



MIDWEEK UPDATE

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ALL THE ACTION

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FA Cup

THE Redbridge fairy story goes on and on. The lowly Ryman North club, still without a home win in the league this season, are through to the second round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history after a typically gallant display in a 2-1 replay victory at Oxford City on Tuesday.

A crowd of 1,175 turned out for the game, forcing the kick-off to be delayed by 15 minutes, as City found themselves for once in the spotlight. It was the first time they had lasted longer than neighbours United in the FA Cup since 1948.

If few of the spectators had been around on that occasion, there were certainly plenty in the ground who had seen Lee Steele score for Leyton Orient in the last few seconds of the 2005-06 season to end United's 44-year stay in the Football League. And it was Steele who fired City into a 19th-minute lead.

It was, however, a much more even game than the first match in which City had been on top for long periods and, if anything, the goal was against the run of play.

The hosts, third in the Southern League Premier Division, enjoyed their best period in the next few minutes but Redbridge, with Glen Golby indomitable as ever at the heart of their defence, refused to concede again.

They steadily gained the upper hand, and finally drew level in the 70th minute when James Robinson was brought down in the box.

Ben Bradbury had started the Motormen's amazing run when he converted a penalty to win their preliminary-round game at Cockfosters back on September 3, and it looked as if he might have ended it when his spot-kick was parried by Oxford

keeper Keith McLoughlin. But Nathan Gordon was quickest to the loose ball and Redbridge were level.

So it went to extra time, with fog growing ever thicker, and in the 102th minute it was Bradbury who darted in from the left to drill his shot under McLoughlin and put the Motormen ahead for the first time in the tie.

It was his fifth goal during the Cup run and he has also scored four times in their two FA Trophy victories.

After the change of ends Oxford hit the bar during a brief spell of pressure but for the last ten minutes, when conditions were only just playable, it was all Redbridge and they might have added to their tally before the final whistle as they completed a thoroughly-deserved victory.

It was a memorable night in so many ways, and not least for the sporting attitude of the hosts and their fans before, during and after a game that did not contain a single bad foul.

Apart from the glory and their share of the gate money, Redbridge picked up £18,000 in prize money, taking their total haul from the two FA competitions to £54,200.

They have played ten games in the Cup and Trophy, winning nine and drawing one, and have put out five teams doing well in higher divisions.

Can they go further? They have the chance to add another Ryman Premier scalp to their belt on Saturday when they host East Thurrock in the third qualifying round of the Trophy.

A week later comes the toughest test of all when the Motormen travel to Crawley Town, second in League Two, for their next FA Cup game.

And, after their exploits so far, who would dare to suggest that it's a test they cannot pass?



Charity Shield

LEATHERHEAD became only the second club to retain the Isthmian Charity Shield when they turned a fast start into a 3-1 home win over Wingate & Finchley on Tuesday. Woking did it in 1992 and 1993.

The Tanners were invited to compete as holders when reigning champions Sutton pulled out of the traditional match against the League Cup holders and they made the most of their chance.

Kev Terry, who scored the only goal of last season's game, put them ahead after three minutes with a fierce 20-yard drive and Ryan Thomas added another four minutes later, converting the rebound after an excellent save by Bobby Smith.

Jamie Coyle nodded in their third in the 78th minute. Leon Smith pulled one back five minutes later and if Josh Cooper had accepted a good chance shortly afterwards there might have been a rousing finish.



Premier

BILLERICAY returned to the top of Ryman Premier in real style on Tuesday, hitting five unanswered goals at Horsham. The losers, who finished with ten men, dropped to the bottom of the table.

Manager Craig Edwards had his son, Craig jnr, to thank for the two goals in the game's first quarter that put the Blues in command. Horsham had Ian Varley sent off early in the second half, Jay May's header made it 3-0 just after the hour and a quick double by Emeka Onwubiko completed the rout.

Hornchurch stayed second, moving above Lowestoft on goal difference after being held to a 1-1 home draw by Carshalton.

It was always going to be a hard one to predict: the two sides have won 17 league games between them but only four of their victories have come on home turf. Justyn Roberts put the Robins ahead just before half-time and Frankie Curley replied for the hosts on 62 minutes.

East Thurrock moved two places off the foot of the table with a last-gasp home win over Lewes, who are fifth. The only goal came from an 89th-minute Kris Newby penalty.

Hastings gained a well-deserved 2-1 win at Canvey with an equally late goal, his first for

the senior team, by 19-year-old Ryan Thomson. It had looked as if their luck might be out when Josh Jirbandey's attempted clearance hit teammate Scott Manning and rebounded into the net to give Canvey a 35th-minute lead against the run of play. But Canvey returned the favour ten minutes after half-time when Steve Sheehan turned Lee Carey's cross into his own goal.

The important action came much earlier at Bury, where Kieran Leabon put the hosts ahead after three minutes, Jamie Byatt replied for Kingstonian after 13, and it finished 1-1.



North

WALTHAM ABBEY striker Steve Cawley fired a hat-trick in six minutes soon after half-time but the Abbots had to settle for a 4-4 draw in a thrilling Ryman North match at Thamesmead on Tuesday.

It was scoreless until the 22nd minute, when Lea Dawson put the home side ahead, and ten minutes later it was 3-1. Matt Mitchell equalised, only for Chuck Duru and Dawson to grab two quick Thamesmead goals.

Cawley changed the picture in dramatic fashion after the break, but Dawson had the last word when he turned in Theo Fairweather-Johnson's cross to complete his own treble in the 86th minute.

Leaders Grays, meanwhile, were held to a 1-1 draw at Harlow and stay in second place, behind Needham Market only on goal difference.

That should set up a cracking contest when the sides meet at Needham on Saturday. Leon McKenzie put Grays ahead from close range six minutes before half-time and Piers Wixon replied six minutes after the restart, heading home Mark Taylor's cross.

It took almost six years, but Rhys Darg had his revenge by scoring the only goal for Sudbury as they continued their improvement with a 1-0 victory at Waltham Forest on Wednesday.

Darg spent the summer in Sweden and only was only allowed to rejoin Sudbury earlier this month after 28 days on the sidelines while the FA attempted in vain to get his international clearance from their Swedish counterparts. His well-taken 19th-minute goal was his third in successive games.

And the revenge? Darg was in the West Bromwich Albion side who suffered a stunning defeat by Forest in the 2005-06 FA Youth Cup.



South

WHITEHAWK climbed to second place in Ryman South on Tuesday with their second 1-0 victory in four days. They halted Walton & Hersham's recent revival with a goal by Josh Jones two minutes after half-time at Stompond Lane.

Worthing are back in fifth place after their 2-0 success at Sittingbourne in a game that was delayed for 35 minutes by traffic problems.

Jamie Brotherton gave Rebels the lead shortly before half-time and John Lansdale clinched the points 15 minutes from the end with a 25-yard free-kick.

Merstham beat Burgess Hill 2-1 to move into the top half of the table and leave their opponents still in 21st place.

Liam Wright put the hosts ahead in the 14th minute and it looked as if that would be that until Harry Ottaway made it 2-0 with two minutes left. Quentin Conteh promptly replied for the Hillians but it was too late.



Alan Boon Cup

CHESHUNT pulled off a second upset in the Alan Boon Cup.

The Ryman North club followed up their second-round win over Hornchurch, who were then top of the Premier, with a 2-1 win at another top-division outfit, Harrow, on Tuesday.

They have the chance to make it a hat-trick when they visit Canvey in the fourth round.

Anthony McDonald claimed both goals for Cheshunt, 17th in their division, including an 88th-minute winner which his side fully deserved. He had scored after 16 minutes but they were ahead for only four minutes before Jon-Jo Bates levelled matters.

Lowestoft slipped from first to third in the Premier table while they were out of league action last night but they were consoled by a 26th-minute penalty by Dale Cockrill which gave them a 1-0 victory at Maldon and a home fourth-round tie against Dulwich.

RESULTS

Tuesday, 22 November, 2011



Premier

AFC Hornchurch Curley 62	1-1	Carshalton Athletic Roberts 41	219
Bury Town Leabon 3	1-1	Kingstonian Byatt 13	376
Canvey Island Manning (OG) 35	1-2	Hastings United Sheehan (OG) 55, Thomson 89	283
East Thurrock United Newby 89 (pen)	1-0	Lewes	132
Horsham	0-5	Billericay Town Edwards 8, 22. May 62, Onwubiko 74, 76	197



North

Harlow Town Wixon 51	1-1	Grays Athletic McKenzie 39	182
Thamesmead Town Dawson 22, 32 86, Duru 29	4-4	Waltham Abbey Mitchell 27, Cawley 52, 56, 58	51



South

Merstham Wright 14, Ottaway 88	2-1	Burgess Hill Town Conteh 89	102
Sittingbourne	0-2	Worthing Brotherton 41, Lansdale 75	74
Walton & Hersham	0-1	Whitehawk Jones 47	120



Isthmian Charity Shield

Leatherhead Terry 3, Thomas 7, Coyle 78	3-1	Wingate & Finchley L Smith 83	79
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FA Cup With Budweiser First Round Replay

Oxford City Steele 19 102	1-2 AET	Redbridge Gordon 70, Bradbury	1175
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Alan Boon Cup Third Round

Harrow Borough Bates 20	1-2	Cheshunt McDonald 16, 88	43
Maldon & Tiptree	0-1	Lowestoft Town Cockrill 26 (pen)	40

Kent Senior Cup Second Round

Ebbsfleet United Marum 16, Phipp 19, 23, Darvill 32, 81, Pinney 58	6-1	Chatham Town Blackman 49	241
Hythe Town Sinden 27, 54	2-1	Erith Town Williams 9	121
Margate Bodkin 50	1-0	Ramsgate	475

Surrey Senior Cup Second Round

Banstead Athletic Cheadle 32	1-6	Godalming Town Read 5, Palmer 23, 35, Edwards 50, 76, 84	81
Mole Valley SCR	0-1	Chipstead Goodchild 74 (pen)	37

Wednesday, 23 November, 2011



North

Waltham Forest	0-1	AFC Sudbury Darg 19	81
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LEAGUE TABLES

(To Wednesday November 23)

	Home						Away						Pts	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
RYMAN PREMIER														
Billericay Town	16	5	3	0	23	8	6	1	1	17	6	37	26	
AFC Hornchurch	17	3	2	3	13	7	8	0	1	23	8	35	21	
Lowestoft Town	16	6	1	1	17	6	5	1	2	16	8	35	19	
Metropolitan Police	16	6	0	3	15	8	4	1	2	12	6	31	13	
Lewes	16	6	2	1	12	7	2	2	3	8	10	28	3	
Cray Wanderers	16	4	2	1	13	10	4	1	4	18	10	27	11	
Bury Town	16	5	1	2	16	6	3	2	3	13	13	27	10	
Hendon	16	3	3	3	12	13	5	0	2	10	3	27	6	
Canvey Island	17	3	0	5	7	10	5	2	2	12	9	26	0	
Wingate & Finchley	16	4	2	2	15	15	2	3	3	10	14	23	-4	
Carshalton Athletic	16	1	2	4	4	11	5	2	2	12	11	22	-6	
Wealdstone	16	3	2	3	10	11	2	4	2	11	7	21	3	
Kingstonian	18	3	1	4	14	16	3	2	5	13	19	21	-8	
Harrow Borough	16	2	4	2	9	12	3	1	4	10	10	20	-3	
Hastings United	17	2	2	5	9	12	3	2	3	9	13	19	-7	
Margate	14	3	0	5	12	12	2	3	1	9	8	18	1	
Tooting & Mitcham United	16	1	3	4	9	17	3	1	4	12	23	16	-19	
Aveley	17	1	3	5	8	15	2	3	3	11	14	15	-10	
Concord Rangers	16	1	4	4	11	16	1	2	4	7	14	12	-12	
East Thurrock United	13	2	1	4	7	11	1	1	4	5	12	11	-11	
Leatherhead	14	1	0	4	6	12	1	3	5	7	12	9	-11	
Horsham	17	0	1	7	6	22	2	2	5	12	18	9	-22	
RYMAN NORTH														
Needham Market	16	7	0	1	32	5	4	3	1	21	10	36	38	
Grays Athletic	16	6	1	2	21	9	5	2	0	14	7	36	19	
Leiston	17	6	1	1	18	7	4	2	3	17	11	33	17	
Enfield Town	16	4	2	1	17	10	5	3	1	16	12	32	11	
Brentwood Town	17	4	1	4	14	8	5	1	2	14	5	29	15	
Tilbury	16	5	2	1	18	12	3	2	3	15	18	28	3	
Potters Bar Town	17	6	1	1	20	14	2	2	5	10	22	27	-6	
Harlow Town	16	3	4	1	12	8	4	0	4	12	11	25	5	
Thamesmead Town	15	3	2	2	15	12	4	2	2	12	11	25	4	
Romford	16	4	3	1	15	10	2	2	4	15	17	23	3	
Waltham Forest	15	5	1	4	20	21	2	1	2	8	8	23	-1	
Heybridge Swifts	17	3	3	2	10	10	3	1	5	14	14	22	0	
AFC Sudbury	15	2	2	3	6	8	4	2	2	12	11	22	-1	
Waltham Abbey	16	2	1	5	19	21	4	1	3	21	17	20	2	
Chatham Town	17	4	0	5	13	15	2	2	4	7	10	20	-5	
Redbridge	12	0	2	3	9	14	5	0	2	12	7	17	0	
Cheshunt	16	3	3	3	11	19	0	5	2	4	10	17	-14	
Soham Town Rangers	17	2	2	5	9	16	1	5	2	15	19	16	-11	
Great Wakering Rovers	17	2	3	3	12	15	1	0	8	6	33	12	-30	
Maldon & Tiptree	13	1	0	5	7	13	2	1	4	11	18	10	-13	
Ware	17	1	3	5	7	13	0	1	7	6	21	7	-21	
Ilford	16	1	2	4	7	10	0	1	8	8	20	6	-15	
RYMAN SOUTH														
Maidstone United	16	7	1	1	18	7	5	1	1	15	7	38	19	
Whitehawk*	17	8	1	0	20	5	5	0	3	14	8	37	21	
Dulwich Hamlet	15	8	0	0	19	3	3	2	2	10	7	35	19	
Bognor Regis Town	15	5	2	0	21	6	5	2	1	21	8	34	28	
Worthing	14	6	2	0	22	8	3	1	2	7	6	30	15	
Folkestone Invicta	16	5	3	0	15	6	4	0	4	15	13	30	11	
Chipstead	15	5	1	3	17	10	3	2	1	13	8	27	12	
Corinthian-Casuals	16	4	2	2	16	13	3	2	3	5	8	25	0	
Godalming Town	13	4	1	2	12	7	3	1	2	12	10	23	7	
Merstham	16	5	1	2	16	14	1	3	4	9	16	22	-5	
Ramsgate	16	4	1	2	9	8	2	2	5	10	17	21	-6	
Faversham Town	13	2	3	1	8	6	3	1	3	6	12	19	-4	
Hythe Town	16	3	2	3	18	13	2	1	5	6	13	18	-2	
Sittingbourne	16	1	4	2	6	7	3	2	4	12	14	18	-3	
Walton & Hersham	17	2	1	5	9	10	3	1	5	8	12	17	-5	
Eastbourne Town	16	2	1	4	9	9	2	4	3	13	19	17	-6	
Whyteleafe	16	1	2	5	8	16	2	3	3	10	11	14	-9	
Walton Casuals	16	3	1	5	15	21	0	3	4	9	16	13	-13	
Whitstable Town	16	3	0	4	9	9	1	1	7	9	30	13	-21	
Croydon Athletic	17	3	1	5	13	16	0	2	6	9	21	12	-15	
Burgess Hill Town	17	1	4	3	13	14	1	1	7	7	212	11	-15	
Crawley Down	17	1	1	6	7	20	1	0	8	8	23	7	-28	

*Three points deducted for fielding an ineligible player

Saturday, November 26th



Premier

Harrow Borough
Horsham
Leatherhead
Tooting & Mitcham United

v. Margate
v. Kingstonian
v. Lewes
v. Hastings United



North

AFC Sudbury
Enfield Town
Great Wakering Rovers
Heybridge Swifts
Needham Market
Potters Bar Town
Romford
Tilbury

v. Waltham Abbey
v. Soham Town Rangers
v. Chatham Town
v. Ware
v. Grays Athletic
v. Waltham Forest
v. Brentwood Town
v. Cheshunt



South

Burgess Hill Town
Crawley Down
Eastbourne Town
Merstham
Ramsgate
Sittingbourne
Walton & Hersham
Whitstable Town
Whyteleafe
Worthing

v. Godalming Town
v. Croydon Athletic
v. Walton Casuals
v. Bognor Regis Town
v. Faversham Town
v. Hythe Town
v. Dulwich Hamlet
v. Corinthian-Casuals
v. Chipstead
v. Whitehawk



FA Carlsberg Trophy – Third Qualifying Round

Banbury United
Farnborough
Folkestone Invicta
Hampton & Richmond Borough
Harlow Town
Maidenhead United
Maldon & Tiptree
Redbridge
Thamesmead Town
Thurrock

v. Wealdstone
v. Bury Town
v. Staines Town
v. Canvey Island
v. Lowestoft Town
v. Billericay Town
v. Carshalton Athletic
v. East Thurrock United
v. Welling United
v. AFC Hornchurch

Sunday, November 27th



Premier

Cray Wanderers

v. Hendon (KO 4PM)