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Ten-man Fleet Town hold Epsom & Ewell to a draw

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Epsom & Ewell 1–1 Fleet Town

Epsom & Ewell shared the points with Fleet Town in a dramatic 1-1 draw at Chalky Lane, Chessington, on Saturday 14th November 2026 in the Combined Counties Premier League South. Both sides scored from the penalty spot in a match featuring a first-half sending-off and plenty of late drama.

Fleet Town controlled the opening stages, enjoying plenty of possession as the Salts looked to settle into the game. A free kick near the corner flag caused problems for the hosts, with the delivery creating a scramble inside the box before a Fleet Town player dragged his effort wide. Tyler Robinson was next to threaten for the visitors, taking the ball past two defenders before forcing a low shot towards goal, which was comfortably saved by Ben Grummitt.

Epsom began to create opportunities of their own. Joe Dandy's attempted clearance was blocked by Jason Bloor before Courtney Levi Swaby carried the ball out wide. His resulting shot was blocked, with the rebound falling to Brendan Murphy-McVey, whose volley flew narrowly wide.

The game took a significant turn when Fleet Town's Connor Holland was shown a straight red card following an exchange with the referee. Tensions began to rise following the dismissal, with Fleet Town briefly threatening from a header that went over the bar, although the effort was ruled offside. Epsom looked to take advantage of their extra man. Murphy-McVey delivered a free kick into the box, which was cleared before Callum McAllister picked up the loose ball and fired high and wide.

Harry Grant then slipped in possession, allowing Robinson to take control, but Toby Young recovered the ball well to prevent further danger. Blessing Hombessa produced a promising run forward before being brought down by a rough challenge from Billy Oram, who received a yellow card. Jason Bloor was also booked for dissent as the game continued to become increasingly heated.

Fleet Town were forced into a substitution after Joe Dandy suffered an injury, with Ollie Burke coming on in his place. The visitors came close to opening the scoring following a foul by Murphy-McVey. The free kick was whipped into the box, where Aaron Burchett's header forced an excellent save from Grummitt, who managed to keep the effort out of the top corner.

Angel Montes was then shown a yellow card following a late challenge. Tensions continued to rise, with an off-the-ball incident involving Montes going unpunished. Fleet Town threatened again with a low effort from the edge of the box, but Grummitt made a comfortable save to keep the scores level heading into the break.

Half-time: Epsom & Ewell 0–0 Fleet Town.

Montes was replaced by Kionte Waul at half-time as Epsom prepared for the second half. Fleet Town got things back underway, looking to overcome their numerical disadvantage as the game progressed.

Elliot Legg received a yellow card for obstruction after kicking the ball away to prevent Epsom from taking a quick free kick. Fleet Town were also involved in a controversial moment when a challenge on Courtney Swaby resulted in a yellow card. Jason Bloor came close to breaking the deadlock with a powerful volley, but his effort was struck straight at the goalkeeper. Another Epsom free kick was delivered into the box, where Toby Young attempted an ambitious bicycle kick. However, he caught an opponent in the face and was shown a yellow card.

Fleet Town eventually broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute. Robinson made a dangerous run forward before being brought down inside the penalty area. Alex MacAllister stepped up and confidently converted from the spot to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

The Salts responded almost immediately. With Bloor replaced by Obasanjo Akinniranye, Hombessa chased a ball forward before being brought down inside the penalty area to win Epsom a penalty of their own. Hombessa took responsibility from the spot and made no mistake, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way to bring Epsom level at 1-1 in the 66th minute.

The drama continued when Grummitt suffered an injury, forcing Toby Young to take over in goal while Charlie Miller came on as a substitute. Akinniranye was then shown a yellow card following a poor challenge as Fleet Town looked to regain their advantage. A dangerous free kick followed, but the resulting effort sailed over the crossbar.

Epsom made another change, with Alex Foord replacing Murphy-McVey, as both sides continued to search for a winner. Luke Miller came close with a powerful, low strike, but the Fleet Town goalkeeper produced a good save to deny him. The closing stages saw some tense, end-to-end football, with neither side able to find a decisive breakthrough as the points were shared.

Despite playing against ten men for much of the match, the Salts had to show resilience to come from behind and secure a

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point. Hombessa's second-half penalty ensured the hosts avoided defeat in a dramatic encounter that had no shortage of talking points.

Full-time: Epsom & Ewell 1–1 Fleet Town.

Report by Sean Edwards.

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4 goal victory brings smiles to Epsom and Ewell FC

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Knaphill 0–4 Epsom & Ewell FC. Tuesday 10th November 2026. Redding Way, Knaphill. Combined Counties Premier League South.

Epsom & Ewell produced a superb all-round display to dismantle league leaders Knaphill 4-0 on a wet Tuesday evening and record one of their most impressive victories of the season.

There was just one change from Saturday's win, with Kionte Waul returning at full-back for his 100th appearance for the club, replacing the injured Angel Montes.

The Salts made the perfect start in the rain. A poor back-pass was intercepted by Blessing Hombessa, whose pressure caused the ball to bounce off the home goalkeeper. Keeping his composure, Hombessa rounded the keeper and slotted home from a tight angle to give Epsom an early lead.

Knaphill struggled to cope with the pace and movement of the visitors throughout the first half, and Epsom doubled their advantage from a corner when defender Aiden King turned the ball into his own net.

The Salts continued to dominate and nearly added a third before the break when captain Brendan Murphy-McVey crashed a powerful effort against the crossbar. At the other end, Ben Grummitt was called into action, producing a fine save to tip a shot over the bar.

An unusual incident followed when the referee was unable to continue, forcing one of the assistant referees to take charge in the middle, while a Knaphill official stepped in to run the line.

The Salts went into half-time holding a deserved 2-0 lead.

Knaphill threw everything forward after the restart, but Epsom's defence stood firm. Even when Grummitt spilled the ball on a couple of occasions, Harry Grant was on hand to make crucial clearances and preserve the clean sheet.

The Salts continued to threaten on the counterattack and made their first change in the 62nd minute, with Alex Foord replacing Jason Bloor. Antonios Nazareth was shown a yellow card in the 76th minute before being replaced by Charlie Miller six minutes later.

The game was effectively sealed in the 81st minute. Hombessa produced a dazzling run, beating three defenders before delivering an excellent cross for Courtney Swaby, who finished confidently to make it 3-0.

Further substitutions saw Niall Stillwell replace Murphy-McVey in the 85th minute before Epsom added a fourth a minute later. Hombessa capped a magnificent individual display by scoring his second goal of the evening, sparking jubilant celebrations among the travelling supporters.

Oba replaced the two-goal Hombessa in the 87th minute, while Frankie Lynn came on late for Swaby to complete the evening's changes.

This was a complete team performance from Epsom & Ewell. Every player worked tirelessly, defended resolutely and attacked with confidence as the Salts produced some outstanding football to claim a memorable victory against the league leaders.

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Good shots beat Badshot

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Saturday 7 November 2026 · Chalky Lane, Chessington · Combined Counties Premier League South · Full time: Epsom & Ewell 3–1 Badshot Lea · Attendance: 116

Before kick-off, players, officials and supporters observed a minute’s silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

The Salts started brightly, with Jason Bloor and Blessing Hombessa involved in several early chances. Badshot Lea’s first opportunity of note came from a free-kick just outside the penalty area, but the effort sailed over the crossbar.

Two goals in three minutes

Bloor broke the deadlock on the half-hour, collecting a cross before firing a powerful strike into the net. Three minutes later, top scorer Hombessa broke through the visitors’ defence and calmly slotted home to make it 2–0. He nearly added a third before half-time, sending an effort narrowly wide.

Epsom & Ewell remained in control after the restart. Badshot Lea were temporarily reduced to ten men when Zak Horkin was shown a yellow card and sent to the sin bin. Two more bookings followed for the visitors.

Alex Foord replaced Bloor in the 61st minute, and captain Brendan Murphy-McVey went close with a free-kick that drifted just over the bar. Kionte Waul replaced Angel Monte in the 72nd minute, Callum McAlistair was booked five minutes later and Oba came on for Murphy-McVey in the 85th minute.

Hombessa curls in the third

Hombessa sealed the win in the 89th minute, weaving past defenders before curling his second goal of the afternoon into the top corner. Frankie Lynn replaced Luke Miller, and Niall Stillwell came on for Courtney Swaby in stoppage time.

Badshot Lea pulled a goal back in the sixth minute of added time when Alfie Edwards’ low shot caught goalkeeper Ben Grummitt off guard, but the Salts saw out a deserved 3–1 win.

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Drawing conclusions from Epsom and Ewell FC’s one pointer

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Chipstead 1–1 Epsom & EwellFC. 31st October 2026. NRT Stadium, High Road, Chipstead. Combined Counties Premier League South. Attendance: 93.

The Salts had to settle for a point at Chipstead after a competitive encounter in the afternoon sunshine.

Backed by a strong travelling following, the Salts started brightly. Jason Bloor was caught in the face by an off-the-ball elbow after just three minutes, but the incident went unpunished. Angel Montes, returning from injury, was also on the receiving end of another heavy elbow soon afterwards, which was again missed by the referee.

Chipstead registered the first attempt of the match in the 13th minute, but the shot went wide. Epsom & Ewell continued to press, and on the half-hour a fine move, started and finished by Blessing Hombessa, ended with his effort flying narrowly over the crossbar.

The Salts deservedly took the lead in the 40th minute. After the home goalkeeper failed to hold the ball, Jason Bloor reacted quickest and fired into the net. There was still time before the interval for Callum McAllistair to find Hombessa, whose shot went just wide.

Blessing Hombessa went close again early in the second half, but Chipstead equalised in the 59th minute when Diego Munoz broke down the right and fired past Grummitt.

Salts captain Brendan Murphy-McVey was booked in the 65th minute, before a Chipstead player also received a yellow card two minutes later following another late challenge.

The Salts then thought they had regained the lead when Murphy-McVey’s free-kick was powerfully headed home by Toby Young. However, the referee disallowed the goal for a foul which nobody else appeared to see, much to the frustration of the Salts players and supporters.

Niall Stillwell replaced goalscorer Jason Bloor in the 70th minute, while Kionte Waul came on for Luke Miller after 84 minutes. Murphy-McVey later sent another free-kick narrowly wide of the upright.

Antonios Nazareth was forced off through injury in stoppage time and was replaced by Harry Murphy.

The Salts will feel they created enough opportunities to win and were particularly unfortunate to see Young’s goal disallowed. However, a point on the road was still a useful reward from a competitive afternoon.

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Salts surrender lead on rain-soaked afternoon at Camberley

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Saturday 24 October 2026 | Krooner Park | Combined Counties League Premier South | Camberley Town 3–2 Epsom & Ewell

Epsom travelled to Camberley Town on a bleak Saturday, with Storm Boelo delivering a treacherous forecast. The game got underway in driving rain on a heavy, muddy pitch — the kind of traditional surface that demands long studs and true grit.

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The Salts lined up in a revised 4-3-3 formation, boosted by the return of captain Brendan in the centre of midfield and the debut of young goalkeeper Aaron, signed from RPV. Epsom started brightly, dominating the midfield battles and distributing the ball with confidence.

In the eighth minute, the pressure told. A misplaced clearance from the Camberley goalkeeper fell to Blessing, who won the race against the hosts' number five and calmly chipped the stranded keeper from inside the penalty area.

Camberley began to grow into the game and, in the 26th minute, a contentious decision went against the Salts. Foord was penalised with a questionable free-kick and a yellow card. The resulting pressure led to a disputed corner, from which the ball was flicked on at the near post for Hoppit to level the scores.

Epsom responded excellently. A second corner quickly followed a period of fine midfield passing, and Brendan delivered a pinpoint cross to the back post. Toby rose highest to power his header home, restoring the lead just before half-time.

Debutant Aaron had enjoyed a flawless, composed first half in goal.

After the break, Toby came agonisingly close to a third, rattling the crossbar with another powerful header from a corner.

The turning point arrived shortly afterwards. Naz appealed for offside, but the flag stayed down. As Camberley's number three cut inside, Miller, tracking back, made shoulder-to-shoulder contact and the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

Tempers flared, resulting in Max being sent off from the sidelines. Camberley's number 10 converted the penalty despite Aaron guessing the right way: 2–2.

The game became increasingly scrappy on the worsening surface, although Foord came close when he curled an effort just over the bar.

Disaster struck following another disputed free-kick. Steadman curled the ball into the box and Aaron came out to claim it, but was caught in a heavy collision involving Naz, Toby and Camberley's number 15. The ball agonisingly ricocheted off a head and into the empty net.

Epsom threw everything forward in the closing stages, but there was to be no way back. A frustrating afternoon was compounded after the final whistle when Oba received a yellow card during the post-match arguments.

We wish Camberley well with their pitch renovations during the summer and look forward to playing on a perfect surface next year.

Up the Salts.

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'Ardley a goal's difference between them: Epsom and Ewell lose out on penalties

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Saturday 17 October 2026 | Nolan Oils Ground, Ardley | Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup, First Round | Ardley 2 Epsom & Ewell 2 (Ardley won 6-5 on penalties)

After a heavily delayed journey up the M40 following an incident on the M25, Epsom & Ewell received a warm welcome at Ardley, although the biting chill soon became the overriding feature of the evening.

Despite concerns over squad selection the night before, manager Max assembled a side that produced a highly creditable performance against opponents sitting third in the Northern Division.

Winning the toss, Toby wisely elected to play down the slope, with Epsom adopting a disciplined 4-4-2 formation.

Following a cagey opening five minutes, the Salts broke the deadlock.

Frankie delivered a free-kick that was cleared for a corner, which he took himself. The ball came back to him just inside the penalty area and he struck beautifully with the outside of his right boot through a crowd of players, leaving the goalkeeper rooted to the spot.

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It was an excellent first goal for the club.

Ardley equalised in the 24th minute after being awarded a free-kick just outside the box.

Tom Moore curled an impressive left-footed strike over Epsom's four-man wall and into the top right-hand corner.

The award of the free-kick was strongly questioned by the Epsom bench, with Harry Murphy receiving a yellow card during the protests.

The Salts had opportunities to regain the lead, including a Djazton effort cleared off the line, but it was Ardley who struck again before the interval.

Another free-kick was taken quickly and a sharp one-two opened up the Epsom defence, allowing Declan to finish across Ben Grummitt and give the hosts a 2-1 half-time lead.

The second half was a tighter affair, with clear-cut chances at a premium.

Following an injury to Kionte, the Epsom management reshuffled the side, moving Callum Wilson into central midfield and Djazton back to left-back.

The change paid off in the 79th minute.

Toby's throw-in was headed by Oba into the path of Frankie, who slipped a precise pass through to the advancing Djazton.

He kept his composure to finish neatly and register his first goal for the club, earning Epsom a deserved equaliser.

The closing stages were frantic.

Ardley struck both the crossbar and a post, but Epsom held firm and the score remained 2-2 at the final whistle, sending the tie to penalties.

After five spot-kicks apiece the sides remained level.

Naz struck the bar before Ardley's number 16 hit the post. Leo then saw his effort saved by Hillier, only for Grummitt to respond by denying Ardley's number 12.

Harry converted his penalty and Ardley's number six replied.

Frankie, one of Epsom's standout performers on the night, then saw his penalty saved, allowing Ardley's number 15 to convert the decisive kick and secure a 6-5 shootout victory.

It was an agonising end for the Salts after a spirited and hard-fought performance against strong opposition on the road.

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Epsom and Ewell FC's going downhill win!

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Epsom & Ewell 4-0 Molesey. Southern Combination Challenge Cup Second Round – Monday 13th October 2026 – Chalky Lane, Chessington – Attendance: 87

The Salts progressed comfortably into the next round of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup with a convincing 4-0 victory over Molesey.

Epsom & Ewell, playing up the slope in the first half, created the game's first opening but fired over the crossbar.

The Salts took the lead after 14 minutes. Following a goalmouth scramble, Antonios Nazareth reacted quickest at the far post to poke the ball home and give Epsom the advantage.

The match took a significant turn four minutes before the break when Molesey's Elvis Kwashie was shown a straight red card following a reckless challenge on Jason Bloor. Bloor required several minutes of treatment before continuing.

There was further controversy just before half-time when a Molesey defender appeared to handle the ball while playing it back towards his goalkeeper, but the referee waved away Epsom's appeals.

The hosts nevertheless went into the interval holding a deserved 1-0 lead.

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Epsom & Ewell started the second half somewhat sluggishly, with Blessing Hombessa collecting a yellow card on 50 minutes. Further cautions followed for Alex Foord and Angel Montes as the game became increasingly competitive.

Hombessa's evening was cut short on 58 minutes after a heavy knock, with Oba introduced in his place.

The Salts made further changes shortly afterwards as Niall Stilwell and Charlie Miller entered the action, while Courtney Swaby and Kionte Waul were also introduced as Epsom & Ewell looked to make their numerical advantage count.

The sides were reduced to ten men apiece on 69 minutes when Montes received his second yellow card of the evening and was dismissed.

Despite that setback, the Salts soon doubled their lead.

On 75 minutes, substitute Oba broke clear, drove towards goal and finished confidently to make it 2-0. A minute later, the Molesey goalkeeper produced an excellent diving save to prevent a third.

The hosts continued to press. Swaby struck the upright after beating his defender on 80 minutes, before Waul embarked on a surging run from inside his own half, only to see his effort saved by the goalkeeper.

Epsom & Ewell's third goal arrived five minutes from time when Oba completed his brace with another determined run and composed finish. Swaby again threatened moments later but fired narrowly wide.

There was still time for one final flourish.

On 90 minutes, Harry Grant powered home a towering header from a corner to score his first goal for the club and complete an emphatic 4-0 victory.

The win sends Epsom & Ewell into the next round, where they will face either Kingstonian or Balham away.

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Epsom and Ewell FC finally chalk up a win

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Epsom & Ewell 3–1 Yateley United. Combined Counties Premier League South. Saturday 10th October – Chalky Lane, Chessington. Attendance: 81

Epsom & Ewell secured their first home victory of the season with an impressive 3–1 win over Yateley United at Chalky Lane.

With club captain Brendan sidelined through injury, the armband was handed to Toby Young, who led the line superbly and set the tone with a tireless performance.

The Salts started brightly and were almost ahead inside three minutes when Oba broke clear and delivered an inviting cross, but nobody was able to apply the finishing touch.

The hosts continued to press, with Blessing Hombessa beating two defenders before sending another dangerous ball into the area.

Epsom suffered a setback after 33 minutes when Harry Murphy was forced off through injury. New signing Angel Montes came on for his debut following his arrival from Corinthian-Casuals and quickly settled into the contest with a composed performance.

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Despite creating the better chances, the sides went into the interval level at 0–0, with the Salts unfortunate not to be ahead.

The breakthrough finally arrived in the 55th minute when Oba was rewarded for an energetic display by finding the net to give Epsom a deserved lead.

Just four minutes later, the hosts doubled their advantage. Leading scorer Hombessa surged past his defender before confidently finishing to make it 2–0. His celebrations earned him a booking, but the Salts were firmly in control.

Oba's afternoon ended through injury after 68 minutes, with Jason Vincent replacing him. Luis Oliveira was then forced off four minutes later, with Daniel Conteh introduced.

There was a warm reception in the 78th minute for defender Anthonios Nazareth, who returned after a lengthy spell out with a shoulder injury. He replaced Harry Grant to a round of applause from the home support.

Luke Miller later replaced Charlie Miller as Epsom looked to see out the game.

Yateley pulled a goal back in the second minute of stoppage time with a breakaway finish to make it 2–1 and briefly raise hopes of a comeback.

The Salts responded emphatically.

Deep into added time, Hombessa broke clear and calmly drilled a low finish into the corner for his second goal of the afternoon, sealing a deserved 3–1 victory.

It was an encouraging performance from Epsom & Ewell, who combined attacking threat with resilience to record their first home win of the season and collect all three points.

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Epsom and Ewell's casual defence gives game away

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Epsom & Ewell 0 Corinthian-Casuals 2. **Saturday 3 October 2026 – Combined Counties Premier League South**

Epsom & Ewell's difficult home form continued as Corinthian-Casuals left Chalky Lane with all three points following a 2–0 victory in front of a healthy crowd of 322.

The first team news of the afternoon was that skipper Brendan Murphy-McVey had failed a fitness test and was therefore unavailable.

Before kick-off, a minute's applause was impeccably observed in memory of former Salt Mick Stratford, who recently passed away. Mick made 325 appearances for the club, scoring 18 goals, and was warmly remembered before the action began.

The Salts made a bright start and thought they had taken the lead after just five minutes when the ball found the back of the net. However, the celebrations were cut short as the referee ruled the effort out for a foul.

On 17 minutes Blessing Hombessa broke forward, beat his defender and delivered a dangerous cross into the area, but nobody was able to get on the end of it.

Just a minute later the visitors struck. Lee Quincey found the net to give Corinthian-Casuals an 18th-minute lead.

There was further frustration for Epsom & Ewell shortly before the interval. On 42 minutes they again had the ball in the net, only for the referee to rule the effort out. The decision was that the goalkeeper had one hand on the ball while it was

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on the ground and had therefore been fouled.

It ensured Corinthian-Casuals took their 1–0 advantage into the half-time break.

After Epsom & Ewell's improved second-half performance the previous week, there was hope that the Salts could once again raise their game after the interval. Unfortunately, that did not materialise.

One player who certainly continued to battle was Alex Foord, who worked tirelessly in midfield and covered seemingly every inch of the pitch.

Epsom & Ewell's task became even more difficult in the 52nd minute when Balde Dansoko doubled the visitors' advantage. Some poor defending gave Casuals the opportunity, while goalkeeper Ben Grummitt was unable to reach the ball before Dansoko made it 2–0.

A minute later Luis Oliveira picked up a yellow card.

Changes followed as Epsom & Ewell attempted to find a route back into the contest. On 73 minutes Jason Bloor replaced Charlie Miller and Toby Young came on for Courtney Levi.

Four minutes later Kionte Waul replaced Harry Murphy, while Luke Miller came on for Oba.

The final change arrived in the 82nd minute when skipper Callum O'Keeffe made way for joint-manager Craig Dundas.

There was to be no late recovery, however, and Corinthian-Casuals saw out the remaining minutes to secure a 2–0 victory.

It was another disappointing performance on home soil, leaving the Salts still searching for their first home points of the campaign despite another excellent attendance.

Epsom & Ewell are back at Chalky Lane next week when Yateley United are the visitors.

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Epsom fight back from two down to earn Abbey Rangers draw

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Abbey Rangers 2 Epsom & Ewell FC 2 – Combined Counties League Premier Division South – Saturday 26 September 2026 Addlestone Moor

Epsom & Ewell recovered from two goals down to earn a point at Abbey Rangers, although their stronger second-half performance left them with chances to take all three.

The Salts made a slow start, and Alfie Essex put Abbey ahead after eight minutes. Josh Stepney doubled the hosts' lead in the 22nd minute, capitalising on a mistake by Epsom goalkeeper Ben Grummitt.

Captain Brendan Murphy-McVey nearly pulled one back with a free-kick, but the Abbey goalkeeper saved well. The hosts then came close to a third when an attempted lob from around 25 yards beat Grummitt and struck the crossbar.

That escape sparked an improvement from Epsom. In the 36th minute, Jason Vincent supplied Blessing Hombessa, who fired home to make it 2-1 at the break.

The Salts were level just two minutes after the restart. Obasanjo Akinniranye marked his 50th appearance for the club by scoring in a goalmouth scramble.

Harry Murphy was injured soon afterwards and replaced by Kionte Waul. Epsom then thought they had taken the lead through defender Harry Grant, but the referee disallowed the goal.

Akinniranye, Courtney Swaby and Hombessa all had further opportunities as Epsom pressed for a winner. Callum O'Keeffe replaced Murphy-McVey with 10 minutes remaining, while Jason Bloor and Luke Miller came on for Vincent and Swaby. Toby Young, returning from suspension, replaced Hombessa in added time.

A point represented a strong recovery from 2-0 down. Epsom will next host Corinthian-Casuals in a local derby on

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Salts hold Sutton for 72 minutes before cup defeat

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Epsom & Ewell 0–2 Sutton United. Specsavers Senior County Cup, first round Chalky Lane, 22 September 2026

Epsom & Ewell held National League side Sutton United until the 72nd minute before two goals in quick succession ended their Senior County Cup run.

The Salts matched their full-time opponents through a goalless first half at Chalky Lane, with both teams creating chances but neither finding a breakthrough.

Epsom & Ewell came close to taking the lead after the interval. Oba escaped his marker and beat the Sutton goalkeeper, but his shot went narrowly wide.

Sutton broke the deadlock in the 72nd minute when Ogbonna poked the ball in at the near post. Two minutes later, Urpens struck from distance and a deflection wrong-footed Salts goalkeeper Grummitt to make it 2–0.

Epsom & Ewell made several changes as the game went on. Luke Miller replaced Oba, while Frankie Lynn, Jason Bloor and Niall Stillwell also came on. Joint player-manager Craig Dundas received a warm reception from both sets of supporters when he entered the match against his former club.

The Salts continued to press for a goal, but Sutton held on. Epsom & Ewell return to league action away to Abbey Rangers.

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Stoppage-time double sinks the Salts

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Epsom & Ewell 2–3 Tooting & Mitcham United. 31st August 2026 – Chalky Lane, Chessington – Combined Counties Premier League South. Attendance: 206.

Epsom & Ewell twice led and appeared on course for a deserved victory before two stoppage-time goals turned the match on its head.

The Salts began brightly, moving the ball well and immediately putting Tooting under pressure. There was an early moment of controversy when an apparent elbow inside the penalty area went unseen by the officials.

Tooting adopted a physical approach and Epsom became increasingly frustrated as several challenges went unpunished. Jason Bloor was booked for kicking the ball away following another disputed decision, while three Tooting players received yellow cards for heavy challenges.

Despite the disruption, the Salts maintained their composure and took a deserved lead in the 41st minute. Blessing Hombessa found the bottom corner with a calm, low finish to send Epsom into the interval 1–0 ahead.

Tooting drew level four minutes after the restart through Michael Onovwigun, but the Salts responded superbly.

In the 55th minute, Hombessa broke free, brought the ball under control and fired past the goalkeeper to restore Epsom's advantage with his second fine finish of the afternoon.

The Salts continued to play the better football, while Tooting increasingly relied on long balls forward. Ayran Kugathas was shown a yellow card in the 74th minute.

As the players tired, however, the contest became increasingly stretched. Epsom opted not to use any of their five available substitutes and paid a heavy price during a dramatic period of added time.

Antonio Simeone equalised for Tooting in the 92nd minute. Three minutes later, William Efambro struck the visitors' winner to complete a remarkable turnaround and leave the Salts empty-handed.

Having controlled long periods of the match and twice held the lead, Epsom will regard this as a particularly painful defeat.

The Salts return to action on Saturday 12th September, when they host Bearsted in the FA Vase.

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