United
Kentish Town or Uxbridge vs. Staines Town
Maidstone United vs. Dartford
Rye United vs. Mile Oak or Tonbridge Angels
Westfield or Epsom & Ewell vs. Hassocks or Walton & Hersham
Whyteleafe vs. Tunbridge Wells

CLUB GOSSIP

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) FC

With the exception of Anthony Joseph (Bromley) and Paul Burgess (holiday), just about every regular first team player from last season has now signed on for Ashford Town (Middx) FC's new campaign.

Three new players signed last weekend, namely Billy Jeffreys a tall commanding central defender who has come to the club after being released by Millwall, Francis Luke, a speedy midfielder who lists both Dagenham & Redbridge and Sutton United amongst his previous clubs and Gareth Teuten, who was with the Staines Academy side and who impressed in a recent reserve match against Bracknell. Also now signed on Ryman forms are promising Under-18 players Danny Byron and Nick Hardy.

BOREHAM WOOD FC

Boreham Wood Football Club completed the transfer of Simon Thomas to Coca Cola Championship Club Crystal Palace, Tuesday 22 July 2008, for an undisclosed fee, with the usual add-ons and a Pre-Season Friendly next Season included.

The Club, which worked very hard to complete a successful transfer, wishes Simon Thomas all the very best in his new Career.

In his time at Boreham Wood Simon made a total of 71 First Team Appearances over two Seasons, scoring 33 goals. Last Season, Simon was the Club's leading goalscorer with 27 goals in 50 First Team appearances, including eight from the penalty spot.

The Club have announced a major new signing in that Mario Noto has joined the Club.

Mario is a 23 year old attacking midfield player who joined Boreham Wood from Chelmsford City by signing a Contract with his new Club on the 7 August 2008. Mario began his Career at Tottenham Hotspur in August 2002 and Reading, whom he joined in March 2003 before a short spell with Crystal Palace ended when he joined Canvey Island in January 2005. He made 36 appearances for them before transferring to Chelmsford City in July 2006, where he became a firm crowd favourite with several spectacular long range goals. Wood fans can expect to see more of his trademark long range efforts, silky skills and fine distribution in the future.

CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC

The Club were delighted with the news that Sutton Council have this week given planning permission for further improvements at their attractive Colston Avenue ground. The main terrace at the ground has long been regarded as one of the best in non-league football, giving spectators an outstanding view of games and generating a great atmosphere. Their enjoyment should be further enhanced with the erection of new floodlights to appreciably improve visibility for players and spectators on winter Saturdays and for midweek evening games.

The new installations will replace the existing 40 year old pylons and will be on attractive single masts sited around the pitch. The new masts are lower than the old pylons and the light spill will be controlled. Local residents are also expected to welcome the new installations as the level of light pollution will be much reduced. The club hopes the new lights will be operational in September.

The same planning meeting approved plans to construct a new block at the School end of the ground which will contain new toilet facilities (including provision for disabled supporters) and a large kitchen which can be used on match days for hospitality as well as upgrading the present take-away catering offered to supporters.

The Club hope to have the new facility open by Christmas 2008.

CROYDON ATHLETIC FC

Croydon Athletic Football Club have this week appointed "JJ" Johnny Johnson as Kit Manager. JJ joins us having spent the past 7 years carrying out the same role at Carshalton Athletic FC. Prior to this he was previously both Coach and Manager at neighbours Croydon FC and back in his playing days turned out for Barking and Tooting & Mitcham FC to name but a few.

Chairman Dean Fisher commented, "I am delighted that JJ has agreed to join us. I have looked after our kit requirements for the past 23 years and this part of the club alone is like a full-time job making sure that all of the teams have everything that they require for training and matches plus dealing with the laundry. Therefore I am pleased to get someone who can take this task from me and also continue to look after the players to the high standard that we have set over the many years. We welcome JJ who will be a great addition to the Club.

GREAT WAKERING ROVERS FC

Inner London Group are the new first team sponsors of Great Wakering Rovers Football Club. In fact the Company is no stranger to the Rovers as last season they sponsored the reserve side.

Two old favourites have returned to help run the club and a new face, Robert Lilley, joins as Commercial Manager and Webmaster. The two returning to the fold are Fred Smith and Steve Swain.

KINGSTONIAN FC

Kingston's premier record shop is to throw its support behind Ryman League team Kingstonian Football Club as club sponsor for the 2008/09 season.

In a move reminiscent of Skint Records' support for Brighton & Hove Albion, and also of Cherry Red Records' sponsorship of K's in the mid '90s, Banquet knows that music and football are two passions that go hand in hand for many of its punters. However, more than this, it is a move to show the importance of 'community' on both the football and music worlds.

Dave House, who handles the marketing for all sides of Banquet commented, "Here at Banquet Records, community plays a huge role in what we do. From the outside we may be your local record shop, stocking all the latest titles from all sides of the musical spectrum – indie to funky house, punk to d&b, soul to rock, but we're really much more than that. We've been running music events in the Kingston area for over a decade from all ages in-stores, small pub gigs at The Peel or The Fighting Cocks to our regular club nights at McClusky's, Bacchus and The Works."

Just like what happens at Jack Goodchild Way on match day, these events are truly significant to those involved in the thriving and enthusiastic community that both these worlds share.

Banquet Records MD Jon Tolley a fan of the K's since his school days added, "There are many similarities between the way both football club and the shop work. For both of us it's a battle to get in punters when there are so many big boys out there competing for the bums on seats or feet on the shop floor. But we both know that what we have is not only a great product, but in each case the tradition and the community feel brought by both

institutions is an important part to, not only the fans, but also the wider Kingston community.”

Kingstonian Joint-Chairman Mark Anderson commented on the deal, “We are really pleased to have such an enthusiastic group and well known local brand, Banquet Records, sponsoring the Club this season. The stuff we can do together in terms of joint marketing is really exciting and something we will be actively promoting during the course of this the first year of what we hope will be a long term relationship. Having the "Banquet Community" supporting K's will be great for the Club!”

NORTHWOOD FC

It's been a good year for Northwood's 17-year-old Aryan Tajbakhsh, who scored his first senior goal for the club in midweek at Arlesey Town. Back in May he was selected to take part in the Cesc Fabregas show and appeared alongside the Arsenal and Spain star in a contest designed to show how well each player controlled the ball.

Northwood have allowed the youngster to sign on dual-registration non-contract terms with Coca-Cola League Two side Barnet, and he could even be in their squad for the opening games. Aryan has been training with the Bees for the past two weeks and has certainly impressed Manager Paul Fairclough with a couple of appearances in warm-up games.

WEALDSTONE FC

Following the recent announcement of an affiliation with Pinner United FC, Wealdstone FC has stated their aim to build and promote relations with other junior football clubs in the area and is therefore delighted to announce an affiliation with Ruislip Rangers FC.

Ruislip Rangers FC, with well over 400 players playing under its' banner, is the largest youth football club in the area. It is also the oldest, formed in 1969. A holder of 'Charter Standard' status, the club is hugely successful with a number of players attracting the attention of professional clubs. Winners of the Harrow Youth League U18 Premier Division Championship last season, together with Fairplay/Sportsmanship award for the last two consecutive seasons the Club will cater for all ages from five year olds to adults in the coming season including fielding two girls teams at U14 and U12 level. Home games are played at King's College Playing Fields, Ruislip.

As part of the agreement between the two clubs Wealdstone FC will provide additional

coaching to Ruislip Rangers. It is hoped that this link will be of benefit to both clubs and enhance the chances of players reaching their goal of becoming a professional footballer.

The agreement also entitles each playing member of Ruislip Rangers to free entrance to Wealdstone's Ryman's Premier League matches and discounted admittance to their parents and coaches. Ruislip Rangers players are also invited to take part in matchday activities at Wealdstone's home games such as half-time shoot-outs.

There will be reciprocal arrangements in that both clubs' websites will link to each other and Ruislip Rangers news will also be carried in the Wealdstone matchday programme.

It is hoped that this will be the start of a long and fruitful relationship between the two clubs.

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