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**ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP FINAL DVD**

A DVD of the Isthmian League Cup Final is available price £10.00 inclusive. Orders should be placed with the Secretaries of AFC Sudbury (David Webb) or Ramsgate (Martin Able) Football Clubs, or direct with Bruce Badcock, League Secretary.

**SEASON 2008/09**

Season 2008/09 will commence on Saturday, 16th August 2008.

**ISTHMIAN VETERANS CUP FINAL**

The Final of the Isthmian Veterans Cup, between Bromley and Great Wakering Rovers, will be played on Thursday, 24th April 2008 at Bromley Football Club, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

**WEEKEND REVIEW**

Champions Chelmsford City remain ten points clear of the pack despite their defeat at Hendon. AFC Wimbledon are five points up on Staines Town, who still have two games in hand, but now have to win both to overtake the Dons. They are both guaranteed playoff spots, while AFC Hornchurch need two points from three games to make mathematically certain of the third one.

As for the last spot, 11th-placed Billericay Town are five points below Tonbridge Angels – the current incumbents, so they are not quite out of it. Hendon, Ramsgate, Ashford Town (Middlesex), Margate and Horsham are all within three points of the Angels, so this one won’t be decided until the last weekend of the season.

At the bottom, East Thurrock’s point-deduction from December is looming large because they now need to win their last two (or expect a goal-difference miracle) to move out of the bottom four. Folkestone Invicta and Carshalton Athletic, both have games in hand on the team above them and, incredibly Harrow Borough are not quite out of danger in 12th place, though their 52 points should be enough, only because they have two more than Hastings United, and three more than all of Harlow Town, Heybridge Swifts, Boreham Wood and Maidstone United. Wealdstone are back in the danger zone as they are just two points clear of the drop zone.

In Division One North, Dartford can’t quite crack open the champagne, but they are six points clear of AFC Sudbury, with Redbridge a further half-dozen points further behind. AFC Sudbury are guaranteed a playoff spot, but as the gap between Redbridge and the next five teams – Ware, Canvey Island, Bury Town, Brentwood Town and Edgware Town – however, is just three points, the other three places are far from confirmed.

At the bottom, nothing is decided either with Ilford climbing off the bottom with a victory over Wingate & Finchley, who are nonetheless safe, unless the Foxes can overturn a 25-goal deficit in the goal difference column. Waltham Forest and Tilbury cannot breathe easily as they sit just two points ahead of basement-dwellers Wivenhoe Town and one of Ilford.

Division One South is more clear cut, though not much. Dover Athletic are champions and Molesey and Horsham YMCA are guaranteed to be the bottom two.

Tooting & Mitcham United and Cray Wanderers are both certain to appear in the playoffs, with Metropolitan Police and Worthing favourites to join them. The Blues and Rebels are four and three points, respectively, clear of Kingstonian in sixth place, and they also have vastly better goal differences than the Ks. Dulwich are not mathematically eliminated, but it will need a near miracle for them to reach fifth place.

The three hat-trick heroes over the weekend were: AFC Wimbledon’s Robin Shroot as the Dons saw off Ashford Town (Middlesex) 4–1 at Short Lane; Tom Hutchings of Leatherhead in their 4–1 defeat of Eastbourne Town at Fetcham Grove; and Ben Johnson of Worthing in Friday night’s 5–1 win over Corinthian-Casuals at Woodside Road. The biggest crowd of the weekend was at Dartford, where more than 1,300 saw Tilbury crushed 5–0 by the Division North championship favourites.

**Premier Division**

Hendon upset champions Chelmsford City at Claremont Road, coming from a goal down to win 2–1. Ollie Berquez netted for the visitors and Davis Haule grabbed both for the Greens to keep alive their playoff hopes. AFC Wimbledon were pegged back at Short Lane before seeing off Ashford Town (Middlesex) 4–1. Robin Shroot’s opener was cancelled out by Warren Harris before ten minutes had elapsed, but Shroot completed his hat-trick and Romone Rose added a fourth near the end.

Staines Town had Elliot Onochie to thank for the only goal at Harlow Town, while it was Mo Takalobighashi who did likewise for Maidstone United at Harrow Borough and a Sam Adams penalty for Hastings United provided a third 1–0 away win (this one at Carshalton Athletic) of the day. Simon Parker also netted an only goal but his was at Bridge Avenue as AFC Hornchurch held off Wealdstone.

Heybridge Swifts returned Boreham Wood to the relegation dogfight with a 4–1 victory at Scraley Road, Sean Marks, completing his double, George Lay and Dave Wareham scoring after Leon Archer had tied things up. Margate were shocked to go two goals down at Leyton, where Daniel Lodge and Marvin McCoy were on target. But James Pinnock, twice, Jimmy Jackson and Ryan Peters all scored as the Gate won 4–2. A goal from Sam Jones, nine minutes from time gave Ramsgate maximum points against Horsham. A Ben Laslett own goal gave the Hornets a lead, only for Jones to equalise. Warren Shulz then put the Rams on top, but Eddie French made it 2–2 a minute before half-time.

The other two matches ended in draws, 1–1 at Folkestone Invicta, where James Everitt equalised in the last minute to deny East Thurrock United the win. Ross Wareham had given the Rocks the lead after 36 minutes. And, at New Lodge, Billericay Town trailed Tonbridge Angels, thanks to first-half goals from Carl Rook and Tommy Tyne. However, Lee Hodges and Bradley Wood-Garness were on target for Billericay after the break.

**Division One North**

In Division One North, leaders Dartford led the way in the goalscoring stakes, hitting five without reply against Tilbury. Eddie McClements, Jay May, 2, and Jamie Coyle, also 2, were the marksmen.

Ilford’s resurgence continued with a 3–1 win over Wingate & Finchley at Cricklefield Stadium. Ben Jones opened the scoring after 40 minutes, only for Dean Nyman to restore parity two minutes later. In the second half Thomas Laxton and Paul Olima netted for the Foxes. Ware also struck three times as they beat Great Wakering Rovers at Wodson Park. Danny Spendlove and Joe Stevens made it 2–0 before Martin Tuohy pulled one back for Rovers. But John Frendo ensured the points would stay in Hertfordshire with a third goal 11 minutes from time.

The top of the table clash between AFC Sudbury and Edgware Town went the way of the home team with David Head scoring the only goal after 49 minutes. Single goals were also enough for Enfield Town and Canvey Island to win at Arlesey Town and at home to Wivenhoe Town, respectively. Ricci Crace was Enfield’s scorer, Colin Wall for the Gulls. Two Cody McDonald goals brought Witham Town all three points from their visit to Aveley, this after Ben Bradbury had given the hosts the lead after seven minutes.

Joao Carlos and Sean Thomas scored for Brentwood Town as they beat Maldon Town 2–1. Kevin Hawes grabbed a late consolation for Maldon. At Witham, Waltham Forest went down 2–0 to Bury Town, Les Reed and Danny Cornwell scoring in the last 17 minutes. The prolific Sean Sonner was on the scoresheet for Northwood again, converting a penalty to add to Matt Baxter’s earlier strike. Lee Townrow pulled a goal back for Redbridge but it was too little, too late. And at Capershotts, San Adejokun scored after ten and 88 minutes to give Potters Bar Town a 2–1 win over Waltham Abbey, for whom Marc Sontag had equalised midway through the second half.

**Division One South**

In Division Two South, only eight matches were completed on Saturday. Worthing were 5–1 winners over Corinthian–Casuals at Woodside Road on Friday night, Ben Johnson grabbing a hat-trick, and Andy Alexander and Mark Pulling also scoring. The Rebels also tallied for the visitors Joe Keehan putting through his own goal.

Tooting & Mitcham United took over in second place after beating the incumbent Cray Wanderers 2–0 at Imperial Fields. Carl Hutchings and Paul Vines, after 13 and 89 minutes, were the goalscorers. Whyteleafe raced into a 2–0 lead at Walton & Hersham with a pair of Sean Rivers strikes inside 11 minutes. But Jon Neal, Julien Thompson, Rob George, twice, and Jack Watkins hit back for the Swans, who won 5–2.

Leatherhead’s Tom Hutchings was another hat-trick man in a comeback victory. Gary Brockwell had given Eastbourne Town an early lead at Fetcham Grove but Hutchings got three and Nathan Ayling another as the Tanners ran out 4–1 winners. Solitary goal victories were again commonplace in this division. Charlie Taylor, for Dulwich Hamlet at Burgess Hill Town, James Dryden, for Dover Athletic at Metropolitan Police, and Neil Lampton, in the last minute for Kingstonian at home to Croydon Athletic, were their respective teams’ goalscoring heroes. Chris Kiganda scored in the final couple of minutes to give Walton Casuals a 2–1 win at Chipstead. John Ambridge had opened the scoring for the visitors before Aaron Cole-Bolt equalised.

Sittingbourne also left it late to overcome Chatham Town in the Kent derby. Steve Hafner gave Chatham the lead after 14 minutes, only for Bradley Spice to make it 1–1 four minutes later. Unfortunately the weather intervened to cause both the Whitstable Town v Ashford Town and Horsham YMCA v Molesey clashes to be abandoned – and both were called off at the interval. There had been no score in Kent, but in the battle of the bottom two at Horsham, Molesey were leading 3–1 when the referee called a halt.

**Youth League**

Seven matches in the Ryman Youth League, with the main surprise being the win by Burgess Hill Town 3-2 at AFC Wimbledon on Thursday evening – Blundell scoring a hat-trick for the visitors.

On the same evening, Leatherhead maintained top place with a good 2-1 win against the strong Staines Town team, now in fourth place as a result of their 5-0 win earlier in the week at Horsham YMCA, where Enos Rodger scored a hat-trick.

Sitting behind Leatherhead in second place are Kingstonian, 2-0 winners at Carshalton Athletic on Monday evening, whilst third placed Croydon Athletic kept the pressure on with a sound 3-0 win at home to Tooting & Mitcham United.

On Monday evening, Horsham beat Burgess Hill Town 3-0, whilst on Wednesday evening Maidstone United rattled in five without reply against visitors Carshalton Athletic.

**NOTIFICATION OF PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL MATCH OFFICIALS**

Match Official appointments for the Play-Off Semi Finals of the Conference North and South, Isthmian League and Southern League will be posted in the usual manner on TheFA.com website. They will be available on the morning of Monday, 28th April after 11.00am. The only exception to this will be if a game is arranged for Monday, 28th April, where the Appointments Officers will notify the participating Clubs and Match Officials.

Match Official appointments for the Finals of the Play Offs will be posted in the usual manner on TheFA.com website. They will be available on the morning of Thursday, 1st May after 12 noon.

The fees and expenses for all games will be as per standard Contributory League fees and expenses, with the Fourth Official being paid the fee of an Assistant Referee.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The League’s Annual General Meeting will take place at Dartford Football Club on the evening of Monday, 16th June 2008, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

**DONS OVERPOWER CORINTHIAN-CASUALS**

**Corinthian-Casuals 1, AFC Wimbledon 8**

***(by David Ballheimer)***

The Football Association’s generous gesture to Corinthian-Casuals – for allowing Wembley to take the names of Corinthians and Casuals for banqueting suites – to play a friendly at the new Wembley Stadium was taken up on Sunday afternoon.

Corinthian-Casuals chose AFC Wimbledon to be their opponents, guaranteeing a good turnout despite the capricious April weather and the attraction of the London Marathon.

After three minutes, the Dons’ Jon Main was set up by Steve Ferguson, but Colin Harris made a good save. Three minutes later the goalkeeper was left helpless as Marcus Gayle, who played in the Premier League for old Wimbledon club, powered home a header from a Jay Goodall cross.

Sam Hatton and Tony Finn could have extended the Dons lead before Casuals’ Tyrone Myton forced Jake Pullen into a save. The Dons were enjoying the wide open space out on the wings and a number of crosses proved dangerous. In the 16th minute, Finn crossed and Hatton flew in to head home number two.

That was the end of the first half scoring, but Corinthian-Casuals did have a goal disallowed when Russell Banyard slid a Tyrone Myton cross into the net. Unfortunately, an offside decision against Luke Gay in the build-up caused the goal to be chalked off.

In the second half, AFC Wimbledon changed pretty much every player and this team felt it had more to prove judging by the way they scored six times in 18 minutes. Lewis Cumbers took advantage of some poor defending to score after 55 and 57 minutes.

Elliot Buchanan followed with number five four minutes later and, within 120 seconds, had set up Robin Shroot with the next goal. Karl Beckford converted a cross from Simon Bassey before Buchanan ran 50 metres and scored from an acute angle to make it 8–0. In the 75th minute, Mario Rajakone, the winner of AFC Wimbledon’s raffle to play, came on a substitute and he played for the final 15 minutes, a thrill he will never forget.

Three minutes later, the loudest cheer of the afternoon came when Hinga Amara fired past Elliot Ransome to give Corinthian-Casuals a consolation goal. Unfortunately the student from Sierra Leone suffered an injury a couple of minutes later and limped off. Then, in the 84th minute, Corinthian Casuals almost scored again when Mark Thomson rattled the AFC Wimbledon crossbar.

Corinthian-Casuals manager Brian Adamson said, “I could not have wished for anything better than leading my team out a Wembley Stadium. We played on Friday night and by the end of the game today, the players were out on their feet.

“We didn’t come here for a result, but I was a little disappointed at the final score. I know this was a friendly, but I don’t think any game is ever a friendly.”

Terry Brown, AFC Wimbledon manager said, “I had never been involved in a game at the old Wembley. I got to a couple of semi-finals, but that was as close as I got, so it was really nice to be here. It was a unique occasion and it whets the appetite to it properly if you know what I mean.

“Corinthian-Casuals were very kind to invite us to play in this game and we are very grateful to them for this gesture. Jason Goodliffe has a slight thigh strain, but he deserved to play here today, so we gave him ten minutes. He has been absolutely vital to our season. We have a big enough squad so that we could name a different team in each half, so that is what we did.”

**THE RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**2008 BANQUET AND BALL**

**Saturday 14th June 2008**

**6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.**

**THE MUSEUM SUITE, COPTHORNE HOTEL, EFFINGHAM PARK, GATWICK**

Further details, including accommodation, and tickets (price £50 each inclusive of VAT) from Bruce Badcock

**RESULTS RESULTS**

**Tuesday, 8th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Heybridge Swifts 2 - 2 Staines Town 111

Jones 6, Marks 81 Newton H. 37, Mason 90

Tonbridge Angels 4 - 0 Hendon 389

Rook 17, Edusei 37, 49, 88

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury 0 - 2 Canvey Island 253

 Corbell 76, Luck 90

Potters Bar Town 2 - 2 Wivenhoe Town 39

Makoso 48, Adejokun 89 Woodcock 6, Hampson 27

Waltham Abbey 1 - 0 Witham Town 58

Bostock 38

**Division One South**

Ashford Town 2 - 0 Dulwich Hamlet 128

Sherwood 29, Browne 65

Burgess Hill Town 0 - 3 Tooting & Mitcham United 161

 Pinnock 30, Hayden-Henry 85,

 Vines P. 90

Molesey 1 - 6 Chatham Town 88

Nsubuga 70 Smith 8, Hafner 25, 30, 59,

 James 60, Larkin 90

**Isthmian Veterans Cup – Semi-Final**

Bromley 1 - 0 Whyteleafe -

Collins 15

Great Wakering Rovers 2 - 1 Metropolitan Police 25

Warner S. 18, 51 Curew 53 (pen)

**Friday, 11th April 2008**

**Division One South**

Worthing 5 - 1 Corinthian-Casuals 341

Johnson 23, 39, 45, Keehan 81 (og)

Alexander 36, Pulling 77

**Saturday, 12th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch 1 - 0 Wealdstone 441

Parker S. 67

Ashford Town (Middx) 1 - 4 AFC Wimbledon 885

Harris W. 9 Shroot 6, 35, 71, Rose 84

Billericay Town 2 - 2 Tonbridge Angels 536

Hodges 58, Wood-Garness 62 Rook 12 (pen), Tyne 24

Carshalton Athletic 0 - 1 Hastings United 351

 Adams 13 (pen)

Folkestone Invicta 1 - 1 East Thurrock United 302

Everett J. 90 Wareham 36

Harlow Town 0 - 1 Staines Town 249

 Onochie 80

Harrow Borough 0 - 1 Maidstone United 270

 Takalobighashi 75

Hendon 2 - 1 Chelmsford City 403

Haule D. 33, 86 Berquez 16

Heybridge Swifts 4 - 1 Boreham Wood 247

Marks 14, 30, Lay 44, Archer 28

Wareham 63

Leyton 2 - 4 Margate 96

Lodge 4, McCow 24 Pinnock 31, 70, Jackson 69,

 Peters 72

Ramsgate 3 - 2 Horsham 371

Jones 22, 81, Schulz W. 32 Tanner 16 (og), French 44

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury 1 - 0 Edgware Town 295

Head D. 49

Arlesey Town 0 - 1 Enfield Town 166

 Crace 72

Aveley 1 - 2 Witham Town 71

Bradbury 7 McDonald 25, 69

Brentwood Town 2 - 1 Maldon Town 183

Carlos 62, Thomas 70 Hawes K. 87

Canvey Island 1 - 0 Wivenhoe Town 317

Wall 45

Dartford 5 - 0 Tilbury 1,338

McClements 2, May 23, 39,

Coyle 47 (pen), 63

Ilford 3 - 1 Wingate & Finchley 58

Jones 40, Laxton 78, Nyman 42

Olima 87

Northwood 2 - 1 Redbridge 93

Baxter 8, Sonner 52 (pen) Townrow 85

Waltham Abbey 1 - 2 Potters Bar Town 82

Sontag M. 73 Adejokun 10, 88

Waltham Forest 0 - 2 Bury Town 91

 Reed L. 73, Cornwall 90

Ware 3 - 1 Great Wakering Rovers 194

Soendlove 27, Stevens 50, Tuohy 52

Frendo 79

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town 0 - 1 Dulwich Hamlet 160

 Taylor 43

Chipstead 1 - 2 Walton Casuals 80

Cole-Bolt 47 Ambridge 6, Kiganda 88

Horsham YMCA (A) 1 - 3 Molesey -

*(Abandoned at half-time – waterlogged pitch)*

Kingstonian 1 - 0 Croydon Athletic 259

Lampton 90

Leatherhead 4 - 1 Eastbourne Town 170

Ayling 38, Hutchings 16, 51, 58 Brockwell 8

Metropolitan Police 0 - 1 Dover Athletic 280

 Dryden 59

Sittingbourne 2 - 1 Chatham Town 168

Spice 18, Milton 82 Hafner 14

Tooting & Mitcham United 2 - 0 Cray Wanderers 312

Hutchings 13, Vines P. 89

Walton & Hersham 5 - 2 Whyteleafe 122

Neal 43 (pen), Thompson J. 54, Rivers 2, 11

George 16, 82, Watkins J. 90

Whitstable Town (A) 0 - 0 Ashford Town -

*(Abandoned at half-time – waterlogged pitch)*

**FIXTURES FIXTURES**

**Monday, 14th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Folkestone Invicta vs. Staines Town

**Tuesday, 15th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Carshalton Athletic

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury vs. Enfield Town

Waltham Abbey vs. Waltham Forest

Witham Town vs. Redbridge

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Eastbourne Town

Molesey vs. Burgess Hill Town

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Metropolitan Police

Whyteleafe vs. Chipstead

***Hertfordshire Senior Cup - Final***

Boreham Wood vs. Ware *(at Letchworth)*

**Thursday, 17th April 2008**

**Division One South**

Whitstable Town vs. Ashford Town

**Saturday, 19th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Harlow Town

Boreham Wood vs. Carshalton Athletic

Chelmsford City vs. Harrow Borough

East Thurrock United vs. Ashford Town (Middx)

Hastings United vs. Ramsgate

Horsham vs. Billericay Town

Maidstone United vs. Heybridge Swifts

Margate vs. Folkestone Invicta

Staines Town vs. Hendon

Tonbridge Angels vs. AFC Hornchurch

Wealdstone vs. Leyton

**Division One North**

Bury Town vs. Northwood

Edgware Town vs. Dartford

Enfield Town vs. Waltham Forest

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Arlesey Town

Maldon Town vs. Canvey Island

Potters Bar Town vs. Brentwood Town

Redbridge vs. AFC Sudbury

Tilbury vs. Ilford

Wingate & Finchley vs. Waltham Abbey *(kick-off 2.00 p.m.)*

Witham Town vs. Ware

Wivenhoe Town vs. Aveley

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Chipstead

Chatham Town vs. Horsham YMCA

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Leatherhead

Cray Wanderers vs. Burgess Hill Town

Croydon Athletic vs. Whitstable Town

Dover Athletic vs. Sittingbourne

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Eastbourne Town vs. Metropolitan Police

Molesey vs. Walton & Hersham

Walton Casuals vs. Worthing

**Monday, 21st April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Folkestone Invicta vs. AFC Hornchurch

**Division One South**

Horsham YMCA vs. Molesey

Kingstonian vs. Whyteleafe

**Tuesday, 22nd April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Boreham Wood vs. Staines Town

**Division One North**

Maldon Town vs. Great Wakering Rovers

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Walton Casuals

***London Senior Cup - Final***

Hendon vs. Tooting & Mitcham United *(at Metropolitan Police FC)*

**Thursday, 24th April 2008**

**ISTHMIAN VETERANS CUP - FINAL**

Bromley vs. Great Wakering Rovers *(at Bromley F.C. -* *kick-off 2.00 p.m.)*

**Saturday, 26th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch vs. AFC Wimbledon

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Chelmsford City

Billericay Town vs. Staines Town

Carshalton Athletic vs. Tonbridge Angels

Folkestone Invicta vs. Maidstone United

Harlow Town vs. East Thurrock United

Harrow Borough vs. Margate

Hendon vs. Wealdstone

Heybridge Swifts vs. Horsham

Leyton vs. Hastings United

Ramsgate vs. Boreham Wood

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury vs. Potters Bar Town

Arlesey Town vs. Tilbury

Aveley vs. Bury Town

Brentwood Town vs. Redbridge

Canvey Island vs. Enfield Town

Dartford vs. Wingate & Finchley

Ilford vs. Witham Town

Northwood vs. Great Wakering Rovers

Waltham Abbey vs. Maldon Town

Waltham Forest vs. Wivenhoe Town *(at Witham Town FC)*

Ware vs. Edgware Town

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Chatham Town

Chipstead vs. Cray Wanderers

Horsham YMCA vs. Croydon Athletic

Kingstonian vs. Eastbourne Town

Leatherhead vs. Walton Casuals

Metropolitan Police vs. Dulwich Hamlet

Sittingbourne vs. Corinthian-Casuals

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Molesey

Walton & Hersham vs. Dover Athletic

Whitstable Town vs. Whyteleafe

Worthing vs. Ashford Town

**Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 28th/29th/30th April 2008**

**Premier Division**

Play-off semi-finals (2nd vs. 5th, 3rd vs. 4th)

**Division One North**

Play-off semi-finals (2nd vs. 5th, 3rd vs. 4th)

**Division One South**

Play-off semi-finals (2nd vs. 5th, 3rd vs. 4th)

**Saturday, 3rd May 2008**

**Premier Division**

Play-off Final

**Division One North**

Play-off Final

**Division One South**

Play-off Final

**LEAGUE TABLES *As at Saturday, 12th April 2008***

PREMIER DIVISION P W D L F A Pts GD

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[AFC Wimbledon](http://football.mitoo.co.uk/TeamHist.cfm?CI=9323&DivisionID=2292&TblName=Matches&LeagueCode=ISTH2007) 40 22 8 10 79 44 74 +35

[Staines Town](http://football.mitoo.co.uk/TeamHist.cfm?CI=9341&DivisionID=2292&TblName=Matches&LeagueCode=ISTH2007) 38 19 12 7 79 50 69 +29

[AFC Hornchurch](http://football.mitoo.co.uk/TeamHist.cfm?CI=9322&DivisionID=2292&TblName=Matches&LeagueCode=ISTH2007) 39 20 7 12 66 42 67 +24

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[Folkestone Invicta](http://football.mitoo.co.uk/TeamHist.cfm?CI=9330&DivisionID=2292&TblName=Matches&LeagueCode=ISTH2007) 38 12 9 17 43 62 45 -19

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*East Thurrock United FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player*

DIVISION ONE NORTH P W D L F A Pts GD

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*Redbridge FC deducted one point for playing an ineligible player*

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**FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE**

**Division One South**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Horsham YMCA vs. Molesey | 12th April 2008 | 21st April 2008 |
| Whitstable Town vs. Ashford Town | 12th April 2008 | 17th April 2008 |

**RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE**

**RESULTS RESULTS**

**Monday, 7th April 2008**

Carshalton Athletic 0 - 2 Kingstonian 45

 Mullen 18, Murphy 27

Horsham 3 - 0 Burgess Hill Town 52

Hawkes 25, Surlis 75,

O’Sullivan 86

Horsham YMCA 0 - 5 Staines Town 23

 McShane 10, 90 (0en),

 Rodger 21, 46, 78

**Wednesday, 9th April 2008**

Croydon Athletic 3 - 0 Tooting & Mitcham United 17

Moody 51, McCrae 65,

Zandi 83

Maidstone United 5 - 0 Carshalton Athletic 41

Richmond 6, McParland 12, 35,

Brann 16, Ulph 78 (pen)

Worthing *Postponed* Horsham YMCA -

**Thursday, 10th April 2008**

AFC Wimbledon 2 - 3 Burgess Hill Town 35

Da Silva 65, Dawson 72 Blundell 40, 60, 70

Kingstonian *Postponed* Maidstone United -

Leatherhead 2 - 1 Staines Town 86

Hutchings 80, Hendry 89 Dwyer 10

**FIXTURES FIXTURES**

**Monday, 14th April 2008**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Carshalton Athletic

Horsham vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Horsham YMCA vs. Tonbridge Angels

Leatherhead vs. Croydon Athletic

Worthing vs. Kingstonian

**Wednesday, 16th April 2008**

Carshalton Athletic vs. Croydon Athletic

Staines Town vs. Horsham

**Thursday, 17th April 2008**

**Isthmian Youth Cup – Quarter-Final**

Tonbridge Angels vs. Worthing

**Isthmian Youth Cup – Semi-Final**

Leatherhead vs. Maidstone United

***Surrey Youth Cup –Final***

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Sutton United *(at Walton Casuals FC)*

**Monday, 21st April 2008**

Horsham vs. Maidstone United

Tonbridge Angels vs. Burgess Hill Town

**Tuesday, 22nd April 2008**

Worthing & Tooting & Mitcham United

**Thursday, 24th April 2008**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Carshalton Athletic vs. Staines Town

Kingstonian vs. Leatherhead

Maidstone United vs. Horsham YMCA

Tonbridge Angels vs. Croydon Athletic

Worthing vs. Horsham

**Monday, 28th April 2008**

Croydon Athletic vs. Carshalton Athletic

Horsham vs. Worthing

Leatherhead vs. Maidstone United

Staines Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

**Tuesday, 29th April 2008**

Tonbridge Angels vs. AFC Wimbledon

**Isthmian Youth Cup – Semi-Final**

Boreham Wood vs. Tonbridge Angels or Worthing

**Wednesday, 30th April 2008**

Croydon Athletic vs. Leatherhead

Staines Town vs. Burgess Hill Town

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Maidstone United

Worthing vs. Tonbridge Angels

**Friday, 2nd May 2008**

Croydon Athletic vs. Maidstone United

**Saturday, 3rd May 2008**

Staines Town vs. Worthing

**Monday, 5th May 2008**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Worthing

Carshalton Athletic vs. Tonbridge Angels

Leatherhead vs. Kingstonian

**Wednesday, 7th May 2008**

Staines Town vs. Tonbridge Angels

**Thursday, 8th May 2008**

Leatherhead vs. Worthing

**Wednesday, 14th May 2008**

Maidstone United vs. Worthing

**To be dated**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Croydon Athletic

Horsham YMCA vs. Maidstone United

Tonbridge Angels vs. Horsham

Tonbridge Angels vs. Leatherhead

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Burgess Hill Town

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Tonbridge Angels

Worthing vs. Horsham YMCA

**YOUTH LEAGUE TABLES *As at Saturday, 12th April 2008***

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**HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**

**CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC**

Peter Haworth, Chairman of Corinthian-Casuals Football Club, has a new email address with immediate effect - peterhaworth719@btinternet.co

**CLUB GOSSIP**

**BILLERICAY TOWN FC**

If things had worked out differently, Chris Whelpdale would have been preparing for life in the classroom rather than for life in League One. The 21 year-old was rescued from a career in teaching when Posh came knocking on his door. It was the start of an incredible 12 months for Whelpdale which the winger described as 'a dream come true.'

Twelve months ago he was training twice a week and playing on Saturdays for Billericay in the Ryman Premier League. Now he's achieved his boyhood ambition of becoming a professional footballer and is looking to celebrate his first full season with a Championship winning medal.

Whelpdale said: "It's been an amazing year, a real dream come true. I was studying sports science with the aim of becoming a PE teacher when I was scouted by Peterborough. I was training at Billericay on Tuesday and Thursday nights so the difference in my life in just 12 months is stark. It's not just the fact that I'm now a professional footballer, but the fact that I'm part of a team that's been so successful.”

Whelpdale has been involved in 35 Posh matches this season contributing three goals including the equaliser in the big game at title rivals MK Dons last month.

Whelpdale added: "Scoring a goal in such a big game in front of a crowd that size was a great moment especially as I gave one of my best performances that night.”

**BRENTWOOD TOWN FC**

A rallying cry has been issued to the people of Brentwood to be their local football team's 12th man as they target the Ryman League Division One North play-offs.

Brentwood Town play two of their remaining three games at the Brentwood Arena in Doddinghurst Road and chairman Keith Woodcock has asked locals to show their support by passing through the club's turnstiles.

Both home games are against teams also hoping to make the play-offs, with Maldon Town visiting this weekend for an Essex derby, while Redbridge make the trip to the Arena for the final game of the season on 26th April.

Woodcock told the Gazette: "I would ask them to come across, have a look and see what we're about. It would be fantastic for two reasons. The more money we can generate, the more the club can move on and also the players do respond to playing in front of a nice big crowd. There's no doubt our best result of the season has been at Dartford and that proves what we can do when we have a large crowd."

The Blues ripped up the formbook in that game beating the table-topping side 1-0 in front of a 1,300 plus crowd, surprising their rival teams.

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**CHELMSFORD CITY FC**

The Champagne corks have long been popping at the Melbourne Stadium because Chelmsford City are Ryman League Premier Division champions! A point from their 1-1 draw at home to Ramsgate last Saturday was enough to secure their first ever promotion to Conference level in their 70 years as a professional club.

And the success more than makes up for the supporters' heartbreak of losing out in last season's play-off semi-final against Billericay Town.

Manager Jeff King said he was delighted for the players and fans to win the title by points and not goal difference. He declared: "We've won it and I think we deserve to as we have been consistent over the whole season. The players have worked hard and so has everybody else and the reward is promotion to the Blue Square South."

City will be presented with the championship trophy at their next home game against Harrow Borough on 19th April by League Chairman Alan Turvey.

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**DOVER ATHLETIC FC**

Jim Parmenter says Dover Athletic and Andy Hessenthaler fit like a boxing glove – and that ultimately delivered a knockout blow to the club’s Ryman League One South rivals.

Whites finally won the 2007-08 contest in the 39th round of matches when Jimmy Dryden delivered the final punch. The referee stopped the fight – challengers Tooting and Cray could not get back off the canvas.

The next bout is the Ryman Premier Championship and Jim is predicting a box office hit with heavyweights AFC Wimbledon, Maidstone, Dartford and Folkestone all potentially lining up in the ring alongside Whites, Tonbridge, Margate and Ramsgate.

He said: “Fans are hopefully going to see some great local derbies. It’ll almost be like being in the Conference in terms of some of the big attendance figures we can expect.

“I sincerely hope Folkestone and Maidstone stay up – and Dartford win promotion from Ryman North – because it will make for a mouth-watering season, something we’re all excited about.”

Dover Athletic will be presented with the Division One South championship trophy at their next home game against Sittingbourne on 19th April.

**EASTBOURNE TOWN FC**

The return of defender Ben Putland has been a key factor in Eastbourne Town's Ryman League Division One South survival this season. The 22-year-old defender looks to have turned his career around following a drugs related suspension from the club three years' ago.

Speaking before Saturday's trip to Leatherhead he said, "I am very pleased with my achievements so far. I set myself a high standard at the start of the season and I want to continue that way. The team is playing well for the moment and now we are out of the relegation zone. Ady has done a brilliant job with us guys."

Looking to next season, Putland is expecting great things. "At the start of this season, being newly promoted, it was all about staying up. Now, with an improved ground and the squad that has taken us here, we can hopefully go on to aim higher next year."

Outside of the football pitch Putland is attending his second year at University of Greenwich, studying sport and PE. "It is very interesting and I truly enjoy it. But there is a lot of hard work," he said. Living and studying in London means long journeys to play for Eastbourne Town.

He explained, "I attend as many practices as I can but obviously being at Uni means I can't be there that much. I come down sometimes and especially at holidays when I am off from Uni. I play all the matches though. Most of our away games are played in and around London, and that makes it easy for me."

Boss Ady Colwell added, "When you are in the trenches Ben Putland is the type of player you want alongside you. He is as brave as they come and he will put his head and foot in where others would not dare. During the second half of the season his game really came on and he is a valuable member of our squad.

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**HENDON FC**

***Brothers in arms (by David Ballheimer)***Hendon Football Club have long had a reputation for being a family club. Among supporters, three generations of the same family have married fellow Hendon fans, but, on the pitch, they’re trying to keep it in the same generation this season. Coach Bontcho Guentchev has played on the same pitch as his two sons, but this was only in a preseason friendly. The two boys, however, Lubomir and Iavor, have been regular names on the team-sheet with the older boy, Lubo, making almost 40 appearances this season. Last season, in the finale at home to Margate, both Bontcho and Iavor played together for the last few minutes and the son almost set up his father for a goal.

But they are not the only brothers and team-mates at Hendon. Davis and Brian Haule have well in excess of 200 appearances between them after they both returned to Claremont Road for second spells in 2006–07. James Burgess passed 200 appearances for the Greens earlier this season, more than 100 more than his brother and ex-teammate Mark (they have first-team 322 appearances between them and Mark’s FA Cup goal against Biggleswade United – the less than vital last in a 6–0 victory – is the only one they have mustered between them).

Last week, on transfer/signing deadline day, Hendon added Jack Page to their squad. He is the younger brother of centre-half Sam, who joined the club permanently from MK Dons earlier this season after two loan spells.

On Saturday 5 April in Hendon’s Ryman League Premier Division match at Hastings United, Jack Page, Brian Haule and Iavor Guentchev, the younger brothers of Sam Page, Davis Haule and Lubomir Guentchev, were all named as substitutes. Jack and Brian were both used (the former replaced Haule Senior), while Iavor could not be used following an enforced change by Hendon early in the first half. And it was two of the three elder brothers who were Hendon’s goalscoring heroes in the 4–3 victory, Davis netting a hat-trick and Lubo a spectacular late winner.

**POTTERS BAR TOWN FC**

A record 335 people attended Parkfield last weekend to see Potters Bar Town draw 2-2 with league leaders Dartford. It was the biggest official attendance for a league or cup game at the ground in the club's history. The highest gate the Scholars have ever had was when several thousand watched an EastEnders XI play in a charity game.

The majority of the fans for the Ryman League clash on Saturday came from the Kent club, who attract more than 1,000 spectators to their home matches at the Princes Park Stadium. e highest previous gate at the Potters Bar ground in the league this season came on Boxing Day when 151 turned out for the encounter with local rivals Enfield Town.

Bar chairman Peter Waller said: "It's something Dartford get every week. It's good so many people want to watch this level of football. Before the game they said they expected between 300 and 500 people to come and watch. It would have been nice for it to have been nearer 500, but it's great to get that number at our level."

The crowd, several hundred more than a regular home attendance, was a welcome boost to the club's finances. But it is unlikely Dartford will visit Potters Bar next season. “It looks like they will go up, so unfortunately we won't get that again next year," added Waller.

Of course the chairman would like to see his club attract more fans from the area to Parkfield. "All we can do is keep trying to attract more people to the club," he said. I'm sure there's people interested in football in Potters Bar. I don't know if the people of the town know we are here? We need to publicise the club more.”

**WARE FC**

WARE manager Glen Alzapiedi is looking forward to next week's Herts Senior Cup final - but maintains the league is his top priority. The Wodson Park club are set to take on Boreham Wood in the final on Tuesday evening at Letchworth's County Ground.

Whilst Alzapiedi is pleased to have made the final, his main aim is on securing a play-off place in the Ryman League Division One North. "The cup final is a positive distraction, but we have a league game to concentrate on this Saturday, and our focus has to be on getting three points there and then we can look towards Tuesday night," said the Blues' boss.

Ware have stuttered in recent weeks in the league, and their once comfortable play-off position is being challenged by as many as three teams who all feel they have a chance of snatching that final spot. Despite only one Ryman League win in the last four, Alzapiedi remains upbeat going into a crucial period.

"To be fair, we have been playing quite well without creating too much and scoring. Now we have Chris Ellerbeck back fit, it will give us more of an option," he said. "Chris hit the post on Saturday and looked good. I think if that had gone in we would have gone on to win the game. I will want an improvement in the final three league games, and hopefully we can get back to scoring and winning all the matches."

**CHAMPIONS OF THE ISTHMIAN AND SOUTHERN LEAGUES**

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“An interesting question this week from Simon Brewster – *“David, I know that both Yeovil Town and Wimbledon have won both the Isthmian League championship and the Southern League championship, but has any other club or clubs ever achieved this feat?”*

Simon is quite right when he says that both Wimbledon and Yeovil have won the championship of these two leagues. Wimbledon joined the Isthmian League in 1921 and were continuous members until they turned professional in 1964 and joined the Southern League. Their first Isthmian League championship came in 1930-1931 and they repeated the feat the following season, 1931-1932. They had to wait until 1958-1959 for their next title before winning the league for three seasons in a row, 1961-1962, 1962-1963 and 1963-1964, before the decision to embrace professionalism.

Having joined the Southern League in 1964 they had to wait until 1974-1975 before they claimed that league’s championship, but then repeated their three championships in a row feat by winning the title in the 1975-1976 and 1976-1977 seasons. They replaced Workington Town in the Football League at the end of that season.

Yeovil Town joined the Southern League in 1922, they were known as Yeovil and Petters United at the time, and were continuous members until 1979, with the exception of the 1930-1931 season. They were then founder members of what is now the Football Conference. Their first Southern League championship came in 1954-1955, and this was repeated in 1963-1964 and 1970-1971.

They originally joined the Isthmian League in 1985, when relegated from the Football Conference, and were champions in 1987-1988 to regain their place in the top flight of non league football. They were relegated again in 1995 and were champions for the second time in 1996-1997.

Simon has overlooked two and possibly three other clubs that have won the championship of both leagues. Gravesend and Northfleet won the Southern League Championship in 1957-1958 and the Isthmian League in 2001-2002. Farnborough Town won the Southern League championship in 1990-1991 and 1993-1994 and won the Isthmian League championship in 2000-2001, having joined that league on their relegation from the Football Conference.

The other club that have achieved this feat is not so clear cut. Aldershot won the Southern League championship in 1929-1930 and the club that succeeded them, Aldershot Town, won the Isthmian League championship in 2002-2003. It all depends on whether or not you consider these two to be the same club.

**WEEKLY STATS ATTACK**

**Top Goalscorers**

***(Up to and including Saturday, 12th April 2008)***

# *PREMIER DIVISION Lge Goals*

Mark Nwokeji Staines Town 26

James Pinnock Margate 24

Carl Rook Tonbridge Angels 23

*(includes 6 goals for Horsham)*

Brian Haule Hendon 20

Steven Wareham East Thurrock United 20

*(includes 18 goals for Maldon Town)*

Jon Main AFC Wimbledon 19

*(includes 12 goals for Tonbridge Angels)*

Reggie Savage Heybridge Swifts 19

*(includes 15 goals for Croydon Athletic)*

Bradley Woods-Garness Billericay Town 19

Simon Parker AFC Hornchurch 18

Wayne O’Sullivan Hendon 16

Ricky Holmes Chelmsford City 16

Simon Thomas Boreham Wood 14

Kris Lee AFC Hornchurch 14

Bertie Brayley Chelmsford City 14

Billy Bricknell Billericay Town 14

*(includes 9 goals for Leyton)*

Sean Marks Heybridge Swifts 14

# *DIVISION ONE NORTH Lge Goals*

Brendon Cass Dartford 30

James Rowe AFC Sudbury 27

John Frendo Ware 27

Sam Reed Bury Town 21

Cody McDonald Witham Town 20

Kurt Smith Tilbury 19

Kevin Hawes Maldon Town 19

*(includes 10 goals for Witham Town)*

Jamie Ricks Maldon Town 18

*(includes 12 goals for Witham Town)*

Scott Nielson Ware 17

Jay Curran Canvey Island 16

Jay May Dartford 16

Martin Tuohy Great Wakering Rovers 16

# *DIVISION ONE SOUTH Lge Goals*

Craig Carley Metropolitan Police 23

Liam Baitup Eastbourne Town 21

Jon Henry-Hayden Tooting & Mitcham Utd 21

Steve Harper Burgess Hill Town 20

Bobby Traynor Kingstonian 19

James Dryden Dover Athletic 19

Frannie Collin Dover Athletic 18

Paul Vines Tooting & Mitcham Utd 18

Nana Badu Walton Casuals 15

Michael Power Maldon Town 15

Danny Oakins Cray Wanderers 15

Moses Ademola Croydon Athletic 15

# *YOUTH LEAGUE Lge Goals*

Lyle Taylor Staines Town 16

Michael Mullen Kingstonian 14

Mark Watkins Kingstonian 13

Michael Antonio Tooting & Mitcham Utd 12

Lee Davison AFC Wimbledon 12

David Fianyor AFC Wimbledon 11

*(includes 5goals for Tooting & Mitcham United)*

Dan Moody Croydon Athletic 11

Terry Dodd Worthing 10

John Lansdale Burgess Hill Town 10

Simon McManus Leatherhead 10

**Hat-trick heroes**

***(Week beginning Monday, 7th April 2008)***

This week’s hat-trick stars are:

Akwasi Edusei Tonbridge Angels

Stephen Hafner Chatham Town

Ben Johnson Worthing

Robin Shroot AFC Wimbledon

Tom Hutchings Leatherhead

This week’s Youth League hat-trick stars are:

Enos Rodger Staines Town

Blundell Burgess Hill Town

**Best Attendances – Club by Club**

***(Up to and including Saturday, 12th April 2008)***

***PREMIER DIVISION***

3,201 Chelmsford City vs. AFC Wimbledon

 *15th March 2008*

3,124 AFC Wimbledon vs. Chelmsford City

 *1st December 2007*

1,636 Carshalton Athletic vs. AFC Wimbledon

 *24th March 2008*

1,572 Billericay Town vs. Chelmsford City

 *27th August 2007*

1,536 Hastings United vs. AFC Wimbledon

 *17th November 2007*

1,508 Margate vs. Ramsgate

 *26th December 2007*

1,407 Staines Town vs. AFC Wimbledon

 *29th December 2007*

1,224 Maidstone United vs. AFC Wimbledon

 *5th January 2008*

1,210 Ramsgate vs. Margate

 *24th March 2008*

***DIVISION ONE NORTH***

1,579 Dartford vs. Ware

 *22nd March 2008*

819 Canvey Island vs. Dartford

 *24th March 2008*

738 AFC Sudbury vs. Dartford

 *9th February 2008*

516 Enfield Town vs. Dartford Town

 *15th March 2008*

511 Bury Town vs. Dartford Town

 *8th March 2008*

426 Ware vs. AFC Sudbury

 *15th March 2008*

***DIVISION ONE SOUTH***

1,324 Dover Athletic vs. Ashford Town

 *24th March 2008*

1,041 Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Dover Athletic

 *1st March 2008*

1,002 Whitstable Town vs. Dover Athletic

 *27th August 2007*

855 Ashford Town vs. Dover Athletic

 *26th December 2007*

515 Chatham Town vs. Dover Athletic

 *19th January 2008*

488 Worthing vs. Dover Athletic

 *29th March 2008*

484 Dulwich Hamlet vs. Dover Athletic

 *2nd February 2008*

**Wins Analysis**

***(Up to and including Saturday, 12th April 2008)***

# *PREMIER DIVISION*

Matches Played: 436

Home Wins 211 48.4%

Away Wins 130 29.8 %

Draws 95 21.8 %

Home Goals 759

Away Goals 590

Total Goals 1,349

# *DIVISION ONE NORTH*

Matches Played: 436

Home Wins 190 43.6 %

Away Wins 144 33.0 %

Draws 102 23.4 %

Home Goals 764

Away Goals 599

Total Goals 1,363

# *DIVISION ONE SOUTH*

Matches Played: 433

Home Wins 188 43.4 %

Away Wins 154 35.6 %

Draws 91 21.0 %

Home Goals 693

Away Goals 600

Total Goals 1,293

# *YOUTH LEAGUE*

Matches Played: 115

Home Wins 55 47.8 %

Away Wins 43 37.4 %

Draws 17 14.8 %

Home Goals 258

Away Goals 221

Total Goals 479

**League Form Guide *(Last six matches)***

**PREMIER DIVISION** W D L F A Pts

1 AFC Hornchurch 6 0 0 18 1 18

2 Staines Town 5 1 0 14 3 16

3 Tonbridge Angels 4 1 1 14 3 13

4 Ramsgate 4 1 1 10 7 13

5 Ashford Town (Mx) 4 0 2 14 8 12

6 Hastings United 4 0 2 13 8 12

7 Chelmsford City 3 2 1 7 5 11

8 Maidstone United 3 1 2 10 10 10

9 Hendon 3 1 2 10 11 10

10 AFC Wimbledon 3 0 3 13 11 9

11 Margate 2 2 2 13 13 8

12 Harlow Town 2 2 2 6 6 8

13 Carshalton Athletic 2 1 3 12 11 7

14 Heybridge Swifts 1 3 2 11 10 6

15 Billericay Town 1 3 2 11 11 6

16 Wealdstone 1 3 2 11 12 6

17 Horsham 2 0 4 8 12 6

18 Boreham Wood 2 0 4 6 11 6

19 Folkestone Invicta 1 2 3 6 15 5

20 East Thurrock United 1 1 4 7 12 4

21 Harrow Borough 1 1 4 2 8 4

22 Leyton 0 0 6 4 28 0

**DIVISION ONE NORTH** W D L F A Pts

1 Redbridge 5 0 1 10 2 15

2 Bury Town 5 0 1 13 6 15

3 Dartford 4 1 1 13 4 13

4 Northwood 4 1 1 11 4 13

5 Ilford 4 1 1 11 7 13

6 Brentwood Town 4 1 1 9 7 13

7 Canvey Island 4 0 2 12 4 12

8 Edgware Town 4 0 2 10 9 12

9 Maldon Town 3 1 2 16 10 10

10 Aveley 3 1 2 13 7 10

11 AFC Sudbury 3 1 2 7 8 10

12 Ware 3 0 3 16 6 9

13 Enfield Town 2 3 1 5 6 9

14 Wivenhoe Town 2 2 2 8 8 8

15 Waltham Abbey 2 1 3 6 11 7

16 Potters Bar Town 1 3 2 7 9 6

17 Witham Town 2 0 4 11 14 6

18 Tilbury 1 1 4 4 20 4

19 Waltham Forest 1 0 5 3 10 3

20 Arlesey Town 1 0 5 5 13 3

21 Wingate & Finchley 0 1 5 5 15 1

22 Great Wakering Rovers 0 0 6 5 16 0

**DIVISION ONE SOUTH** W D L F A Pts

1 Worthing 4 1 1 14 7 13

2 Tooting & Mitcham United 4 1 1 11 5 13

3 Ashford Town 4 1 1 8 4 13

4 Dover Athletic 4 1 1 6 2 13

5 Whitstable Town 4 1 1 11 9 13

6 Kingstonian 4 1 1 10 8 13

7 Croydon Athletic 3 2 1 11 6 11

8 Dulwich Hamlet 3 1 2 13 9 10

9 Metropolitan Police 3 0 3 10 5 9

10 Cray Wanderers 2 3 1 9 5 9

11 Walton Casuals 2 3 1 8 8 9

12 Eastbourne Town 2 2 2 9 12 8

13 Leatherhead 2 1 3 8 7 7

14 Sittingbourne 2 1 3 11 12 7

15 Burgess Hill Town 2 1 3 5 7 7

16 Chatham Town 2 0 4 11 8 6

17 Whyteleafe 2 0 4 10 13 6

18 Corinthian-Casuals 2 0 4 7 14 6

19 Walton & Hersham 1 2 3 9 11 5

20 Molesey 1 0 5 4 15 3

21 Chipstead 0 1 5 5 13 1

22 Horsham YMCA 0 0 6 3 19 0

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