



RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN

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LEAGUE NEWS

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SEASON 2009-10 WELCOME

Best wishes to all Member Clubs of the Ryman Football League in season 2009/10.

As always, last season the three Divisions were particularly competitive, and apart from Dover Athletic's comfortable win in the Premier Division, the remaining titles and play-off places were only late in the season, and I see no reason that 2009/10 will be any different.

We warmly welcome the five new member clubs to our League – Bognor Regis Town, Horsham YMCA, Lowestoft Town, Romford and VCD Athletic, 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 – Dover Athletic and Staines Town to the Conference South, and Crowborough Athletic, Hillingdon Borough and Witham Town to Step 5 football, 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 AFC Hornchurch, Harlow Town and Sutton United, in the FA Cup competition, whilst it would be good to see more success from our Clubs in the FA Trophy – as well as in the respective County Cup games.

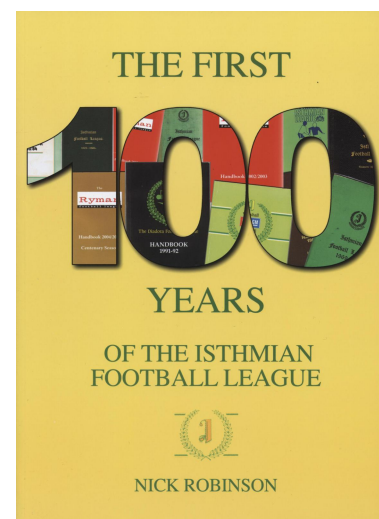
I also look forward with much anticipation to the third season for Youth League, now with thirty clubs competing in two Divisions, with another very successful season, together with our every growing Youth Cup, Veterans Cup and Womens Cup competitions.

You will see later in this bulletin details of how to purchase the Isthmian League History Book – "The First 100 Years of the Isthmian Football League" It is a quite excellent production, and I congratulate Nick Robinson and his many helpers in the work putting such a comprehensive introduction together.

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



The FIRST 100 YEARS of the ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Isthmian Football League has finally published the long awaited history of our League – “**The First 100 Years of the Isthmian Football League.**”

Nick Robinson has worked tirelessly on the publication and collected a wealth of information, and I am sure you will agree that it is a superb book well worth waiting for which should provide many hours of good reading.

Copies are available from the League Office at the above address, price £14.95 each, with postage the total cost is £20.00 – cheques payable to the Isthmian Football League Ltd.

LEAGUE RULE 15.3 – MATCH OFFICIALS

Rule 15.3 reads 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).

LAWS OF THE GAME AMENDMENTS 2009-10

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Present Text:

Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces, according to the rules of the competition.

The colour of artificial surfaces must be green. Where artificial surfaces are used in either competition matches between representative teams of member associations affiliated to FIFA or international club competition matches, the surface must meet the requirements of the **FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Turf** or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FIFA.

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Law 11 – Offside – Interpretation of the Laws of the Game

Present Text:

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

If a defending player steps behind his own goal line in order to place an opponent in an offside position, the referee must allow play to continue and caution the defender for deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission when the ball is next out of play.

Approved Text:

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

Any defending player leaving the field of play for any reason without the referee's permission shall be considered to be on his own goal line or touchline for the purposes of offside until the next stoppage in play. If the player leaves the field of play deliberately, he must be cautioned when the ball is next out of play.

Procedures to determine the Winner of a Match or Home-and-Away

Present Text:

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded.

Approved Text:

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. **Any player so excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.**

The Technical Area

Present Text:

Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions **and he must return to his position after giving these instructions.**

The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.

The coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner.

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Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions **from the technical area.**

The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.

The coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM SEASON 2009/10 - STEP 1 TO 5 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The Football Association have confirmed the procedures relating to promotion and relegation at the conclusion of season 2009/2010. 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 reduced travelling expenses by 2p per mile.

They are as follows:

Referee match fee	£45.00
Assistant referee match fee	£30.00
Travelling expenses	32p per mile

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/GetIntoFootball/Referee/ContributoryLeagueOfficials.aspx>

Appointments will be available in accordance with the dates outlined below.

September - Week Commencing 17 th August 2009
October - Week Commencing 14 th September 2009
November - Week Commencing 12 th October 2009
December - Week Commencing 16 th November 2009
January - Week Commencing 14 th December 2009
February - Week Commencing 18 th January 2010
March - Week Commencing 15 th February 2010
April/May - Week Commencing 15 th March 2010

RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL - TELEPHONE 09066 555 777

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

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.

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FIXTURES

Saturday, 15th August, 2009

Premier Division

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Kingstonian
Aveley v. Cray Wanderers
Billericay Town v. Wealdstone
Bognor Regis Town v. Hendon
Boreham Wood v. Hastings United

FIXTURES

Dartford v. Horsham
Harrow Borough v. Canvey Island
Maidstone United v. Carshalton Athletic
Sutton United v. Margate
Tonbridge Angels v. AFC Hornchurch
Tooting & Mitcham United v. Waltham Abbey

Division One North

Brentwood Town v. Enfield Town
 Cheshunt v. Romford
 Concord Rangers v. Ware
 Harlow Town v. Great Wakering Rovers
 Ilford v. Heybridge Swifts
 Leyton v. East Thurrock United
 Maldon Town v. Waltham Forest
 Northwood v. VCD Athletic
 Redbridge v. Wingate & Finchley
 Thamesmead Town v. Lowestoft Town
 Tilbury v. Potters Bar Town

Division One South

Corinthian-Casuals v. Chipstead
 Croydon Athletic v. Ashford Town
 Folkestone Invicta v. Dulwich Hamlet
 Godalming Town v. Chatham Town
 Horsham YMCA v. Walton & Hersham
 Leatherhead v. Worthing
 Merstham v. Metropolitan Police
 Ramsgate v. Fleet Town
 Sittingbourne v. Whyteleafe
 Walton Casuals v. Eastbourne Town

Sunday, 16th August, 2009**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town v. Whitstable Town

Monday, 17th August, 2009**Premier Division**

Kingstonian v. Harrow Borough

Tuesday, 18th August, 2009**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch v. Boreham Wood
 Canvey Island v. Ashford Town (Middx)
 Carshalton Athletic v. Bognor Regis Town
 Cray Wanderers v. Tonbridge Angels
 Hastings United v. Aveley
 Hendon v. Billericay Town
 Horsham v. Sutton United
 Margate v. Dartford
 Waltham Abbey v. Maidstone United
 Wealdstone v. Tooting & Mitcham United

Division One North

East Thurrock United v. Brentwood Town
 Enfield Town v. Ilford
 Great Wakering Rovers v. Maldon Town
 Heybridge Swifts v. Harlow Town
 Lowestoft Town v. Concord Rangers
 Potters Bar Town v. Redbridge
 Romford v. Thamesmead Town
 VCD Athletic v. Tilbury
 Ware v. Leyton
 Wingate & Finchley v. Cheshunt

Division One South

Chatham Town v. Burgess Hill Town
 Chipstead v. Sittingbourne
 Dulwich Hamlet v. Godalming Town
 Fleet Town v. Leatherhead
 Metropolitan Police v. Horsham YMCA
 Walton & Hersham v. Corinthian-Casuals
 Whyteleafe v. Ramsgate
 Worthing v. Walton Casuals

Wednesday, 19th August, 2009**Division One North**

Waltham Forest v. Northwood

Division One South

Ashford Town v. Merstham
 Eastbourne Town v. Folkestone Invicta
 Whitstable Town v. Croydon Athletic

Saturday, 22nd August, 2009**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch v. Tooting & Mitcham United
 Canvey Island v. Bognor Regis Town
 Carshalton Athletic v. Ashford Town (Middx)
 Cray Wanderers v. Billericay Town
 Hastings United v. Dartford
 Hendon v. Sutton United
 Horsham v. Harrow Borough
 Kingstonian v. Aveley
 Margate v. Boreham Wood
 Waltham Abbey v. Tonbridge Angels
 Wealdstone v. Maidstone United

Division One North

East Thurrock United v. Redbridge
 Enfield Town v. Tilbury
 Great Wakering Rovers v. Cheshunt
 Heybridge Swifts v. Leyton
 Lowestoft Town v. Ilford
 Potters Bar Town v. Harlow Town
 Romford v. Northwood
 VCD Athletic v. Concord Rangers
 Waltham Forest v. Brentwood Town
 Ware v. Maldon Town
 Wingate & Finchley v. Thamesmead Town

Division One South

Ashford Town v. Godalming Town
 Chatham Town v. Horsham YMCA
 Chipstead v. Burgess Hill Town
 Dulwich Hamlet v. Leatherhead
 Eastbourne Town v. Corinthian-Casuals
 Fleet Town v. Folkestone Invicta
 Metropolitan Police v. Croydon Athletic
 Walton & Hersham v. Ramsgate
 Whitstable Town v. Merstham
 Whyteleafe v. Walton Casuals
 Worthing v. Sittingbourne

Monday, 24th August, 2009

Premier Division

Aveley v. Margate

Division One South

Sittingbourne v. Ashford Town

Walton Casuals v. Metropolitan Police

Tuesday, 25th August, 2009

Premier Division

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Hendon

Billericay Town v. Waltham Abbey

Bognor Regis Town v. Hastings United

Boreham Wood v. Wealdstone

Dartford v. Kingstonian

Harrow Borough v. Carshalton Athletic

Maidstone United v. AFC Hornchurch

Sutton United v. Canvey Island

Tonbridge Angels v. Horsham

Tooting & Mitcham United v. Cray

Wanderers

Division One North

Brentwood Town v. VCD Athletic

Cheshunt v. Lowestoft Town

Concord Rangers v. Heybridge Swifts

Harlow Town v. Wingate & Finchley

Leyton v. Great Wakering Rovers

Maldon Town v. Romford

Northwood v. Ware

Redbridge v. Enfield Town

Thamesmead Town v. Potters Bar Town

Tilbury v. Waltham Forest

Division One South

Burgess Hill Town v. Walton & Hersham

Corinthian-Casuals v. Fleet Town

Croydon Athletic v. Chatham Town

Folkestone Invicta v. Whitstable Town

Godalming Town v. Whyteleafe

Horsham YMCA v. Dulwich Hamlet

Leatherhead v. Eastbourne Town

Merstham v. Worthing

Ramsgate v. Chipstead

Wednesday, 26th August, 2009

Division One North

Ilford v. East Thurrock United

Saturday, 29th August, 2009

Premier Division

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Boreham Wood

Aveley v. Carshalton Athletic

Billericay Town v. Tonbridge Angels

Bognor Regis Town v. Waltham Abbey

Cray Wanderers v. Hastings United

Dartford v. Wealdstone

Harrow Borough v. Margate

Hendon v. Kingstonian

Horsham v. Canvey Island

Maidstone United v. Tooting & Mitcham United

Sutton United v. AFC Hornchurch

FA Cup – Preliminary Round

Ashford Town vs. Peacehaven & Telscombe or Mile Oak

Banstead Athletic or Pagham vs. Walton Casuals

Barton Rovers vs. Ware

Bicester Town or Dunstable Town vs. Wingate & Finchley

Buckingham Town or Hanwell Town vs. Concord Rangers

Burgess Hill Town vs. Chipstead

Chatham Town vs. Eastbourne United or Redhill

Cheshunt vs. Maldon Town

Chessington & Hook United or Chertsey Town vs. Metropolitan Police

Corinthian Casuals vs. VCD Athletic

Croydon Athletic vs. Godalming Town

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Tunbridge Wells or Seveonoaks Town

East Thurrock United vs. Brentwood Town

Enfield Town vs. Leverstock Green or Burnham Ramblers

Fleet Town vs. Walton & Hersham

Folkestone Invicta vs. AFC Hayes

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Waltham Forest Guildford City or St Francis Rangers vs. Ramsgate

Harlow Town vs. Clapton or Kingsbury

London Tigers

Hertford Town or Newport Pagnell Town vs. Heybridge Swifts

Horsham YMCA vs. Wick or Frimley Green

Leatherhead vs. Bedfont Green

Lowestoft Town vs. Great Yarmouth Town or Raunds Town

Marlow vs. Ilford

Merstham vs. Faversham Town

Northwood vs. St Margaretsbury or

Hullbridge Sports

Oakwood or Lordswood vs. Whitstable Town

Potters Bar Town vs. North Greenford United or Cockfosters

Redbridge vs. Romford

Sittingbourne vs. Dorking or Horley Town

Thamesmead Town vs. Tilbury

Whitehawk or Hythe Town vs. Eastbourne Town

Whyteleafe vs. Uxbridge

Worthing vs. Raynes Park Vale or Farnham Town

PLAYER MOVEMENTS

Players Registered to date: 1,306

Player	From	To	Date
Tuohy, Marton	East Thurrock United	Aveley	4 th August 2009

FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE

Premier Division

Match	Original Date	New Date
Cray Wanderers vs. Billericay Town	23 rd August 2009	22 nd August 2009
Wealdstone vs. Harrow Borough	29 th December 2009	28 th December 2009 (<i>kick-off 3.00 p.m.</i>)

Division One North

Match	Original Date	New Date
Great Wakering Rovers vs. Waltham Forest	31 st August 2009	31 st August 2009 (<i>Kick-off 12 noon</i>)

Division One South

Match	Original Date	New Date
Whitstable Town vs. Croydon Athletic	18 th August 2009	19 th August 2009
Whyteleafe vs. Merstham	29 th December 2009	28 th December 2009 (<i>kick-off 3.00 p.m.</i>)

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CLUB GOSSIP

PLAYER AVAILABLE – DARTFORD FC

Dartford Football Club have advised that the following player is available for loan :-

27 year old central defender John Guest. Previously with Welling United. John has made over 100 first team appearances for Dartford since joining from Welling.

The player is under contract and must not be contacted direct. Enquiries should be to manager Tony Burman on 07734 386655

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