

**RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN**

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**LEAGUE NEWS LEAGUE NEWS**

**The FIRST 100 YEARS of the ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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

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

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

**WEEKEND REVIEW**

**Premier Division**

It was an unhappy return to the Ryman League for Bognor Regis Town after five years in Conference South.

The Sussex club hosted Hendon on Saturday and must have fancied their chances when the visitors were reduced to ten men after half an hour.

But the dismissal seemed to inspire the visitors and second-half goals from James Bent, Wayne O’Sullivan and Harry Hunt gave them a 3-0 victory.

Only one team fared better and that was Sutton United. Stefan Payne’s hat-trick led them to a 4-0 home win over Margate. And Stefan has just celebrated his 18th birthday only last Monday.

Many people fancy that Sutton and neighbours Carshalton Athletic will be duelling for the title come April. Carshalton, too, got off to a winning start with first-half strikes by Charlie Ide and Adrian Topping enough for a 2-0 victory at Maidstone United.

The biggest opening-day crowd was at Dartford and 968 fans were treated to the division’s highest-scoring game as the hosts beat Horsham 3-2. Three goals in 11 minutes, two from man of the match Elliot Bradbrook sandwiching Adam Flanagan’s penalty, turned the game on its head after the Sussex club had led at the interval.

Three clubs were making their Premier Division debuts and they all drew 1-1. Two of them clashed at the Mill Field where Martin Tuohy, the league’s top scorer last season with 39 for East Thurrock, headed hosts Aveley into a first-half lead only for Colin Luckett to earn Cray Wanderers a point with a fierce penalty soon after the interval.

The other newcomers, Waltham Abbey, were delighted with their share of the points at Tooting and Mitcham. Harry Elmes scored with 11 minutes left after Paul Vines had put the Terrors in front.

The fourth promoted team, Kingstonian, are no strangers to this level, and higher, but late goals from Byron Harrison and Scott Harris condemned them to a 3-1 defeat at Ashford Town (Middlesex).

An early exchange of goals looked likely to be the lot as Tonbridge Angels hosted Hornchurch. Then substitute Jon Green netted with six minutes left to give Urchins a 2-1 victory, a major boost after a troubled summer.

The other three games, at Billericay Town, Boreham Wood and Harrow Borough, failed to produce a goal.

**Division One North**

Leyton were first off the mark in the new Ryman League season when Billy Pike gave them a first-minute lead at home to East Thurrock United.

When Michael Ramkin made it 2-0 in the 16th minute it seemed that Rocks had not recovered from the disappointment of missing out on promotion in April despite a 95-point haul.

But Kris Newby and James Donovan made it 2-2 by half-time, and another Donovan strike soon after the break completed a 3-2 comeback victory.

Concord Rangers, who lost the play-off final to Waltham Abbey, also got off to a winning start, beating visitors Ware 2-0 thanks to a first-half double by debutant Lyle Taylor.

There were mixed fortunes for the league’s two newcomers in this division. Lowestoft Town made the first of many lengthy journeys down the A12 from the Suffolk coast to claim a 2-0 victory at Thamesmead Town. Gary McGee and Adam Smith netted in the space of four first-half minutes.

It was a losing debut for VCD Athletic at Northwood. They hit the bar after Eugene Ofori had given the hosts an early lead but John Christian wrapped up a 2-0 win for the Woods with 12 minutes to go.

Romford, back in the league after a seven-year absence, marked the occasion with a 3-2 win at Cheshunt. All the goals came in a 23-minute spell either side of the interval with Danny Jones netting the decider.

James Edgerley’s hat-trick led relegated Harlow Town to a 4-2 win at home to Great Wakering but another side who were in the Premier Division last season, Heybridge Swifts, were 2-0 down at Ilford after only 12 minutes and that was the way it stayed.

There were 1-0 away wins for Enfield Town, Potters Bar Town and Waltham Forest while Redbridge were held to a scoreless draw by visitors Wingate and Finchley.

**Division One South**

Christmas, or rather Noel, came early for Croydon Athletic on Saturday. Gary Noel racked up a startling five-goal haul as the Surrey side justified their place among the Division One South promotion favourites by crushing Ashford Town 7-0.

It was Noel all the way in the first half, when he scored all four goals, and any chance of a comeback vanished when the much-travelled Scott Forrester made it five moments after half-time.

Ben Godfrey heaped on the misery for the visitors before Noel completed his nap hand with three minutes left.

The only other player in the division to score more than once was Kane Sergeant. He struck twice in four minutes to put Corinthian-Casuals in charge of their home game with Chipstead. Saheed Sankoh added another just before the break and it stayed at 3-0.

Godalming Town also enjoyed a 3-0 home victory, Chatham Town the victims, and a late goal by Dominic O’Shea clinched a 2-0 win for Leatherhead in their ‘A24 derby’ with Worthing.

There were no away wins in this division and the ten visiting teams managed only four goals between them. Metropolitan Police came closest to success on the road, drawing 2-2 at Merstham for whom David Smith levelled in the 85th minute.

Ramsgate, who propped up the Premier last season, made a victorious start to their bid for a quick return. A lone goal by Liam Quinn in the 76th minute saw off visiting Fleet.

An own goal handed Walton and Hersham an early lead at Horsham YMCA but the hosts, back from a year in the Sussex County League, equalised with a 20th-minute penalty by Tom Manton and it stayed at 1-1.

The only other away goal was an equaliser by Whyteleafe’s Darren Watson at Sittingbourne, who clinched a 2-1 victory with a late penalty by Hicham Akhazzan.

Dulwich Hamlet battled out a 0-0 draw at Folkestone Invicta, as did Eastbourne Town at Walton Casuals. It was a bad day for Casuals’ Anthony Gale, who missed a penalty and was later sent off.

**RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATISTICAL REVIEW –SEASON 2008/09**

The twelfth edition of “The Statistical Review of the Ryman Football League” – 2008/09 season is now available.

It includes all the results, goalscorers and attendances of League, League Cup, Youth League, Youth Cup, Veterans Cup, Womens Cup, FA Cup, FA Trophy and County Senior Cups of each member club with listed player appearances for League matches including regular playing position. An index of players in alphabetical format is also included.

Also included is an index of players in alphabetical format of each player used in the Ryman League and their regular playing position.

The book costs £5.50 + 90p (1st) or 78p (2nd) to cover postage.

Copies may be purchased from: **Mike Wilson, 71 Elm Road, Slade Green, Kent DA8 2NN**

**RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL - TELEPHONE 09066 555 777**The Ryman League ClubCall is the League's official telephone scores service. The line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All the match results are available on the ClubCall line each midweek night after around 10pm and every Saturday after 6pm.

Calls are charged at 60p per minute. The call revenue helps the Ryman Football League.

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**RESULTS RESULTS**

**Saturday, 15th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) 3 - 1 Kingstonian 342

Weight 27, Harrison 80, Harris 90 Cook 48

Aveley 1 - 1 Cray Wanderers 172

Tuohy 28 Luckett 47

Billericay Town 0 - 0 Wealdstone 481

Bognor Regis Town 0 - 3 Hendon 404

 Bent 66, O’Sullivan 81,

 Hunt 89

Boreham Wood 0 - 0 Hastings United 159

Dartford 3 - 2 Horsham 968

Bradbrook 55, 66, Flanagan 63(pen) Eldridge 30, Harding 89

Harrow Borough 0 - 0 Canvey Island 177

Maidstone United 0 - 2 Carshalton Athletic 382

 Ide 16, Toppin 39

Sutton United 4 - 0 Margate 508

Payne 14, 53, 58 (pen), Gargan 31

Tonbridge Angels 1 - 2 AFC Hornchurch 512

Minshull 11 Stevens 7, Green 84

Tooting & Mitcham United 1 - 1 Waltham Abbey 246

Vines 67 Elmes 79

**Division One North**

Brentwood Town 0 - 1 Enfield Town 201

 Marks 57

Cheshunt 2 - 3 Romford 218

Harrison (pen) 37, Meikle 49 Kavanagh 42, Noakes 46,

 Jones 60

Concord Rangers 2 - 0 Ware 125

Taylor 14, 40

Harlow Town 4 - 2 Great Wakering Rovers 230

Edgerley 31, 42, 68 Williams 15, Hudson 47

Clarey 55

Ilford 2 - 0 Heybridge Swifts 56

Drisdale 4, Noble 12

Leyton 2 - 3 East Thurrock United 68

Pike 1, Ramkin 16 Newby 33, Donovan 39, 49

Maldon Town 0 - 1 Waltham Forest 82

 Pennant 28

Northwood 2 - 0 VCD Athletic 127

Ofori 10, Christian 78

Redbridge 0 - 0 Wingate & Finchley 31

Thamesmead Town 0 - 2 Lowestoft Town 85

 McGee 28, Smith 32

Tilbury 0 - 1 Potters Bar Town 62

 Watson 70

**Division One South**

Corinthian-Casuals 3 - 0 Chipstead 103

Sergeant 19, 23, Sankoh, 44

Croydon Athletic 7 - 0 Ashford Town 149

Noel 13, 21 (pen), 31, 40, 87

Forrester 46, Godfrey 76

Folkestone Invicta 0 - 0 Dulwich Hamlet 264

Godalming Town 3 - 0 Chatham Town 100

Wade 18, Shittu 53, Ottley 71

Horsham YMCA 1 - 1 Walton & Hersham 166

Manton (pen) 20 OG 4

Leatherhead 2 - 0 Worthing 226

Hutchings 26, O’Shea 87

Merstham 2 - 2 Metropolitan Police 116

Maan 15, Smith 85 Carley 17, Sawyer 30

Ramsgate 1 - 0 Fleet Town 200

Quinn 76

Sittingbourne 2 - 1 Whyteleafe 150

Spice 47, Akhazzan 81 (pen) Watson 56

Walton Casuals 0 - 0 Eastbourne Town 84

**Sunday, 16th August, 2009**

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town 0 - 1 Whitstable Town 322

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**FIXTURES FIXTURES**

**Monday, 17th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Kingstonian v. Harrow Borough

**Tuesday, 18th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch v. Boreham Wood

Canvey Island v. Ashford Town (Middx)

Carshalton Athletic v. Bognor Regis Town

Cray Wanderers v. Tonbridge Angels

Hastings United v. Aveley

Hendon v. Billericay Town

Horsham v. Sutton United

Margate v. Dartford

Waltham Abbey v. Maidstone United

Wealdstone v. Tooting & Mitcham United

**Division One North**

East Thurrock United v. Brentwood Town

Enfield Town v. Ilford

Great Wakering Rovers v. Maldon Town

Heybridge Swifts v. Harlow Town

Lowestoft Town v. Concord Rangers

Potters Bar Town v. Redbridge

Romford v. Thamesmead Town

VCD Athletic v. Tilbury

Ware v. Leyton

Wingate & Finchley v. Cheshunt

**Division One South**

Chatham Town v. Burgess Hill Town

Chipstead v. Sittingbourne

Dulwich Hamlet v. Godalming Town

Fleet Town v. Leatherhead

Metropolitan Police v. Horsham YMCA

Walton & Hersham v. Corinthian-Casuals

Whyteleafe v. Ramsgate

Worthing v. Walton Casuals

**Wednesday, 19th August, 2009**

**Division One North**

Waltham Forest v. Northwood

**Division One South**

Ashford Town v. Merstham

Eastbourne Town v. Folkestone Invicta

Whitstable Town v. Croydon Athletic

**Friday, 21st August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Cray Wanderers v. Billericay Town *(at Dartford F.C.)*

**Saturday, 22nd August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch v. Tooting & Mitcham United

Canvey Island v. Bognor Regis Town

Carshalton Athletic v. Ashford Town (Middx)

Cray Wanderers v. Billericay Town

Hastings United v. Dartford

Hendon v. Sutton United

Horsham v. Harrow Borough

Kingstonian v. Aveley

Margate v. Boreham Wood

Waltham Abbey v. Tonbridge Angels

Wealdstone v. Maidstone United

**Division One North**

East Thurrock United v. Redbridge

Enfield Town v. Tilbury

Great Wakering Rovers v. Cheshunt

Heybridge Swifts v. Leyton

Lowestoft Town v. Ilford

Potters Bar Town v. Harlow Town

Romford v. Northwood

VCD Athletic v. Concord Rangers

Waltham Forest v. Brentwood Town

Ware v. Maldon Town

Wingate & Finchley v. Thamesmead Town

**Division One South**

Ashford Town v. Godalming Town

Chatham Town v. Horsham YMCA

Chipstead v. Burgess Hill Town

Dulwich Hamlet v. Leatherhead

Eastbourne Town v. Corinthian-Casuals

Fleet Town v. Folkestone Invicta

Metropolitan Police v. Croydon Athletic

Walton & Hersham v. Ramsgate

Whitstable Town v. Merstham

Whyteleafe v. Walton Casuals

Worthing v. Sittingbourne

**Monday, 24th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Aveley v. Margate

**Division One South**

Sittingbourne v. Ashford Town

Walton Casuals v. Metropolitan Police

**Tuesday, 25th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Hendon

Billericay Town v. Waltham Abbey

Bognor Regis Town v. Hastings United

Boreham Wood v. Wealdstone

Dartford v. Kingstonian

Harrow Borough v. Carshalton Athletic

Maidstone United v. AFC Hornchurch

Sutton United v. Canvey Island

Tonbridge Angels v. Horsham

Tooting & Mitcham United v. Cray Wanderers

**Division One North**

Brentwood Town v. VCD Athletic

Cheshunt v. Lowestoft Town

Concord Rangers v. Heybridge Swifts

Harlow Town v. Wingate & Finchley

Leyton v. Great Wakering Rovers

Maldon Town v. Romford

Northwood v. Ware

Redbridge v. Enfield Town

Thamesmead Town v. Potters Bar Town

Tilbury v. Waltham Forest

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town v. Walton & Hersham

Corinthian-Casuals v. Fleet Town

Croydon Athletic v. Chatham Town

Folkestone Invicta v. Whitstable Town

Godalming Town v. Whyteleafe

Horsham YMCA v. Dulwich Hamlet

Leatherhead v. Eastbourne Town

Merstham v. Worthing

Ramsgate v. Chipstead

**Wednesday, 26th August, 2009**

**Division One North**

Ilford v. East Thurrock United

**Saturday, 29th August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Boreham Wood

Aveley v. Carshalton Athletic

Billericay Town v. Tonbridge Angels

Bognor Regis Town v. Waltham Abbey

Cray Wanderers v. Hastings United

Dartford v. Wealdstone

Harrow Borough v. Margate

Hendon v. Kingstonian

Horsham v. Canvey Island

Maidstone United v. Tooting & Mitcham United

Sutton United v. AFC Hornchurch

***FA Cup – Preliminary Round***

Banstead Athletic or Pagham vs. Walton Casuals

Barton Rovers vs. Ware

Burgess Hill Town vs. Chipstead

Chatham Town vs. Eastbourne United

Chertsey Town vs. Metropolitan Police

Cheshunt vs. Maldon Town

Corinthian Casuals vs. VCD Athletic

Croydon Athletic vs. Godalming Town

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Tunbridge Wells or Sevenoaks Town

Dunstable Town vs. Wingate & Finchley

East Thurrock United vs. Brentwood Town

Enfield Town vs. Leverstock Green

Fleet Town vs. Walton & Hersham

Folkestone Invicta vs. AFC Hayes

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Waltham Forest

Guildford City vs. Ramsgate

Hanwell Town vs. Concord Rangers

Harlow Town vs. Kingsbury London Tigers

Hythe Town vs. Eastbourne Town

Leatherhead vs. Bedfont Green

Lordswood vs. Whitstable Town

Lowestoft Town vs. Great Yarmouth Town or Raunds Town

Marlow vs. Ilford

Merstham vs. Faversham Town

Newport Pagnell Town vs. Heybridge Swifts

Northwood vs. St. Margaretsbury or Hullbridge Sports

Potters Bar Town vs. Cockfosters

Redbridge vs. Romford

Sittingbourne vs. Dorking or Horley Town

Thamesmead Town vs. Tilbury

Whyteleafe vs. Uxbridge

Worthing vs. Raynes Park Vale or Farnham Town

**Sunday, 30th August, 2009**

***FA Cup – Preliminary Round***

Ashford Town vs. Mile Oak

Horsham YMCA vs. Wick

**Monday, 31st August, 2009**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch v. Dartford

Boreham Wood v. Billericay Town

Canvey Island v. Maidstone United

Carshalton Athletic v. Kingstonian

Hastings United v. Horsham

Hendon v. Aveley

Margate v. Cray Wanderers

Tonbridge Angels v. Ashford Town (Middx)

Tooting & Mitcham United v. Bognor Regis Town

Waltham Abbey v. Harrow Borough

Wealdstone v. Sutton United

**Division One North**

Cheshunt v. Redbridge

Great Wakering Rovers v. Waltham Forest (Kick-off 12 noon)

Harlow Town v. Concord Rangers

Heybridge Swifts v. East Thurrock United

Ilford v. Maldon Town

Leyton v. Lowestoft Town

Northwood v. Thamesmead Town

Potters Bar Town v. Ware

Romford v. Wingate & Finchley

Tilbury v. Brentwood Town

VCD Athletic v. Enfield Town

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town v. Folkestone Invicta

Chipstead v. Walton Casuals

Corinthian-Casuals v. Ramsgate

Dulwich Hamlet v. Whyteleafe

Eastbourne Town v. Sittingbourne

Fleet Town v. Merstham

Godalming Town v. Leatherhead

Walton & Hersham v. Worthing

**Tuesday, 1st September, 2009**

**Division One South**

Chatham Town v. Metropolitan Police

Horsham YMCA v. Croydon Athletic

**Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009**

**Division One South**

Ashford Town v. Whitstable Town

**Saturday, 5th September, 2009**

**Premier Division**

Ashford Town (Middx) v. Margate

Aveley v. Wealdstone

Billericay Town v. Tooting & Mitcham United

Bognor Regis Town v. AFC Hornchurch

Cray Wanderers v. Canvey Island

Dartford v. Hendon

Harrow Borough v. Hastings United

Horsham v. Carshalton Athletic

Kingstonian v. Waltham Abbey

Maidstone United v. Tonbridge Angels

Sutton United v. Boreham Wood

**Division One North**

Brentwood Town v. Leyton

Concord Rangers v. Cheshunt

East Thurrock United v. Romford

Enfield Town v. Potters Bar Town

Lowestoft Town v. Northwood

Maldon Town v. Tilbury

Redbridge v. Heybridge Swifts

Thamesmead Town v. Ilford

Waltham Forest v. Harlow Town

Ware v. Great Wakering Rovers

Wingate & Finchley v. VCD Athletic

**Division One South**

Croydon Athletic v. Godalming Town

Folkestone Invicta v. Horsham YMCA

Leatherhead v. Chipstead

Merstham v. Eastbourne Town

Metropolitan Police v. Ashford Town

Ramsgate v. Burgess Hill Town

Sittingbourne v. Walton & Hersham

Walton Casuals v. Corinthian-Casuals

Whitstable Town v. Dulwich Hamlet

Whyteleafe v. Fleet Town

Worthing v. Chatham Town

**PLAYER MOVEMENTS**

**Players Registered to date: 1,977**

**New Players Registered the week: 671**

**Player From To Date**

Barnett, Joel Brentwood Town Tilbury 20th August 2009

Blower, Dave Harlow Town Enfield Town 4th August 2009

Denton, Luke A. Eastbourne Town Worthing 13th August 2009

Fraser, Tony J. Waltham Forest Leyton 12th August 2009

Graham, Gareth L. Merstham Chipstead 12th August 2009

Guest, John R.Dartford Ashford Town 14th August 2009

*(short term loan)*

Marshall, William Tooting & Mitcham Utd Merstham 22nd August 2009

Ramshaw, Kai Harlow Town Ware 13th August 2009

Stanley, Sherwin Brentwood Town Aveley 15th August 2009

Stevens, Joe Harlow Town AFC Hornchurch 9th August 2009

Wheeler, Christian Harlow Town Tilbury 8th August 2009

**FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE**

**Premier Division**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Cray Wanderers vs. Billericay Town | 22nd August 2009 | 21st August 2009 |

**Division One North**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Waltham Forest vs. Thamesmead Town | 29th December 2009 | 30th December 2009 |

**Division One North**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Horsham YMCA vs. Croydon Athletic | 31at August 2009 | 1st September 2009 |
| Ashford Town vs. Whitstable Town | 31at August 2009 | 2nd September 2009 |

**HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**

**BURGESS HILL TOWN FC**

Gray Croydon has a new e-mail address – garycroydon@bhtfc.co.uk.

**BILLERICAY TOWN FC**

All email addresses for Billericay Town Football Club personnel should be **@billericaytownfc.co.uk** (note the **fc**). Any emails sent to the published email addresses without the ‘fc’ included will not be received by the recipients.

**HARLOW TOWN FC**

There has been a change of officers at Harlow Town Football Club. Please delete all officers listed and replace with:

Chairman: Carol Bothwell – telephone 07762 338 938 (mobile)

Secretary: Martin Haines – telephone 07940 706 736 (mobile)

Match Secretary: Nathan Kitteridge, 15 Keefield, Harlow, Essex CM19 5SW – telephone 07515 712 498 (mobile)

All correspondence should be sent to the Club.

**HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS FC**

Heybridge Swifts have a new Press Officer - Simon Philips – telephone 01621 892539.

**WALTHAM FOREST FC**

The e-mail address of Match Secretary Tony Brazier should be bjmapbr@ntlworld.com.

**WHITSTABLE TOWN FC**

Whitstable Town Football Club have a new club Chairman, Mr Joe Brownett – telephone mobile 07802 717840 or e-mail manoroad@btinternet.com

**NOTICEBOARD**

**WALTON CASUALS FC**

Club Secretary Gus Schofield will be unavailable from Saturday 22nd August to Sunday 30th August. The a

Alternative contact during the above period will be David Symonds - contact details as per the Ryman League Handbook.

**CLUB GOSSIP**

**BRENTWOOD TOWN FC**

Brentwood Town FC have announced that Carl Griffiths has left the Club by mutual agreement and the Club have appointed Les Whitton as First Team Manager.

A spokesman for the Club said Carl came into the Club when they had just missed out on a playoff place for the Premier Division of the Ryman League. This was a difficult time, with a successful squad inevitably being tempted elsewhere by larger Clubs and bigger money. In their first managerial role, Carl and Scott Canham virtually rebuilt the squad from scratch and narrowly missed out on promotion last season, losing in the playoff semi final. The Club are grateful to Carl and Scott for the success that they brought the Club on the pitch and wish them well and every success in their management roles in the future.

Les Whitton, a former Brentwood Town coach with management experience in the Ryman League, took over the reigns on Wednesday evening and puts out his first squad tomorrow against Enfield Town at The Arena.  As a player, Les was with Oxford, Dagenham & Redbridge, Gravesend and Dartford. Apart from Brentwood Town, he coached at Bishops Stortford (who gained three promotions in four years) and Ford United (two promotions) and he has managed at Romford, Aveley and Ilford. Les has had a rest for a year during which he has kept a keen eye on goings on in non League football. Les was “short listed” for the Brentwood Town managers’ job last season and realised this was the only job he really wanted in football. Les has watched Blues and sees the Club as an ambitious, progressive group of people going in the right direction – a direction he wants to go in too – and he wants to be part of the future of the Club.

This follows on from the recent departure from the Club of Keith Woodcock. A Club Spokesman said “I think we were all very sad to hear from Keith Woodcock that he was standing down as our Chairman. Keith is one of the “good guys” and was a good front man for the Club. Keith has been through a real tough time recently – he was “head hunted” to a larger dealership which then went into liquidation, his next venture finished almost before it started and he now finds himself self – employed and building up his own business taking a part time position to make up the deficit until his business takes off. It is all so difficult in these economic times. Keith explained that he would be working hours that generally clashed with his football interests and he thought he could not devote enough time to football to justify his position as our Chairman. Who knows: perhaps when Keith’s business takes off, he may have more time and a renewed interest in football and come back – I’m pretty sure we will see him over the Arena again”.

**CROYDON ATHLETIC FC**

Croydon Athletic Football Club have announced the departure of popular first team coach Peter Booth, who has left to take up increased duties at Fulham FC.  Boothy was unable to fully commit to the Rams for the forthcoming season in light of increased coaching sessions at Fulham rendering him unable to compete in all the training and preparation required with Croydon Athletic.

The Club would like to thank Boothy for all his hard work and expertise over the past three seasons (and three managers!) with the Rams, and wish him every success with his future career.

On a more positive note, they have welcomed our newest signing, Chris Piper, who signed for the Rams on Friday.  The former Braintree Town and Farnborough midfielder made his debut for the Rams in the friendly against Gillingham FC, and went into the first team squad for the weekend match against Ashford Town.

**KINGSTONIAN FC**

Kingstonian Football Club has been delighted to announce that Banquet Records have renewed their sponsorship of the club for the coming 2009/10 season. Both teams had some great success last season, with Banquet enjoying its most successful season under this management whilst the K's secured the league title.

Banquet Records MD Jon Tolley comments, "We take great pride in what we as a shop and promotions collective can give back to the community, and it is mirrored in the actions of the directors and management of the football club and it's great to see. It's a delight to be involved with K's and we look forward to many more seasons of this."

Kingstonian Co-Chairman Mark Anderson adds, "We enjoyed an excellent first season together with Banquet and appreciate their support both as a sponsor and active partner. Long may this successful partnership continue."

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**SUTTON UNITED FC**

Sutton United Football Club playing legend Micky Stephens has said he is ‘delighted’ to be back at the club after accepting an offer from Paul Doswell to take up the position of chief scout, replacing Alan Payne following the latter’s appointment as assistant manager.

Paul said ‘’I was talking to Steve Griffin about having our first few games watched and he mentioned that Micky might be available, so I invited him down last week and we shook hands on it almost immediately. He’s Sutton through and through, and I know the regard in which he is held by the club’s supporters, so I’m thrilled to have him as part of the backroom team, which I think is probably the best I’ve ever had at a club I’ve been with.’’

Micky, known to just about everyone as ‘Able’, made over 550 appearances for Sutton between 1977 and 1996, featuring in all the club’s successes during that time and playing five times for the England semi-professional side, while more recently he managed the veterans’ side that won the ‘Rivals Cup’ last month at Carshalton.

**WEEKLY STATS ATTACK**

**Hat-trick heroes**

***(Saturday, 15th August 2009)***

This week’s five goal wonder is:

Gary Noel Croydon Athletic

This week’s hat-trick stars are:

Stefan Payne Sutton United

James Edgerley Harlow Town

**Wins Analysis**

***(As at Saturday, 15th August 2009)***

# *PREMIER DIVISION*

Matches Played: 11

Home Wins 3 27.3 %

Away Wins 3 27.3 %

Draws 5 45.4 %

Home Goals 13

Away Goals 12

Total Goals 25

# *DIVISION ONE NORTH*

Matches Played: 11

Home Wins 4 36.4 %

Away Wins 6 54.5 %

Draws 1 9.1 %

Home Goals 14

Away Goals 13

Total Goals 27

# *DIVISION ONE SOUTH*

Matches Played: 11

Home Wins 6 54.5 %

Away Wins 1 9.1 %

Draws 4 36.4%

Home Goals 21

Away Goals 5

Total Goals 26

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