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Two excellent strikes earn the points for Salts

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Seaford Town 1-2 Epsom & Ewell FC Southern Combination League – Division One Saturday 13th August 2022 Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk Reporter: Richard Lambert.

With one swish of the left foot and a low scissor volley with the right, Jubril “Jibs” Adamson and Joao “Tiago” Andrade registered their first goals for the club and provided the Salts with a healthy seaside tonic as they put last week’s loss at Shoreham firmly in the rear view mirror with a 2-1 win at Seaford Town on Saturday.

It was Adamson’s debut, although he was not even in the original starting sixteen when it was announced, replacing Jahobi Maher in a pre-match line up change, who I presume was injured in the warm up, but it proved to be a successful change as his strike enabled our boys to recover from a shaky start and ultimately take the three points.

This was not an easy match to watch on a day where it was too hot for supporters, let alone players! The searing heat was constant, although in a strange way the players were helped a little by the stop-start nature of the game as a result of an over fussy and at times uncertain refereeing display which confused players and viewers alike. However, there were a number of positives to be taken from this match in addition to the obvious win. Both teams maintained a really high tempo throughout and the contest was a totally competitive one throughout, while we also showed good game management, both on and off the pitch to ensure that we remained ahead against an opponent who will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

We had a strange and unexplained delay to the start of the game and the players were kept waiting before we finally got underway seven minutes late and the first thing my boy noted was that we had started with a back four, after playing all pre-season with a back three. On the Seaford surface which was understandably brown, but with occasional patches of green speckled across it, we looked like we would be off the a good start from the opening exchanges, only to fall behind from a right wing ball in that was met at the near post with a strike from Callum Connor that was blocked, but he was first to reach the loose ball and smashed it past Matt Walton from close range in the sixth minute.

It would have been easy to think back to the previous week when we conceded after nine minutes and never recovered, but if anyone was thinking like that, it wasn’t for long after a delightful through ball just two minutes later found Adamson and his early strike was low and just inside the post from twenty yards before Seaford keeper Mike Platt, with a career as a Ben Stokes lookalike ahead of him, was able to do anything about it. In fact he couldn’t have reached it if he had been holding a bat!

It got better in a hurry too as Athan Smith-Joseph made tracks down the right wing in the 15th minute and sent a cross over. Platt came out of his goal and called for it, but the ball was already landing on the defender’s head and he cleared it away. However, the clearance fell straight to Andrade just inside the penalty area and he showed good technique to keep his volley down, which flew into the net that Platt had vacated.

Both sides had another good chance before the break. The hosts had a 37th minute free kick that was met with a decent header, although Walton appeared to get a hand to the ball before it hit the post and flew away, and then on the counter attack Smith-Joseph got down the right again and his pull back was sent just over the bar from Andrade from twelve yards. One more chance followed when a Ryan Smith free kick out on the right was met by the incoming Brad Peters, but he couldn’t quite get a sufficient contact and glanced the ball wide with his head.

The half had seen plenty of stoppages and the referee was the reason for most of them. Delays were frequent because of odd decision making and his habit of wandering over to his Assistants, almost as if he was after some sort of validation. This was proving a little frustrating and just before the half time break Peters found himself sent to the sin bin. Although I don’t know what was said, you had sympathy for our Captain at this point and he missed the final seconds followed by the opening ten minutes of the second half. Despite being down to ten men in those closing seconds there was still time for Steve Springett to show good energy and make advances down the left, although his ball in was volleyed over by Andrade.

The second half commenced with another unusual decision as Gideon Acheampong just reached the ball after it had already gone out, but sent it out of the ground and picked up the first yellow card of the day in the 50th minute, although we were down to ten at the time so that may have factored into the referee’s thinking. However, I’ve seen far worse completely ignored before! Peters returned after ten minutes actual play had occurred, but he then picked up a silly yellow card for a push right on the edge of the area and when moments later Connor picked up a yellow for the home side after a foul on Andrade, our Captain was taking a risk by clapping very clearly in the referee’s direction. Well aware that a second sin bin offence would leave us with ten men, our Assistant Manager Matt Chapman and his team, in the absence of both joint Managers today, made the wise decision to replace Peters with Johnny “Sonic” Akoto who made his debut at left back with Springett moving into the centre.

The hosts tried to push us back. Literally in one case when a long throw came in and Springett was sent flying, but the referee missed this foul that I could see from 100 yards away and the ball needed to be cleared out from under our crossbar by Andy “Woody” Hall. We then saw our left winger Richard Pingling kick the ball away into a hoarding, but fortunately for us, although inconsistently he didn’t receive a card. Pingling and Smith-Joseph asked questions of the Seaford defence all day and were a regular threat.

As the match progressed, further substitutions followed and one of these, Adam Grant just saw his header sent over the

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bar from another Smith-Joseph delivery and there was time for a new player Joshua Owens to come on for his debut where he, along with Owen Higgins and Louis Chin bolstered our tiring midfield. Chin came on in the 91st minute, yet we played nine minutes over, and whilst there were a couple of minutes taken for the mid-half drinks break, it was a very long time before the whistle blew and we could celebrate the points.

On another day, the home team could have taken a point, but our players looked much more solid this weekend and rarely looked in trouble during the second half. We kept a very good side at arm's length for much of the contest and for that reason I believe we were worthy of the three points, something also acknowledged by the Seaford Manager Paul Wise in his always honest post-match comments. We now host Forest Row next, but please note that this match has been moved from the Tuesday to the Wednesday at short notice. Such are the hazards of ground sharing, although I imagine that our players will be grateful for the extra day's respite between games!

Epsom & Ewell: Matt Walton, Gideon Acheampong, Steve Springett, Ryan 'Butch' Smith, Andy "Woody" Hall, Brad Peters ©, Athan Smith-Joseph, Zach Powell, Jubril "Jibs" Adamson, Tiago Andrade, Richard Pingling

Subs: Johnny "Sonic" Akoto for Peters (64), Adam Grant for Adamson (75), Owen Higgins for Smith-Joseph (84), Joshua Owens for Andrade (86), Louis Chin for Powell (91)

Shoreham 3-0 Epsom & Ewell

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Southern Combination League – Division One. Saturday 6th August 2022. Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk Reporter: Richard Lambert.

On Saturday we suffered our third straight 3-0 defeat when visiting Middle Road, home of Shoreham. Whilst the previous two losses contained many positives against opponents of a far higher standard, this latest performance came in the extremely important first League match of the season and was significantly poorer than any of our pre-season encounters. In fact this was our worst opening day result since losing 6-0 against Windsor & Eton in 1970!

Shoreham are a good team at this level and defeated us here in the League last season, so this was already expected to be one of our toughest challenges of the season at a time when our new Management team are just beginning to put a team together. However, if there has been an issue of concern this season it has been the sheer number of players we have had trying out for squad positions, which has probably meant that many haven't had enough game time. Certainly it appeared at times as though some of the players had hardly met before and the nine debuts handed out in this match equalled our club record, set previously in 1945 and 1982.

We had the first half chance of the match when Athan Smith-Joseph opted to volley at goal from a very wide angle with the ball flying over the bar, but we then trailed in the 9th minute and it was a sorry story. An unnecessary back pass to Matt Walton hurried him into a clearance straight to an opponent and the ball was sent across to Harry Heath, who knocked the ball past our still retreating keeper from around eighteen yards. He got a hand to it but couldn't keep it out.

The match was fairly even from that point for the remainder of the half. In fact, it could be argued that we were holding the balance of possession and Adam Grant's shot at goal in the 28th minute would have tested Sam Marsden the home keeper, had it not taken a heavy deflection on the way which ensured that it dribbled into his arms instead. It is important to note that this was our only shot on target in the entire match.

A couple of efforts from new boys Jahobi Maher and Ryan "Butch" Smith cleared the bar as we tried to get a foothold in the match but in the 44th minute a back pass from another new boy Aaron Bogle caught Walton out and he was unable to keep the ball out of the net. It was a disastrous way to end the half.

We made a substitution at the half as Richard Pingling came on for Maher who had received a couple of knocks to his ankle and we thought we had found a way back in the 53rd minute when a deep delivery was headed into the danger area by Andy "Woody" Hall for Tiago Andrade to deftly knock the ball over the keeper, only to see the offside flag raised against him. Now this looked slightly harsh, and whilst I do not stand in the best position for these sort of things, you still get a feel for them after 40 years behind the goal and I reckon it must have been very close.

The next chance fell to the home side and Walton made a smart save. but we were extremely fortunate in the 67th minute when Ross Myers was free at the far post after a good move down the right and ball across which was smashed against the bar and over from fairly close range. Another shot just cleared our bar as Shoreham pushed for a third goal. Then another dangerous ball in was not gathered by Walton and there was panic in the six yard box, but fortunately the danger was cleared.

We had one further piece of club history when Owen Higgins came on for Grant in the 77th minute, as the new rules allow for five substitutes this year and as the first person to become an official fifth substitute, he joined an exclusive club along with the previous four; Reg Scott (1966), Tommy Tuite (1975), Steve Smith (1995), and James Moran (2008).

We had one final opportunity when Pingling struck the bar from around thirty yards, but in reality, the Shoreham defence, marshalled superbly by Dan Momah wearing the number five shirt, dealt with our threat fairly comfortably all day and

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insult was then added to injury in the 91st minute when the hosts scored a third goal, again created from the right wing and this time Myers couldn't miss the tap in.

Of course this is only the opening fixture of the season and things will surely improve if the friendly performances are anything to go by, but this was a worrying way to start and with the trip to Seaford Town coming up next Saturday, we will need to get better in a hurry, especially as Seaford will also be keen to bounce back from their own heavy opening day defeat at Forest Row.

Epsom & Ewell: Matt Walton, Zach Powell, Andy "Woody" Hall, Ryan 'Butch' Smith, Aaron Bogle, Louis Chin, Gideon Acheampong, ©, Adam Grant, Athan Smith-Joseph, Tiago Andrade, Jahobi Maher

Subs: Richard Pingling for Maher (HT), Ben King for Andrade (57), Steve Springett for Powell (69), Brad Peters for Acheampong (69), Owen Higgins for Grant (77)

Salts falter at final friendly

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Leatherhead 3-0 Epsom & Ewell Pre-season Friendly – Stella Lamont Trophy Wednesday 3rd August 2022. Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk Reporter: Richard Lambert

Tanners ease to victory. In five days we have faced two Isthmian League Step Four teams in Walton & Hersham and Leatherhead and it's fair to say there will be little between the pair as our landlords repeated the scoreline we suffered at the Elmbridge Xcel Sports Hub. As with the previous match, the Tanners could afford to miss a penalty too in their 3-0 win.

This match was listed as the Stella Lamont Trophy, named after our long-serving Club President. It is most unusual to name a trophy after someone who is still with us and indeed Stella very much is; celebrating her 94th birthday on 1st September! We also took the opportunity to show off the new kit for this season, which regrettably followed a trend of recent years in gradually becoming more white than blue, with our players almost appearing to wear white bibs across their chests!

As a larger number of players have now signed, I am able to refer to more of them by name and all eleven of our starters in this match have put pen to paper. How many of them will make the starting eleven on Saturday remains a challenge for our Management who used seventeen players and had four unused subs available too, not to mention four other signed players who were not present!

In reality this was a very similar match to our contest at Walton & Hersham, but there were a lot more goal scoring opportunities for both teams over the ninety minutes, as neither team earned top marks for their finishing. We made a bright start though and Jahobi Maher sent an early strike a yard over the bar before a Ryan "Butch" Smith free kick was headed at goal by Steve Springett, only to see the ball superbly tipped over by the Leatherhead keeper. This would prove to be our best chance of the match.

In response a tame shot from our landlords was dragged across goal, but they had more success in the 11th minute when we failed to deal with an extremely long throw in and the loose ball was drilled low past Matt Walton by Tarpey although our new keeper, who has played well in pre-season, did well to even get a hand on the shot.

We were back on the attack soon after and Athan Smith-Joseph produced a good run and cut inside his man, but fired a curling shot just over the bar from 15 yards. There were plenty more efforts on goal from either side, although most of them came from Leatherhead and as the half progressed our good start became more of a distant memory. A 37th minute far post header was a good opportunity for our opponents to extend their lead, but this was sent over the bar from fairly close range and the teams went in at the break with a 1-0 scoreline.

Smith-Joseph saw another effort just high and wide as we opened the second half, and Leatherhead nearly scored in the 58th minute after a deep corner was headed back across goal, but a low shot flew away off our post to safety.

We then had some half chances around the hour mark, firstly when Smith-Joseph's shot from the right was parried by the Leatherhead keeper, but not in the usual way, as the ball spooned up off him over the bar, dropping onto the roof of the net. Then from the corner Jubril "Jibs" Adamson was unable to deal with a Smith corner in a good position and the ball hit him and was cleared. A few minutes after this Smith struck a shot from at least thirty yards which cleared the bar by a couple of feet.

The game then stopped for six minutes while a stretcher was required for a Leatherhead player who looked in a lot of discomfort. We wish him well. On the pitch we made five substitutions, but we created less as the half progressed and conceded a second goal in the 75th minute as Tarpey latched on to a long ball in a bit too much space and clipped the ball over the advancing but exposed Walton. Walton was replaced by our other regular keeper, but he suffered a similar fate eleven minutes later when the Leatherhead number three made a fine run from the full back position and took a return pass before clipping the ball over our man for a very good goal.

Substitute Adam Grant had a late chance when he received the ball from a poor keeper clearance, but his effort from 40

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yards was a few yards wide of the vacant target. For all our attacking, 3-0 was a little harsh at this point, but it nearly got worse as a clumsy foul led to a penalty, although the same post came to our rescue again and the deficit remained at three.

There is a school of thought that says friendlies against top Four sides will teach us little, compared to a match against a team of a similar level and I largely subscribe to that theory. However, these two defeats have produced some positives and we will also enter the League season with our feet firmly on the ground when we open up on Saturday at Shoreham.

Swans glide past Salts – Walton & Hersham 3 Epsom & Ewell 0

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Pre-season Friendly Friday 29th July 2022 Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk Reporter: Richard Lambert

Our pre-season has been a good one so far, and there were many positives to take from this match, despite the scoreline that just confirmed there is a large gap between Step Four and Step Six football, which we all knew anyway!

On the artificial surface at the Xcel Sports Hub; a venue where we had conceded ten goals in two previous visits, this match ended with another three goals against us, but for large periods of the match we gave as good as our opponents and the work rate was also impressive.

We conceded an early penalty after Jahobi Maher dragged down the winger, but the hosts tried to get clever, with one of those “Henry/Pires style penalties, but our keeper was alert to the danger and made a fine save from the eventual shot in the 12th minute.

We had a long range effort from new signing Tiago Andrade that wasn’t far away, before Jubril “Jibs” Adamson fired a half volley just over the bar as the hosts failed to deal with a Ryan “Butch” Smith free kick, but our keeper was back in action soon after, making a fine save from an angle after a good advantage from the referee. We then trailed in the 35th minute after a near post corner was headed in from close range by Joe Hicks.

Two more saves were made by our keeper before a Smith strike from 25 yards tested the gloves of the Walton keeper, but we also saw a recent new signing, the re-joining Hakim Griffiths, knocked to the ground and he required replacement just before the break.

We were caught out at the start of the second half as a low ball in from the left was tapped in at the far post by Eddie Simon for Walton and Hersham’s second goal in the 48th minute, and soon after this we made six changes, in addition to the two made either side of half time, although despite the disruption to our side the match remained competitive throughout. We clearly have a number of players fighting for places right now and all are contributing. It’s a nice problem for our Management to have!

A third goal for the hosts on the hour was ruled out for offside after the Assistant’s flag was raised, although much discussion ensued between the officials before the decision was finally confirmed. Six minutes later our substitute striker pinged a shot against the Walton post from 20 yards and was unlucky to see the ball fly off it across the face of the goal instead of into the net. This led to our best spell of the game with some decent football and we looked like we may get the score back to 2-1 at any moment, but as we chased the match, we unfortunately gave away another penalty in the 89th minute and by the time it was taken a minute later, Mills chose to stick with a more orthodox spot kick this time and scored their third and final goal.

Despite the scoreline it is sometimes good to lose a friendly as you can learn a lot about players in adversity. Another tough challenge awaits on Wednesday as we face Leatherhead at Fetcham Grove, but this result hasn’t dented my belief in any way that we will be competing for the title this season. In fact, it might have even enhanced it a little!

Epsom & Ewell dominate Croydon (in football friendly).

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The 60 spectators who were present at Fetcham Grove on Tuesday evening witnessed an interesting match, full of scoring opportunities. Although we looked very good, particularly in the first half, Croydon, nicknamed the Trams, will have come away from this match believing that they could and should have got something out of the match on the balance of possession.

The visitors pushed us back to start with, but we took the lead in the 12th minute when a clever through ball from midfield reached Athan Smith-Joseph in space and that is always a dangerous situation for the opposition as our striker, revelling in his more central role this season, simply strolled around the keeper and planted the ball into the empty net.

A Ryan Smith free kick was superbly tipped onto the post and away six minutes later before our own keeper was in action soon after to keep out one of a number of free kicks that we conceded around the edge of the penalty area. He would repeat the save on the half hour, this time to his left, but somewhat against the run of play we extended our lead in the 37th minute after Louis Chin received the ball twenty yards out after good work from Smith-Joseph and he smashed the ball into the net from twenty yards. The shot took a slight deflection, quite probably off one of our own players, but had it been a defender, there's no way it would have been classed as an own goal, so I have credited it to Chinny.

The visitors had a final opportunity just before half time, but an unmarked header was sent straight at our keeper.

We made six changes at the half and many other substitutions would follow throughout the second period. We made it 3-0 in the 48th minute when a Smith free kick was fumbled by the Croydon keeper, and although he recovered well to scoop the ball away before it crossed the line, the loose ball was tapped in by Adam Grant.

We conceded a penalty in the 62nd minute which was dispatched, and then we had a bit of a scuffle following a foul which led to a slight delay, but we scored a fourth goal in the 74th minute after a fine crossfield pass from Jahobi Maher found our striker, whose shot was almost stopped by the keeper, but the ball still had enough on it to cross the line before a defender could reach it. The visitors had the final chance of the evening but a fine defensive block preserved the score line and the whistle blew soon after.

Over the course of the match we fielded 22 players, which tells me that there is still much work to do before this squad is trimmed down to a manageable amount. However, the strength in depth across the squad appears impressive at this stage of the season. It will be interesting to see how this squad copes in the remaining two friendlies, both of which are challenging ones away to Step Four teams Walton & Hersham and Leatherhead.

Epsom & Ewell 1-1 Horsham YMCA

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Pre-season Friendly Saturday 23rd July 2022. We may not have been able to make it four wins in a row in our latest friendly encounter, but we were by no means outclassed and held our own throughout against Step Five Horsham YMCA and scored a second half equaliser to record a deserved 1-1 draw at River Lane, Fetcham; home of Leatherhead Youth FC on Saturday. Around fifty spectators were present.

The match started quietly enough although the visitors nearly opened the scoring with a lob over our exposed keeper that landed on the roof of the net. We then had a couple of incidents that led to the referee asking both Managers whether they wanted to continue the match, which after a small break, we did. By this time we had gone behind as a Horsham YMCA free kick squirmed off our keeper low down and went up off him into the roof of the net. This goal came in the 20th minute.

Although we were not playing that well we did manage to fashion an equaliser five minutes before the break when a slide rule pass inside the defender was squared across goal by our right winger for a straightforward tap in from the same player who had netted our winning goal at Dorking Wanderers. It was a smart goal and without a doubt was the best move of the match.

Six changes were made at half time, as we shuffled the pack on another hot day and the second half remained very even, although in the final twenty minutes we made a couple of decent chances and probably finished slightly the stronger of the two teams. Certainly though a draw was a fair result and I felt that neither side had done enough to show they were worthy of the win.

It was also clear that our Management were not particularly happy with the performance and clearly will be seeking an

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improvement on Tuesday when Croydon are the visitors to Fetcham Grove. We then follow this with a pair of extremely challenging friendlies against Step Four clubs; at Walton & Hersham on Friday night and at Leatherhead the following Wednesday before our League fixtures kick off at Shoreham on Saturday August 6th.

Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk

Epsom and Ewell FC on a friendly hat-trick.

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Following 2 wins out of 3 Epsom and Ewell FC went away to Dorking Wanderers XI and won 1 – 2. This 4th pre-season friendly was played on Saturday 16th July 2022. Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk. Reporter: Richard Lambert

A hot and sunny Meadowbank was the place to be for just over 80 spectators as our pre-season friendlies continued with a 2-1 win against a sort of Dorking Wanderers XI.

The opponents were billed as both an XI and a B team, but the advertising came from the Reserve team, so it's hard to tell exactly which team they were made up from. Clearly though they knew each other well and were extremely young and fit, with the keeper advising me that he was just 15!

And it has to be said our opponents held more of the ball in this encounter than we did, although we restricted them to just a couple of shots on target and when we had chances, we actually looked far more threatening than they did, with a former Epsom player being involved in most of our attacks.

Our first chance came in the 14th minute as a low ball in from Athan Smith-Joseph was just ahead of our man running in, but we took the lead a minute later after another former Epsom player intercepted the ball in midfield and spread the pass out to Smith-Joseph who cut onto his right foot and steered the ball into the far corner from just outside the penalty area. He then had another shot on target on the half hour, but it was unluckily blocked by a team mate.

We had a large drinks break and then followed it with an injury delay as our player who had created the goal fell awkwardly and had to be replaced. In all over nine minutes extra were played. We then made six more changes to the line up and changed our colours from blue and white to yellow and could have extended our lead after Josh Alder got through on goal, but his shot was saved comfortably and in the 49th minute the home side equalised with a close range shot that our keeper was unable to block.

Further changes followed throughout the match as the heat continued to beat down and a really good take down of a crossfield pass gave us another opportunity, but the shot went into the side netting. Fortunately that same player would get another chance in the 90th minute as he ran on to a good ball over the top of the defence and his close range finish gave the keeper no chance, and our first ever win at the rebuilt Meadowbank, albeit not for a competitive fixture.

But that will have to wait until the season commences as we are scheduled to visit here twice more, and on this display we have to assume that if this is the make up of the Dorking Wanderers Reserve side for this season then they will be right up there battling for the title too. Our side is still being tweaked with at this stage of the season though and I believe we will improve further before the season commences.

Our next two friendlies against Croydon and Leatherhead Youth have been cancelled, although the Croydon one has been moved to the following Tuesday, 26th July, and will now be played at Leatherhead instead. There may still be a friendly arranged for this coming Saturday, but based on the club's current poor release of information to its supporters, I doubt we will find much more out until just before the day, if indeed there is one at all.

Bowling Reports to 13th July 2022

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Vilamoura Mixed League **Epsom played against Sutton on Wednesday 13th July 2022 and won away, lost at home & won overall 34 – 31 (4 – 2).** **Details: Home: Liz Hind Brian Collis Phil Sims lost 9 – 23 After 9 ends Epsom were 4 – 12 down & 8 – 14 behind after 14 ends. They lost by 14 shots. Away: Penny Payne David Fearn Fred Read won 25 – 8 Epsom led all afternoon. They were 17 – 7 ahead after 14 ends & won by 17 shots. Final Score: Epsom 34 Sutton 31** **Epsom 4 points Sutton 2 points**

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East Surrey League – Midweek Triples League

Epsom played away against Croydon MO's on Tuesday 12th July 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 2 rinks & lost overall 52 – 57 (2 – 8).

Details: Rink 3: Paul Maskell Mick Cooper Wayne Thornton lost 13 – 27 The scores were level 11 – 11 on the 10th end, but Epsom were outscored 2 – 16 over the remaining ends to lose by 14 shots. Rink 4: David Fearn Stefan Tomm Fred Read won 27 – 10 Epsom led 17 – 7 after 10 ends & outscored Croydon MO's 10 – 3 over the remaining ends to win by 17 shots. Rink 6: Tony Green Frank Thompson Ted Ray lost 12 – 20 The scores were level 8 – 8 after 9 ends, but were outscored 4 – 12 over the remaining ends to lose by 8 shots. Final Score: Epsom 52 Croydon MO's 57 Epsom 2 points Croydon MO's 8 points. Paul Maskell & Tony Green played in their very first competitive match for Epsom Bowling Club in this game.

Chrystie League

Epsom played at home against Leatherhead on Monday 11th July 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & lost overall 34 – 36 (1 – 3).

Details: Rink: David Bragg John Savill Mick Cooper Fred Read won 20 – 15 After 9 ends Epsom were 5 – 10 down. The scores were level on end 13, but Epsom went behind 10 – 14 on end 15. However, Epsom picked up 2 5's & won by 5 shots. Rink: John Lystor Brian Collis Bob Blaker Wayne Thornton lost 14 – 21Epsom were 4 – 12 down after 9 ends, but were level 13 – 13 on end 15. Going into the last end the scores were again level, but Epsom dropped 7 shots to lose by 7. Final Score: Epsom 34 Leatherhead 36 Epsom 1 point Leatherhead 3 points.

***Did you know*? Epsom have played Leatherhead 39 times in this league and won 19, lost 20 & there have been 3 games cancelled. Since the league began this was Epsom's 195th game. They have won 114, lost 76. There have been 5 draws & 11 cancellations.**

East Surrey League – Men

Epsom played at home against Purley Bury on Sunday 10th July 2022 and won on rink, lost on 2 rinks & lost overall 47 – 51 (2 – 8).

Details: Rink 4 David Fearn Bob Blaker Ted Ray Wayne Thornton won 23 – 10

The scores were level 8 – 8 after 11 ends, but Epsom led 15 – 9 on end 15. They finished strongly & won by 13 shots. Rink 5 Stefan Tomm Terry Hoye Les Owen Peter Miller lost 14 – 20 Epsom were 2- 10 down after 10 ends, but came within 2 shots of Purley Bury on the 20th end (14 – 16). They lost by 6 shots. Rink 6 Derek Martin Brian Collis John Warren Jim Scott lost 10 – 21 Epsom were 3 – 12 down after 10 ends & 8 – 13 behind after 15 ends. They lost by 11 shots. Final Score: Epsom 47 Purley Bury 51 Epsom 2 points Purley Bury 8 points

Epsom and Ewell FC win 2, lose 1 in pre-season friendlies.

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Reports courtesy of Richard Lambert of www.eefconline.co.uk

Farnham Town 3-2 Epsom & Ewell Pre-season Friendly Saturday 2nd July 2022.

The artificial surface at Kings College in Guildford was the place to be to witness the opening match of the Anthony Jupp and Liam Giles era.

Farnham are a Step Five team and they held the balance of the play in the first half, although only broke through in the third minute of injury time when a near post right wing cross was converted with a sidefooted volley past our keeper.

The half time whistle blew immediately after the restart, and both teams changed a number of personnel and in our case, the formation too. This bore fruit within 35 seconds as a smart strike from the left about fifteen yards out put us back on level terms. We then hit the face of the bar with a shot from the left before another shot took a slight deflection and came back off the Farnham post.

Unfortunately a foul just inside the penalty area gave our opponents a spot kick which was converted in the 73rd minute and then two minutes after we had hit the post once again in the 87th minute, Farnham scored a third goal with a fine finish into the top corner from just inside the box.

This third goal was a little harsh on our team, but in the 91st minute we did get a second of our own when our earlier scorer latched on to a fine pass, held off his man and steered the ball under the keeper from an angle about ten yards out for his second of the match. It was the least we deserved, having also hit their woodwork on three occasions during that period!

As always at this stage of the season the performance is more important than the result, but with so many players absent it is hard to say much more than the scoreline was about fair, largely due to Farnham holding a greater balance of play in the first half. Suffice to say our new Management seemed happy enough with the way things went and that's all that really

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matters at this point. We move on to meet another Step Five team when we visit Hassocks next Saturday.

Hassocks 0-1 Epsom & Ewell Pre-season Friendly Saturday 9th July 2022.

It is generally accepted that the most pretty ground in the area is Arundel's; sitting in the shadow of its imposing castle. However, Hassocks home ground of The Beacon would certainly fit in the tier just below that, and on a gorgeous day that was probably too hot for football an impressive crowd around the 130 mark were present to witness our victory, although once again the support from an Epsom point of view was really low. This was a pity as the performance showed a clear upgrade from the previous week, despite the heat, although admittedly both teams were almost entirely changed at half time, so most players only played one half of the match.

This was an incredibly unusual result. In my forty years as a regular supporter I can only recall a couple of previous occasions where the only goal of a match occurred in the opening minute, but that's exactly what happened in this contest. There were more new faces on show at Hassocks, including another former Epsom player from 15 years ago, although the only goal after just 18 seconds, came from a familiar face as Athan Smith-Joseph collected the ball some thirty yards out and strolled unchallenged to the edge of the penalty area before casually striking the ball into the corner of the net. It's possible that our opponents hadn't realised we were playing three at the back to start the match and lost track of the extra man we had further forward, but either way we caught the hosts cold with this strike.

From that point, the home team had as much of the match as we did and had a couple of really good chances to equalise; firstly in the 38th minute when a deep ball to the left was volleyed across goal only for the Hassocks 10 to strike over the bar from close range, and then in the 79th minute when a free kick to the far post was headed against our crosssbar and as the ball bounced down and then up again, it wouldn't come down in time for the incoming striker who headed the loose ball over. Our (currently) unnamed keeper, who was different to last week's, also had a good game and made a couple of solid saves, but the match was largely devoid of real goalmouth action and this was a fairly attritional contest at times, which isn't always a bad thing when you are leading.

Did we deserve the win? Maybe a draw would have been fairer over the 90 minutes, but I also felt we were worth a draw at Farnham Town last week and we didn't get it! Whilst the actual result isn't that important at this time of the season, I felt we saw the match out well and this bodes well for the future when some of our other new names will be appearing to strengthen the competition for a place. All in all though; sunny day, lovely ground and my team won. Why would you want to be anywhere else if you truly are a genuine and loyal Epsom supporter?

AFC Uckfield Town 0-2 Epsom & Ewell Pre-season Friendly Tuesday 12th July 2022

In my last report I referred to the clean sheet secured at Hassocks being our first in a long time and we have now added a second just three days later with a good 2-0 win at Step Five AFC Uckfield Town at the Oaks.

We had visited this ground before, back in 2009 for an F.A. Cup tie when one half of the merged Uckfield club were previously known as Wealden FC, and it remains as picturesque as it was back then. Around 65 people attended on a warm and sticky evening to watch the home team hold the upper hand in early proceedings, but without really looking like they would break through.

However, the pattern of the match changed in our favour in the 21st minute. I wouldn't normally advise the name of an unsigned scorer, but seeing as he did it himself on social media, I can advise that Jahobi Maher collected the ball just over 45 yards out and launched a strike at goal. The keeper stumbled, at which point you knew instantly that it was going in for a spectacular opener.

Confidence grew from that point and we should have made it 2-0 with a great move, but Ricardo Fernandes blazed over from the edge of the penalty area. In response the home side flicked a shot at goal but our keeper was able to deal with it comfortably and we extended our lead in the 42nd minute when new signing Nick Wilson met a long throw with a glancing header across and beyond their keeper from around eight yards out, and only a great save from the home keeper stopped a spectacular third goal after a good move concluded with a superb volley from the edge of the area, but the ball was tipped over the bar.

There were less changes than usual at the break with only three players coming on, bringing the total of subs up to four at that point after one of our players had limped off ten minutes from half time. One of these was our keeper from last year, Kane Charles and he would prove to be very busy in the opening quarter of an hour, making a couple of spectacular saves, although he needed some help in the 49th minute when a defensive header back into our penalty area enabled a home striker to shoot at goal, but Louis Chin was perfectly positioned to head the ball off the line via the crossbar and out to safety!

We made four more changes after an hour and the contest, which had been a bit niggly throughout to this point then flared up again after one of our players crashed into the hoardings near the dugouts which required his replacement, but the home side seemed to run out of ideas a little and the game ended in a fairly comfortable 2-0 win in the end.

Phil Walker's final pass....

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Richard Lambert pays homage to the late great footballer who played for Epsom and Ewell FC.

[Photo: ***Phil Walker pictured running the line at West Street on 24th October 1976 in a Charity Match as a Dennis Waterman XI defeated an Epsom XI 11-10 with the recently deceased Waterman scoring a hat-trick. Over 2,000 were present along with many other famous names like Alan Mullery, Dave Sexton, Tony Gubba and Trevor Lee.***]

Photo: Gemini Reynolds

On Friday 8th July 2022 our club lost one of its most famous names when the death was announced of Philip Leonardus Walker at the tragically young age of 67.

Phil was born in Parsons Green on 29th August 1954 and went to Battersea County School in Culvert Road, Battersea where he met another youngster, Trevor Lee. Their stories would of course become inextricably linked, although had Phil been born three days later, he would have been in a different school year and their paths may not have even crossed!

Both of course connected well at a time when it must have been extremely difficult growing up as a young black man in South London, but the pair would become footballing pioneers in arguably the most hostile of environments, the Den; home of Millwall FC.

Although both were very good at football, they went in opposite directions at first. Phil was working in a factory in Acton and got talking to a workmate who was at Wingate F.C. so he went and played with them, scored in his first match and stayed a while.

However, in 1973 he teamed up with Trevor again at Cobham alongside another player in Steve Jones. All three would then sign for Epsom and Ewell in the summer of 1974.



Saturday 08/02/75 v Hornchurch F.A.Vase – Won 1-0.

Back Row: Steve Jones, Ted Yorke, Chris Page, Johnny Eales, Dave Worby, Trevor Lee, Willie Bennett, Dave Ritman

Front Row: Tommy Tuite, Trevor Wales, Phil Walker, Pat O'Connell, Alan Webb

Our club were of course just picking themselves up after years in the doldrums and had just finished as runners-up in the Surrey Senior League, but Manager Pat O'Connell; a former professional himself at Fulham, wanted our club to achieve much more.

Phil joined our club a month after Trevor, due to a holiday in America, and made his debut on Saturday 7th September 1974 when we defeated Chobham 3-0 in a Surrey Senior League Cup tie at West Street, but it was a slow start for the new

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lad who only made four first team appearances by the December. However, he forced his way into the team as the season progressed and by the end of May we had won the League and Charity Cup double with Phil firmly entrenched in the number 10 shirt.



Phil scores our only goal in the F.A. Vase win over Hornchurch on 8th February 1975

Johnny Eales is the other Epsom player in the photograph and to my knowledge is the only other member of the 12 man squad to have passed away as I write this.

Of course most supporters will remember that 1974/75 season for our run to Wembley Stadium in the very first FA Vase competition, where Phil was a focal part of the run. He scored the only goal in our Quarter-Final victory over Hornchurch and the winner against Stamford in the first leg of the Semi-Final, which was won 2-1 and essentially earned the trip to Wembley, following our goalless draw in the second leg.



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Trevor Lee and Phil Walker share a moment at the F.A. Vase Final post-match get together at the Cavalier in Wallington on 19th April 1975 with Manager Pat O'Connell and his Assistant Arthur Evans

Our boys celebrate with the Surrey Senior League Trophy at West Street on 22nd May 1975

Although the day at Wembley ended with a 2-1 defeat, our club was on the football map again and in the early part of 1975/76 Millwall Manager Gordon Jago came calling. The new man in charge already knew of our club and ground, having played against us in the early fifties as Captain of Maidstone United in the Corinthian League. Jago actually took four of our players for trials at Cold Blow Lane. Willie Bennett, one of our finest defenders in club history, and Tommy Tuite, who would become our greatest ever goal scorer were also asked to attend along with Trevor and Phil, but ultimately injury hurt Bennett's chances, while Tuite was considered too small at five feet eight, ironically the same height as Kevin Keegan! Both played matches for Millwall in the Football Combination, before returning to leafy Ewell Village.

However, Trevor and Phil were successful and Phil made the last of his 41 appearances for us against Southall and Ealing Borough (who had another non-league success playing in their team by the name of Alan Devonshire) in an F.A. Cup replay. Phil scored 19 goals in that time. Trevor would return for five appearances in 1985/86, but Phil would never wear our colours again.

Both players were due to sign for Millwall on 13th November 1975 live on the main regional news show of day, The Today show; a programme that would become infamous just over a year later for an interview featuring the Sex Pistols, but back then it was very popular. However, only Trevor made the show as Phil had to have x-rays but he would soon sign a two year contract in December 1975. Both made an instant impact on their debut, with Trevor setting up Phil to score the only goal against Mansfield Town at the Cold Blow Lane end at the old Den, and Phil made 35 appearances that season as promotion to Division Three was achieved.

Despite the obvious fact that they were the only black players in the Lions team at a sad time in our distant past when the National Front were regularly acknowledged on television as the fourth main political party, and even before the implementation of the Race Relations Act in 1976 (which expanded on the previous Acts from 1965 and 1968 and properly started to give some real teeth to the subject of discrimination) they became extremely popular at a ground where the word "hostile" was a tag that many of their supporters embellished as a badge of honour. They remain so to this day.



Promotional photo from Millwall showing Gordon Jago after capturing both Phil and Trevor from Epsom and Ewell FC

Both players became pioneers for their club, although Phil didn't stay that long. He made 167 appearances for them, with 22 goals before moving on. Whilst there he was honoured for his contributions to sport by the Muhammad Ali Scheme in Brixton, along with Olympic Champion Daley Thompson and World Champion Boxer John Conteh.

To give full details of Phil's professional career and achievements, it is much better to refer you to the clubs for whom he played from this point, as they will all have written their own tributes. Suffice to say though, he signed for Charlton Athletic for £120,000 in the summer of 1979 before having a loan spell at Gillingham.

He then made an unusual career move in those days by going abroad in 1983 when he moved to Hong Kong to play for

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Eastern AA before moving again, this time to Portugal where he joined Leixoes, Boavista and FC Maia before retiring at the age of 41. He also told me that the best ground he ever played at (excluding Epsom's appearance at Wembley Stadium) was Benfica's old Stadium of Light.

He also did some coaching at Maia in the early 2000s and this was put to good use in recent years when he started to run his own soccer school at Wandle Recreation Centre in Mapleton Road, Wandsworth which continues to this day.

Most people will not know that Phil was actually a member of a very talented family and had a couple of brothers; Dennis who also played regularly for Epsom and Ewell, making 102 appearances and scoring 12 goals, and Larrington (Larry) who was a very well-known actor with roles in Minder, The Bill, Inspector Morse and The Chinese Detective amongst others, yet was versatile enough to also be a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company and was a good friend of comedian Lenny Henry. Also, his nephew Kyle Walker-Peters is of course currently a professional footballer with Southampton.

I was extremely fortunate to meet both Phil and Trevor in 2015 when I noticed that Phil had started following our club on Twitter and dropped him a line to see if he would like to have a chat and he was more than happy to meet up and would bring Trevor along too.

When we met that evening I found two extremely modest people who knew they were breaking down barriers and raising the public's perception at a time when it desperately needed to be, but you got the impression that they saw themselves as simply footballers. I didn't feel the need to ask them the same questions they must have heard hundreds of times about their race, and in all honesty, I'd have probably been able to find out those answers from many other previous interviews. I wanted to concentrate on their time at Epsom and Ewell and I think it must have been quite refreshing for them to answer some different questions. In more recent years the Achtung Millwall podcast interviewed Phil and whilst it obviously concentrates more on his time there, it is well worth a listen too.

I said my goodbyes that evening and they said they would try to get along to an Epsom game one day. Regrettably now Phil will never make that journey, but he will never be forgotten at this club while I am here to pass the baton and remind people of our former greats, of which Phil was certainly one!



Trevor Lee and Phil Walker in the summer of 2015

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Bowling Reports to 8th July 2022

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Tony Bourne, Martin Harbottle, **Les Owen, Joe Cable and Bill Ayling**.

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Ladies' Friendly Epsom played away at Cheam on Thursday 7th July 2022 & won on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & lost overall 27 – 33. Details:Rink 4 Penny Payne Christine Summerfield Ruth Baker won 19 – 13Epsom were 0 – 6 down after 4 ends, but won the next 4 ends to go 9 – 6 ahead. Cheam drew level on the next end, but Epsom won the next 5 ends to ahead again 16 – 9. They won by 6 shots.Rink 5 Sandy Cooper Sandie Harvey Mary Green lost 8 – 20 Epsom led 7 – 6 after 10 ends, but lost the next 6 ends to go 7 – 17 down. They lost by 12 shots.Final Score: Epsom 27 Cheam 33

Surrey President v Surrey Past President Bowling AssociationEpsom hosted this match on Wednesday 6th July 2022. The President, Martin Harbottle had invited 10 Epsom men to play in this game.Details:Surrey County Bowling AssociationResult of Surrey President match v SCMPPBA played at Epsom Bowling Club on Wednesday 6th July 2022The Surrey President's team won on 3 rinks, lost on 3 rinks & lost overall 112 – 118. After 10 ends across the 6 rinks the President led 66 – 57, but were behind by 4 shots (100 – 104) after 18 ends. They lost by 6 shots. *NB The Surrey President's team is listed first in each rink*.RinkTeamScore1Vic Hemmett Brian Collis David Botting Peter Hamilton vDennis Knight John Hort Alan Harding Bill Ayling16 – 31 The Surrey President's team was 14 – 15 down after 10 ends & further behind 14 – 22 on end 15. They lost the last 4 ends & lost by 15 shots. 2Alan Endersby Stephen Danderson/Bob Blaker John Warren Norman Mann * vRobin Taylor Butch Manning Mick Gray David Candeland26 – 6 The Surrey President's team led 13 – 2 after 10 ends & 21 – 6 after 18 ends. They won by 19 shots 3Richard Greenfield Edward Dear Keith Roberts Martin Harbottle v Mark Medhurst Allen Kellaway Steve Parnham Joe Cable6 – 29 The President skipping this rink found themselves 0 – 12 down after 7 ends. They were 3 – 25 down after 16 ends & lost by 23 shots. 4Allen Banks Phil Sims Les Owen Robin Fudge vColin Clarke Ray Uwins George Hope Trevor Pocock29 – 18 The Surrey President's team were 19 – 4 ahead after 10 ends & 27 – 14 in the lead on end 18. They won by 11 shots. 5Stefan Tomm Carl Chadbond Colin Gray Jim Scott vRoger Rashleigh George Watson Colin Homes Graham Dawber25 – 11 The Surrey President's team led 19 – 4 on end 13 & won by 14 shots. 6David Tucker Neil Dimmock Graeme Cupit Andrew Turnbull vTerry Franklin John Southwell John Cocoracchio James Mason11 – 23 The Surrey President's team were 5 – 15 down after 10 ends & 8 – 22 behind on end 18. They lost by 12 shots. * Highest winning RinkLost 112 – 118 A huge thanks goes to all the Epsom members who helped make the day successful. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon which concluded with an excellent meal.

Vilamoura Mixed LeagueEpsom played Chipstead in their second Vilamoura game on Tuesday 5th July 2022 & won on both rinks & the match 35 – 29 (6 – 0).Details:Home: Liz Hind Phil Sims Brian Collis won 15 – 12After 9 ends Epsom led 8 – 4 & were further ahead 14 – 7 after 14 ends. They won by 3 shots.Away: Penny Payne John Lystor Fred Read won 20 – 17Epsom were 4 – 14 down after 8 ends, but won the next 4 ends to go 13 – 14 down. They won the last 4 ends to win by 3 shots.Final Score: Epsom 35 Chipstead 29 Epsom 6 points Chipstead 0 points.

Did you know

Epsom have played Chipstead 5 times in this league and won 4 & lost 1.

East Surrey League – Mid Week TriplesEpsom played their second game in this new league at home against Caterham on Tuesday 5th July 2022.They won on 2 rinks, lost on 1 rink & won overall 50 – 33 (8 – 2).Details:Rink 2 Richard Senior Bob Blaker Wayne Thornton lost 14 – 15Epsom were 4 – 14 down after 12 ends, but won 5 of the remaining ends & lost by just 1 shot.Rink 4 Derek Martin John Hart Jim Scott won 17 – 7Epsom led 10 – 3 after 10 ends & 13 – 6 after 15 ends. They won by 10 shots.Rink 5 Mick Cooper Frank Thompson Ted Ray won 19 – 11Epsom led 12 – 4 after 11 ends & 16 – 10 after 15 ends. They won by 8 shots.Final Result: Epsom 50 Caterham 33 Epsom 8 points Caterham 2 pointsBob Blaker, Mick Cooper & Ted Ray played in their first game in this Competition.

Surrey Area 3 Top 4 – Epsom 'B'After getting a walk over against Horley Epsom 'B' made the short distance to Epsom Park to play in the second round on Tuesday 5th July 2022. They lost 24 – 25.lost 24 – 25David Fearn David Bragg Keith Roberts Andrew Turnbull lost 24 – 25David Fearn played in his first game in this Competition.

Did you know

This Competition only allows 1 Surrey County Badged player to be in the rink.Epsom have won the area final twice:-2006 Winners – Martin Harbottle, Ted Ray, Pat Buckley & Peter Miller2014 Winners – Brian Kenyon, Andrew Turnbull, John Warren & John Huxford.

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Chrystie LeagueEpsom played at home against Bookham on Monday 4th July 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & won overall 41 – 24 (3 – 1).Details:Rink 4 Derek Martin John Savill John Lystor Fred Read won 29 – 9Epsom led 12 – 7 after 10 ends & won the next 7 ends to go ahead 29 – 7. They won by 20 shots.Rink 5 Mick Cooper Hayden Thornton Frank Thompson Wayne Thornton lost 12 – 15Epsom led 4 – 1 after 4 ends, but lost he next 4 ends to go 4 – 7 down. They were 9 – 13 down on end 14 & lost by 3 shots.Final Score: Epsom 41 Bookham 24 Epsom 3 points Bookham 1 point.

Did you know

Epsom have played Bookham 39 times in this league and won 23, lost 15 & drawn 1.This was Epsom's 5th game in the Chrystie League this season. They have won 4 & lost 1.Epsom have won 8 of the last 10 games against Bookham.

Men – East Surrey LeagueEpsom Men played away against Old Coulsdon on Saturday 2nd July 2022 and lost on all 3 rinks & the match 42 – 63 (0 – 10).Details:Rink 1 Derek Martin Keith Roberts John Warren Jim Scott lost 13 – 22Epsom were 8 – 12 down after 10 ends & 10 – 19 behind after 18 ends. They lost by 9 shots.Rink 2 David Fearn Ted Ray Andrew Turnbull Wayne Thornton lost 16 – 17Epsom took the lead 10 – 9 on end 11 & led 15 – 12 on end 16. They lost the next 4 ends to go behind 15 – 17. They scored 1 shot on the final end to lose by 1 shot.Rink 3 David Bragg Bob Blaker Les Owen Peter Miller lost 13 – 24Epsom were 9 – 13 down on end 13 & lost by 11 shots.Final Score: Epsom 42 Old Coulsdon 63 Epsom 0 points Old Coulsdon 10 points.

Did you know

Epsom have played Old Coulsdon 41 times in this League & won 14, lost 26 and there has been 1 drawn match.In 2021 Epsom beat Old Coulsdon at home 10 – 0 which was the first time that Epsom had taken all points in a game against Old Coulsdon.Epsom played their very first ESL match in 1987 against Old Coulsdon. Epsom lost 70 – 82 (1 – 5). Of our current members Graham Pilbrow played in this game.

Ladies – East Surrey LeagueEpsom Ladies played away against Old Coulsdon on Saturday 2nd July 2022 and drew on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & lost overall 36 – 41 (½ – 3½)Details:Rink 4 Janet Newman Sue Skinner Frances Suttonwood Mary Green lost 17 – 22Epsom were 5 – 17 down after 10 ends, but outscored Old Coulsdon 12 – 5 over the remaining ends. They lost by 5 shots.Rink 5 Sandy Cooper Liz Hind Trish Southgate Sandie Harvey drew 19 – 19Epsom led 17 – 10 on end 16, but were outscored 2 – 9 over the remaining ends to allow Old Coulsdon to tie the rink.Final Score: Epsom 36 Old Coulsdon 41 Epsom ½ point Old Coulsdon 3½ points

Did you know

Epsom first played Old Coulsdon in 1998 and have played 24 times, won 9, lost 15.This season Epsom Ladies have played 4 League matches, won 2 & lost 2.Epsom Ladies have won the League 3 times – 2005/2006 & 2019.



Surrey President's Team v SCMPPBA

Farnham Town 3-2 Epsom & Ewell

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Pre-season Friendly Saturday 2nd July 2022. Report Source: www.eefconline.co.uk. Reporter: Richard Lambert

New era kicks off with narrow defeat. The artificial surface at Kings College in Guildford was the place to be to witness the opening match of the Anthony Jupp and Liam Giles era, although rather disappointingly out of our regular supporters, only two Committee members, plus myself and my boy Nathan were there to witness it in an attendance of 15.

Pre-season friendlies are not for everyone though and of course many players take the field who will never make the first team squad, so maybe some supporters aren't that concerned! Obviously, due to the time of the season with many players not signed up and the recent departures of Luke Miller and Tommy Smith, I won't be releasing any names here, except to say that many players were away this week and that out of the twenty-two players present, of whom twenty had a run out, there were only three players on the field who finished the season with us. There were also two former Epsom players on show.

The half time whistle blew immediately after the restart, and both teams changed a number of personnel and in our case, the formation too. This bore fruit within 35 seconds as a smart strike from the left about fifteen yards out put us back on level terms. We then hit the face of the bar with a shot from the left before another shot took a slight deflection and came back off the Farnham post.

Unfortunately a foul just inside the penalty area gave our opponents a spot kick which was converted in the 73rd minute and then two minutes after we had hit the post once again in the 87th minute, Farnham scored a third goal with a fine finish into the top corner from just inside the box.

This third goal was a little harsh on our team, but in the 91st minute we did get a second of our own when our earlier scorer latched on to a fine pass, held off his man and steered the ball under the keeper from an angle about ten yards out for his second of the match. It was the least we deserved, having also hit their woodwork on three occasions during that period!

As always at this stage of the season the performance is more important than the result, but with so many players absent it is hard to say much more than the scoreline was about fair, largely due to Farnham holding a greater balance of play in the first half. Suffice to say our new Management seemed happy enough with the way things went and that's all that really matters at this point. We move on to meet another Step Five team when we visit Hassocks next Saturday.

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Men – East Surrey League – Division 1 League Match

Epsom Men played against Chipstead on Saturday 25th June 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 2 rinks & lost overall 59 – 68 (2 – 8).

Details:

Rink 3 David Fearn Bob Blaker Andrew Turnbull Wayne Thornton lost18 – 25

Epsom were 8 – 15 down after 10 ends & 12 – 20 behind after 15 ends. They lost by 7 shots.

Rink 4 John Wellard Keith Roberts John Warren Peter Miller lost 19 – 23

Epsom were 10 – 13 down after 10 ends & 16 – 22 behind after 18 ends. They lost by 4 shots.

Rink 5 David Bragg Terry Hoye Les Owen Jim Scott won 22 – 20

The scores were level 12 – 12 after 14 ends, but Epsom went behind 17 – 20 on end 18. They won the last 3 ends picking up 5 shots to win by 2.

Final Score: Epsom 59 Chipstead 68 Epsom 2 points Chipstead 8 points

Did you know?

Epsom have played Chipstead 29 times, won 11, lost 16 & drawn 2. Epsom have won 6 of the last 8 games.

East Surrey League – Top Club

Epsom played Croydon MO's in the ESL Top Club on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 & won both singles, Pairs & lost the

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Triples & Fours. They won 3 – 2.

Details:

Singles: Ted Ray won 21 – 14

The scores were level 9 – 9 after 10 ends, but Ted led 15 – 12 after 15 ends. He scored 2 3's on ends 17 & 18 to win by 7 shots.

Two Wood: Bob Blaker won 14 – 9

Bob led 7 – 4 after 10 ends & 11 – 7 after 15 ends. He scored 2 singles on ends 19 & 20 to win by 5 shots.

Pairs: John Wellard Peter Miller won 18 – 16

John & Peter led 9 – 5 after 10 ends, but the scores were level 12 – 12 on end 15. They won by 2 shots.

Triples: Mick Cooper Stefan Tomm Les Owen lost 16 – 21

The scores were level 13 – 13 after 11 ends, but Epsom lost by 5 shots.

Fours: David Fearn Phil Sims Andrew Turnbull Jim Scott lost 21 – 23

Epsom were 4 – 17 down after 11 ends, but came back well to go ahead 21 – 20 on the penultimate ends. They dropped 3 shots on the final end to lose by 2 shots.

Final Score: Epsom 3 Croydon MO'Ss 2.

John Wellard, Mick Cooper & David Fearn played in their very first ESL Top 11 match,

Did you know?

In 1997 the East Surrey League started a Top 10 Competition. This was changed to a Top 11 Competition in 2018 bringing this in line with the BE Competition.

Epsom have played 47 matches since 1997, won 28 & lost 19 in the Top 10 & in the Top 11 have played 6 games, won 3 & lost 3.

Epsom have lost in 3 Top 10 Finals – 2000/2003/2006 all to Shirley Park. They won the Competition in 2008 beating Warlingham Park 71 – 70 after winning the pairs & triples & losing the singles & fours.

Of our current playing members the following played in that final – Ted Ray, Stefan Tomm, John Hart, Graham Pilbrow, Les Owen, Martin Harbottle, Terry Hoye, & Peter Miller.

Peter Miller holds the record of 43 appearances in this Competition (Top 10 & Top 11).

Surrey Area 3 Top 4

Epsom 'B' Men played at home against Cheam on Sunday 26th June 2022 and lost 15 – 22.

Details

Rink 4 John Wellard Mick Cooper Bob Blaker Wayne Thornton lost 15 – 22

The scores were level 6 – 6 after 9 ends, but Epsom led 10 – 8 on end 12. They lost the next 5 ends to go behind 10 – 19. They lost by 7 shots.

John Wellard & Wayne Thornton played in their first game in this Competition.

Chrystie League

Epsom played away against Brockham on Monday 20th June 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & won overall 35 – 27 (3 – 1).

Details:

Rink 2 David Fearn John Savill Mick Cooper Bob Blaker lost 15 – 16

Epsom led 8 – 4 after 9 ends & going into the last end they led 15 – 14, but dropped 2 shots to lose by 1.

Rink 4 Derek Martin John Lystor Phil Sims Fred Read won 20 – 11

Epsom led 9 – 3 after 9 ends & 14 – 11 after 14 ends. They won the last 4 ends to win by 9 shots.

Final Score: Epsom 35 Brockham 27 Epsom 3 points Brockham 1 point

Did you know?

Epsom have played Brockham 39 times, won 24, lost 14, drawn 1 & 2 games have been cancelled.

In 2021 Epsom won both games home & away.

Past Times

Epsom played Sutton in the Past Times Competition on Friday 24th June 2022. They lost at home & away losing overall 30 – 39.

Details:

Home: Derek Martin Ted Ray Keith Roberts Andrew Turnbull lost 17 – 20

Epsom were 5 – 8 down after 9 ends & 14 – 16 behind after 16 ends. They lost by 3 shots.

Away: David Bragg Bob Blaker Les Owen Jim Scott lost 13 – 19

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Epsom went behind 4 – 14 after 10 ends & 12 – 15 behind on end 15. They lost by 6 shot.

Final Score: Epsom 30 Sutton 'A' 39

Did you know?

This Competition started as the Times Herald Competition which ran from 1966 to 2001.

In 2002 it was replaced with the Past Times Competition. Epsom won the Times Herald Competition in 1975 (they beat Mellows Park 35 – 34) & lost in 3 finals (1980, 1987 & 1990). Epsom were finalists in the Past Times Competition in 2010. Graham Pilbrow holds the record for number of appearances – 62.

Sutton & District Bowling Association – St Raphael Pairs

Epsom played at home against Cheam Fields on Sunday 26th June 2022 and lost 17 – 22.

Details:

Rink 3 Penny Payne David Fearn lost 17 – 22

Despite losing this game this was an excellent performance against last years champions. With 2 ends to go Penny & David were 10 – 22 down, but finished with 5 shots on end 20 & 2 shots on the last end to lose by 5 shots. Well done both.

Sutton & District Bowling Association – Carol Shannon Triples

Epsom played Carshalton at home on Thursday 23rd June 2022 & won 26 – 2.

Details: Trish Southgate Ruth Baker Mary Green won 26 – 2

Our finalists in this Competition in 2021 got off to an excellent start in the 2022 Competition. They dominated the game winning 14 of the 16 ends played.

Final Score: Epsom 26 Carshalton 2

On Wednesday 6th July Epsom Bowling Club are hosting a match between Surrey County President and Surrey County Past Presidents Association. This is a 6 rink game starting at 2pm. Bar facilities will be available and bacon rolls for players, guests and visitors. Come along and see what bowls is all about and savour some good competition. Lets hope the weather is kind. **All are welcome.**

Arthur Upwood's final bow

16 August 2022

It is with sadness that Epsom Bowling Club have reported the death of a longstanding member, player and dedicated servant Arthur Upwood. The following is taken from an obituary that has been posted on the the club website epsombowlingclub.co.uk

Sadly Arthur Upwood passed away on Tuesday 21st June 2022.

Arthur was Club Treasurer **for 14 years & finally stood down in 2012. He had been a Club Vice President also. Arthur subsequently volunteered to look after the Membership Details in 2016. He transferred to Social Membership in 2020.**

During his playing career he w**on Pairs 2001, Triples 1990/2016, Windeler Cup 2010, and was runner up in Triples 1994/2008, Fours 1999/2006/2012/2013, Mixed Pairs 1999/2005, The Windeler Cup 1999/2006/13.**

Arthur also was a member of the squad which won the Chrystie League in 2004, appearing 44 times in total in this competition and played in 1 East Surrey League match.

He will be sorely missed.

Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Bowling Match reports

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Men – East Surrey League

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Epsom Men played their second home match in the ESL against Ashtead on Saturday 18th June 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 2 rinks & won overall 64 – 54 (6 – 4).
Details:
Rink 1 David Fearn Bob Blaker Andrew Turnbull Wayne Thornton lost 14 – 19
Epsom led 11 – 8 after 14 ends, but lost the next 3 ends to go 11 – 17 down. They lost by 5 shots.
Rink 2 David Bragg Terry Hoye Les Owen Jim Scott won 33 – 16
Epsom led 18 – 7 after 10 ends & 26 – 15 after 15 ends. They won by 17 shots.
Rink 3 John Wellard Ted Ray Keith Roberts Peter Miller lost 17 – 19
Epsom were 6 – 17 down after 14 ends, but won 6 of the remaining ends to lose by 2 shots.
Final Score: Epsom 64 Ashtead 54 Epsom 6 points Ashtead 4 points.

Did you know?
Epsom have played Ashtead 30 times in the ESL, won 24, lost 5 & drawn 1. The best win came in 2015 when Epsom won 116 – 55 (4 rinks).

Men's Friendly
Epsom played at home against Wallington on Thursday 16th June 2022 & won on all 3 rinks & the match 57 – 35. Wallington turned up with one player short so the game was 2 Triples & 1 pair. All rinks played 18 ends.
Details:
Rink 1 Richard Senior Ted Ray John Hart won 17 – 14
Epsom led 8 – 6 after 9 ends & 15 – 12 after 14 ends. They won by 3 shots.
Rink 2 Mick Cooper Wayne Thornton won 24 – 10
Epsom led 13 – 6 after 9 ends & won 6 of the remaining ends to win by 14 shots.
Rink 3 Les Owen Bob Blaker Fred Read won 16 – 11
The scores were level 9 – 9 after 12 ends and Epsom went on to win by 5 shots.
Final Score: Epsom 57 Wallington 35
Did you know?
This friendly fixture was introduced in 2017. Since then there have been 4 matches with Epsom winning all 4.
The game in 2019 was cancelled.

Men's Friendly
Epsom played at home against Chessington on Wednesday 15th June 2022 & won on 2 rinks, lost on 1 rink & won overall 44 – 38.
Details:
Rink 1 Derek Martin Geoff Purrott Fred Read won 21 – 14
Epsom started slowly finding themselves 1 – 7 down after 7 ends. They won the next 2 ends to go ahead 11 – 7. They went on to win by 7 shots.
Rink 2 John Lystor Richard Senior John Hart lost 10 – 12
The scores were level 7 – 7 after 12 ends, but were leading 3 ends later 10 – 7. They lost the last 4 ends to lose by 2 shots.
Rink 3 Brian Kenyon Mick Cooper Frank Thompson won 13 – 12
Epsom led 9 – 3 after 10 ends, but the scores were level 9 – 9 on end 13. Going into the last end the scores were level again, but Epsom scored 1 shot to win the rink by 1.
Final Score: Epsom 44 Chessington 38
Did you know?
Epsom first played Chessington in 1993. Since then the Clubs have met 30 times with Epsom winning 25, losing 5 & 1 game has been cancelled. Epsom last lost against Chessington in 2007.

Ladies' Friendly
Epsom played at home against Purley on Tuesday 14th June 2022 & drew on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink and lost overall 19 – 25. Rink 1 played a triples & rink 2 played a rink (with Purley 1 player short).
Details:
Rink 1 Liz Hind Sandy Cooper Sandie Harvey drew 10 – 10
After 8 ends Epsom led 9 – 2. Purley came back well to draw the rink (15 ends played).
Rink 3 Sue Needham Janet Newman Christine Summerfield Ruth Baker lost 9 – 15
Epsom were 4 – 13 down after 11 ends, won the remaining ends, but lost by 6 shots. (15 ends played).
Final Score: Epsom 19 Purley 25.
Did you know?
The first recorded Ladies' friendly match against Purley was in 2008. Since then there have been 9 matches with Epsom winning 3 & losing 6. 4 matches have been cancelled in this period.

Chrystie League
Epsom played their second game this season in the Chrystie League at home against Pippbrook on Monday 13th June 2022 and won on 1 rink, lost on 1 rink & won overall 35 – 21 (3 – 1).
Details:
Rink 2: Brian Kenyon John Savill Phil Sims Fred Read lost 11 – 13
Epsom were level 6 – 6 after 10 ends & still level 2 ends later. However, they then went behind & lost by 2 shots.
Rink 3: John Lystor David Bragg John Wellard Peter Miller won 24 – 8
Epsom led 10 – 4 after 9 ends & 20 – 6 ahead after 14 ends. They won by 16 shots.
Final Score: Epsom 35 Pippbrook 21 Epsom 3 points Pippbrook 1 point
Peter Miller played in his first Chrystie league match.
Did you know?
Epsom have played Pippbrook 39 times in this league, won 23, lost 15, drawn 1 & 2 games have been cancelled.

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Steve Cauthen joins ITV Racing for Cazoo Jubilee Derby

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Legendary American Jockey Steve Cauthen has announced he will join ITV Racing to cover the Platinum Jubilee Derby in Epsom. Cauthen, born in Kentucky to a horse-trainer father, began his racing career in the USA before moving to the UK, where restrictions on Jockey weight are more relaxed.

He has enjoyed an extremely successful career, being the only Jockey to have won both the Kentucky Derby (1978) and the Epsom Derby (1985, 1987), he was even named Sport's illustrated Sportperson of the Year in 1978, after becoming the youngest jockey to win the coveted U.S. Triple Crown.

Cauthen will be broadcasting in the UK for the first time ever, he's more than familiar with Epsom and will be surely be warmly welcomed back by the racing community.

Joining Steve Cauthen on the podium will be Ed Chamberlain, triple Derby-winning jockey Johnny Murtagh and former jockey, Jason Weaver. They also be joined by ITV Royal correspondent, Katie Nicholl.

"Having won the Derby on both Slip Anchor and Reference Point, Epsom is a special place for me and to be presenting there for ITV on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend will be extraordinary," said Cauthen.

READ MORE: Epsom Downs Racecourse: Brian Finch appointed New Chair

Epsom & Ewell F.C. announce Anthony Jupp as new manager

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Epsom & Ewell F.C. have announced that Anthony Jupp will become their new head coach, following the departure of Jamie Byatt. Jupp was formally the manager of Horley Town F.C.

Epsom & Ewell finished in 6th place in the Southern Combination League this season, and no doubt be looking to strengthen their squad over the summer.

Anthony will assume this position immeadlety, as Epsom & Ewell F.C. look to take on their pre-season friendlies…

Epsom & Ewell Times would like to congratulate Anthony wholeheartedly, as we all look forward to watching Epsom & Ewell F.C. again next season.

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