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Essex Senior Football League

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In the Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Round only Basildon United, from our four representatives, were successful in progressing to the last 64 with an injury time winner from Jamie Brown against Felixstowe. However, FC Romania still have the opportunity to join them as their game against Ipswich Wanderers was postponed. Hullbridge Sports went out to Berkhamsted and Wadham Lodge's historic run came to an end at the hands of Thurlow Nunn Premier Division side Ely.

It was The Bees second cup victory in the space of five days as, during the week, they secured a 3-1 victory over Great Wakering Rovers in The BBC Essex Senior Cup.

Barking also progressed in the same competition with a fine 5-2 victory over Grays Athletic. Unfortunately, Hullbridge Sports and Ilford didn't fair quite so well as they went out to Colchester United and Witham Town respectively.

With the leaders Barking not in league action this week, it gave the chasing pack the opportunity to reduce the arrears. The main beneficiaries were Southend Manor who picked up the maximum six points available to them. They are up to third, their highest league position for four years, behind Takeley, who beat Burnham Ramblers 4-0, on an identical goal difference but have scored more goals and just five points behind the leaders (who have two games in hand).

Stansted also enjoyed a good week picking up maximum points with league victories over Barkingside and Haringey & Waltham scoring eight goals without reply in the process.

Redbridge were the third team of the week to pick up all six available points as they secured wins at Waltham Forest and at home to London Bari.

With Haringey & Waltham picking up a surprising win at Tower Hamlets and London Bari only getting a single point from a draw at Sawbridgeworth Town the two clubs exchanged positions at the foot of the table.

The highest scoring game of the week saw two hat-tricks recorded as Eton Manor trounced Sporting Bengal United 7-0 and the largest gate of the week witnessed Clapton losing to a solitary Barkingside strike.

Monday 7th November 2016

Premier Division

Barkingside	0-3	Stansted
	Att.87	Gareth Jones 25 Tom Le Masurier 70 Sam Ashford 88
Tower Hamlets	0-1	Haringey & Waltham
	Att.31	Benson Nzuruba 34

Tuesday 8th November 2016

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers	0-4	Takeley
		Bryn Thorpe 8 Matt Hurley 40 Charlie Cole 75, 90
Sawbridgeworth Town	0-0	London Bari
	Att.32	
Southend Manor	3-1	West Essex
Alex Salmon 45+3 Michael Hopkins 47 Callum Ibe 70	Att.53	Michael Mignot 90+2

BBC Essex Senior Cup – 3rd Round

Barking	5-2	Grays Athletic
Paul Oshin 45+1 James Peagram 58, 65 John Bricknell 67 Omari Delgado 83	Att.73	Richard Pacquette 32 Lheureux Menga 89

Basildon United	3-1	Great Wakering Rovers
Hamid Zamani 49 John Joe Slater 65 Reece Tranter 78	Att.98	

Hullbridge Sports	1-4	Colchester United
Harry Skinner 7	Att.171	Charley Edge 12, 90+2 Dion Sembie-Ferris 44 George Brown 51

Witham Town	2-0	Ilford
Akins 31 Monsheju 81		

Reserve Shield

Bishop's Stortford	TBA	Tower Hamlets
Heybridge Swifts	2-2	Sawbridgeworth Town
Stansted	2-0	Waltham Abbey

Wednesday 9th November 2016

Premier Division

Eton Manor	7-0	Sporting Bengal United
Joe Bricknell 8,16, 36 Ryan Marriott 18 Josh Sykes 27, 51, 79	Att.10	
Waltham Forest	1-2	Redbridge
Harry Lerner 27	Att.31	Bryan Kyungu 51 Adam Hunt 66

Saturday 12th November 2016

Premier Division

Clapton	0-1	Barkingside
		David Laird 50
Redbridge	4-2	London Bari
Jacob Dingli 3 Adam Hunt 11p Ore Odutola 14 James McCann 36	Att.18	Richmond Ayoola 18 Joel Appiah 54
Stansted	5-0	Haringey & Waltham
Jack Hayes 19, 85 Tom Le Masurier 33 Connor Martin 72 Sam Asford 78	Att.43	

Tower Hamlets	0-1	Southend Manor
	Att.24	Robbie Norris 60

Buildbase FA Vase – 2nd Round

Basildon United	3-2	Felixstowe & Walton U
Nathan Dewberry 4, Hamad Zamani 12 Jamie Brown 90+3	Att.64	Craig Jennings 70 Andrew Crump 79

Berkhamsted	5-2	Hullbridge Sports
Ashley Lewis 11 Dan Jones 41 Adam Mead 51 Ashton Campbell 52, 68	Att.143	Dean Wallace 60 Harry Skinner 65

Wadham Lodge	0-3	Ely
	Att.61	Alex Theobald 37 Kelvin Enaro 39 Tom Williams 48

Reserve Shield

Thurrock	2-0	Redbridge
Sawbridgeworth Town	7-1	Barking

Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Barking	18	15	1	2	57	16	41	46
2	Takeley	23	12	5	6	40	25	15	41
3	Southend Manor	20	13	2	5	34	19	15	41
4	Stansted	21	12	4	5	48	27	21	40
5	Hullbridge Sports	24	10	6	8	39	37	2	36
6	Basildon United	20	11	2	7	54	32	22	35
7	Clapton	20	11	2	7	29	23	6	35
8	Waltham Forest	18	10	3	5	36	24	12	33
9	FC Romania	16	10	2	4	45	20	25	32
10	Redbridge	23	9	5	9	49	46	3	32
11	Barkingside	22	9	4	9	34	37	-3	31
12	Sawbridgeworth Town	20	8	6	6	39	39	0	30
13	Eton Manor	19	8	2	9	47	46	1	26
14	Ilford	15	7	4	4	29	23	6	25
15	Enfield 1893	17	6	3	8	27	35	-8	21
16	London Bari	19	6	3	10	24	34	-10	21
17	West Essex	22	5	3	14	28	49	-21	18
18	Tower Hamlets	19	4	5	10	26	36	-10	17
19	Wadham Lodge	18	4	5	9	22	34	-12	17
20	Burnham Ramblers	19	3	2	14	16	54	-38	11
21	Haringey & Waltham	21	2	3	16	17	65	-48	9
22	Sporting Bengal United	14	2	2	10	17	36	-19	8

Reserve Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurrock Reserves	7	6	1	0	27	12	15	19
2	Heybridge Swifts	7	5	1	1	21	10	11	16
3	Sawbridgeworth Town	7	4	1	2	20	8	12	13
4	Bishop's Stortford Dev	7	4	1	2	25	14	11	13
5	Barkingside	7	3	3	1	12	11	1	12
6	Redbridge	6	3	0	3	15	10	5	9
7	Hullbridge Sports	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
8	Barking	7	2	1	4	13	19	-6	7
9	Takeley	5	2	0	3	7	14	-7	6
10	Stansted	6	1	1	4	8	14	-6	4
11	Tower Hamlets	6	1	1	4	12	25	-13	4
12	AFC Sudbury	7	1	1	5	13	28	-15	4
13	Waltham Abbey	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2



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League Leading Scorers - Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

League, League Cup and Gordon Brasted Trophy only

20	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor
18	James Peagram	Barking
15	Charlie Cole	Takeley
14	Luke Hornsley	(formely) Hullbridge Sports
12	Gavin Cockman	Sawbridgeworth Town
	Nathan Dewberry	Basildon United
10	Sam Ashford	Stansted
	Callum Ibe	Southend Manor
	Michael Mignot	West Essex
	Brian Moses	Waltham Forest
9	Omari Delgado	Barking
	Andrei Pavel	FC Romania
8	Joel Appiah	London Bari
	Jacob Dingli	Redbridge
	O'Neal Rowe	Tower Hamlets
7	John Bricknell	Barking
	Ionut Danilu	FC Romania
	Petrit Elbi	Barking
	Ashley Pibworth	Hullbridge Sports
	Sergiu Pitaru	FC Romania

Hat-Trick (or More) Heros – Premier Division

4	Omar Delgado	Barking v Burnham Ramblers	15 th October
	Luke Hornsley	Hullbridge Sports v Haringey & Waltham	2 nd August
	James Peagram	Barking v Hullbridge Sports	29 th August
3	Reece Barrett	West Essex v Takeley	21 st September
	Joe Bricknell	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November
	Charlie Cole	Takeley v Tower Hamlets (FAC)	10 th September
	Reece Cosson	London Bari v Sawbridgeworth Town	1 st October
	Ionut Danila	Hullbridge Sports v FC Romania	22 nd October
	Olmar Delgado	Barking v Haringey & Waltham	7 th October
	Luke Hornsley	Eaton Manor v Hullbridge Sports	24 th August
	Adam Hunt	Redbridge v Burnham Ramblers	30 th August
	Michael Mignot	Haringey & Waltham v West Essex	1 st November
	Brian Moses	Waltham Forest v Basildon United	30 th July
	James Peagram	Enfield 1893 v Barking	16 th August
	James Peagram	Barking v Burnham Ramblers	15 th October
	O'Neal Rowe	London Bari v Tower Hamlets	11 th October
	Joseph Sykes	FC Clacton v Eton Manor (FAC)	6 th August
	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor v Haringey & Waltham	10 th August
	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November
	Reece Tranter	Basildon United v Burnham Ramblers	23 rd August
	Ben Turner	Ilford v Burnham Ramblers (FAC)	6 th August

Premier Division Attendances

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

League Matches Only

	Played	Low	High	Average	Total
Clapton	8	237	683	393	3147
Tower Hamlets	8	24	308	92	739
Basildon United	12	68	113	79	946
Barkingside	10	48	101	74	743
Takeley	12	34	127	68	817
Barking	9	40	109	61	551
Enfield 1893	9	30	76	58	522
Sporting Bengal United	8	20	100	57	452
Hullbridge Sports	13	34	138	55	709
Southend Manor	11	30	91	53	588
Redbridge	10	18	82	51	509
Ilford	7	23	108	51	355
Stansted	9	35	50	40	360
Sawbridgeworth Town	10	18	85	39	389
Wadham Lodge	9	22	89	39	355
Waltham Forest	9	20	54	38	342
West Essex	10	16	68	32	324
Burnham Ramblers	11	16	55	30	327
Haringey & Waltham	9	22	32	28	251
F C Romania	8	15	45	27	219
London Bari	10	4	134	22	221
Eton Manor	12	2	50	18	219

Current Form Table

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

	Team	W	D	L	F	A	Form	
1	Stansted	6	6	0	0	21	5	W W W W W W
2	FC Romania	6	5	1	0	23	6	W D W W W W
3	Barking	6	5	0	1	23	8	W W W W L W
4	Southend Manor	6	5	0	1	12	4	W W L W W W
5	Sawbridgeworth Town	6	4	1	1	13	10	W W L W W D
6	Basildon United	6	3	1	2	16	12	W L W W D L
7	Takeley	6	3	1	2	11	7	L W L D W W
8	Ilford	6	3	1	2	11	9	D W L W L W
9	Clapton	6	3	1	2	6	5	L D W W W L
10	Redbridge	6	3	1	2	13	14	L L W D W W
11	Eton Manor	6	3	0	3	19	14	W L L W L W
12	Enfield 1893	6	3	0	3	10	13	L L W W L W
13	Waltham Forest	6	2	1	3	11	10	W L D W L L
14	Wadham Lodge	6	2	1	3	11	13	W W L D L L
15	London Bari	6	2	1	3	6	11	W L W L D L
16	Hullbridge Sports	6	2	1	3	8	16	D W L L L W
17	West Essex	6	2	0	4	10	11	L W L L W L
18	Barkingside	6	1	1	4	9	15	L L D L L W
19	Burnham Ramblers	6	1	1	4	6	17	L W L L D L
20	Tower Hamlets	6	0	3	3	7	11	D D D L L L
21	Sporting Bengal United	6	1	0	5	9	20	L W L L L L
22	Haringey & Waltham	6	1	0	5	5	21	L L L L W L



During World War One, a statement from the Executive Council in the 1914/15 County Handbook stated that they were “gratified to learn that a large number of players and officials from Essex Clubs have volunteered in one capacity or another for service for the Nation” and plans were laid for the suspension of the Senior and Junior Cups for three months.

Clubs were asked to inform them by 9th December if they wished to enter. The Council intimated that, as of 9th September, they wouldn't interfere with any clubs wishing to arrange matches during “the grave National crisis” were they able and willing to, though a ‘Roll of Honour’ would be instituted for players and officials who enlisted.

To help the distressed, £40 was donated to the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund, £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund and £5 to the British Red Cross Society. In 1919, the Association were in a position to report back on their progress since WW1 began, an era they described as “a cataclysm the like of which the world has never seen.” There was practically no football from April 1914 until just after the Armistice, other than that played by Service teams and a munition workers’ league in Colchester.

There was an intention to “keep the flag flying” with a small deficit balance in their account. Seven Essex vs Army matches were played to generate £1,000 for War Charities and clubs all over the county arranged their own to boost the overall figure to well over £3,000. Every Urban and Borough Council was approached to discuss the future of the football facilities available and how to restore many of them. Numerous clubs were restarted

The outbreak of World War Two, naturally, brought major disruption to the local football scene. With that season's County Handbook already in print, President JB Slade arranged for an addendum slip to be included in each where he spoke of his hope for “an early termination of the struggle, and in the near future to see our members return to the game which we all have so much at heart.” Upon the eventual resumption of peace, a statement was published.

It read: “To Those Who Served: The Members of the Essex County Football Association hereby express their sense of pride at so many of their number having taken part, and earned distinction in the World War, and desire to thank them for having shown the value of the Spirit of True Sport to the Nation; as in Peace, so also in War. Heroes All.”

Source : <http://www.essexfa.com/news/2016/nov/remembrance-weekend>

Clapton's homecoming ends in Barkingside defeat



Fans make their way into the Old Spotted Dog ground
(pic George Phillipou/TGS Photo)

Clapton 0 Barkingside 1

Clapton's long-awaited return to the Old Spotted Dog ended in slender Essex Senior League defeat against mid-table Barkingside in front of a crowd of 483.

David Laird scored the only goal of the game for the visitors, but it was a fixture that Clapton probably should have won.

The Tons month away from home had proven very profitable and they were on a run of three wins, including victories over second-placed Takeley and last weekend's triumph at Basildon United. Such a run of results had meant that another win, coupled with a Stansted loss, would have seen Clapton climb into the top four and they began the game in good form against a Barkingside outfit who were without a win in five.

The hosts almost took the lead from an early set-piece when a flick fell to Nathan Cook, but his effort was cleared off the line. But Tons had a nervous moment at a Barkingside set-piece, with captain Kristian Haighton forced to clear from his own goalmouth.

Barkingside's Michael Ademiluyi thought he had given his side the lead, only to see the linesman's flag had been raised, and the two near-misses appeared to spark Clapton into life. On the half-hour mark, some good link-up play down the left gave Cook space to cross and the ball fell to Raphael Duyile at the back post, but his half volley was saved well by Jack Francis. Moments later, the Barkingside keeper was called into action again when a set-piece was headed out to Haighton just outside the box and he hit a delicate ball over the top to Stefan Nielsen, who had time and space to strike

the ball goalwards but he was denied by an acrobatic Francis save.

The visitors looked to counter attack and almost unlocked a Clapton defence which hadn't conceded in three matches, as the tall figure of Luke With twice looked to be through on goal only to be denied by a sliding Dylan Ebengo. Nielsen thought he had atoned for his earlier miss on the stroke of half time, only to be denied on the line by a Barkingside defender and then the post, as the clearance spun agonisingly close to the goal.

The start of the second half saw Barkingside come out the blocks well with Ademiluyi leaving defenders for dead and whipping in dangerous balls across the Clapton six-yard box. And the winger got his just reward in the 47th minute as Laird arrived on hand to prod home one of his fine crosses and give the visitors the lead. Clapton responded well to going a goal down and certainly had more of the ball and the better of the chances, as Barkingside soaked up the pressure. Yet Tons couldn't find that finishing touch and, as the game drew to a close, they had a few chances to get an equaliser from set-pieces. Often all that was needed was a better connection and the game would have been saved and, with virtually the last kick of the game, the visitors were once again forced to desperately clear from their own six-yard box.

Much to the frustration of the players and the Clapton Ultras, whose Italian contingent were celebrating their two-year anniversary as fans of the team, the visitors held on to spoil the party ahead of their trip to Tower Hamlets on Monday night. Up next for Clapton is a trip to Enfield next weekend, before they host Sporting Bengal on Tuesday, November 22 at the Old Spotted Dog, looking to avenge an earlier defeat against their East End rivals in the away fixture at Mile End Stadium.

Clapton: Robins, Blackwood, Cook, Domingo-Carrington, Duyile, Ebengo, Haighton, Lyndon, Nielsen, Thorbourne, Vigo. Subs: Ashman, Reed, Sardinha, Joseph, Steer.

Barkingside: Francis, Ambrose, Birch, Ademiluyi, Ajoodha, Campbell, Fontaine, Glancy, Laird (Ademilyu 90), With (Ruzgas 88), Wright. Unused subs: Lutaaya, Mitchell, Theobalds, Bonju.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 14th November 2016

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets v Barkingside

Tuesday 16th November 2016

Premier Division

Haringey & Waltham v Southend Manor
London Bari v Basildon United
Stansted v Enfield 1893

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Premier Division

Waltham Forest v Wadham Lodge

The Buildbase FA Vase

FC Romania v Ipswich Wanderers

Reserves Division

Heybridge Swifts v Hullbridge Sports

Saturday 19th November 2016

Premier Division

Enfield 1893 v Clapton
Eton Manor v Southend Manor
Haringey & Waltham v FC Romania
Ilford v Hullbridge Sports
London Bari v Sporting Bengal United
Sawbridgeworth Town v Barkingside
Takeley v Wadham Lodge
Tower Hamlets v Redbridge
Waltham Forest v Barking
West Essex v Burnham Ramblers

Reserves Division

Barking v Hullbridge Sports
Redbridge v -Waltham Abbey
Sawbridgeworth Town v Bishop's Stortford
Stansted v Thurrock

BBC Essex Senior Cup

Round Four

(on or before 10th December 2016)

- 29 - East Thurrock United vs Bowers & Pitsea
(Tues 6th Dec, 7:45pm)
- 30 - **Basildon United** vs Canvey Island
(Tues 6th Dec, 7:45pm)
- 31 - **Barking** vs Chelmsford City
- 32 - Colchester United vs Witham Town
- 33 - Tilbury vs Harlow Town
- 34 - Thurrock vs Braintree Town
- 35 - Dagenham & Redbridge vs Heybridge Swifts
- 36 - Brightlingsea Regent vs Billericay Town

BBC Essex Saturday Premier Cup

Round Three

(19th November 2016, 1:30pm)

- 42 - Benfleet vs Harold Wood Athletic
- 43 - Kelvedon Hatch vs Brightlingsea Regent Under 21s
- 44 - Leigh Ramblers vs Old Barkabbeyans
- 45 - AFC Hornchurch Under 21s vs Old Chelmsfordians
- 46 - Shenfield Association vs Roydon
- 47 - Catholic United vs Little Oakley
- 48 - White Notley vs Manford Way
- 49 - Great Baddow vs Basildon Town
- 50 - London APSA vs Hannakins Farm
- 51 - Frenford Senior vs Toby
- 52 - May & Baker Eastbrook Community vs Ryan
- 53 - Hutton vs Thurrock Reserves
- 54 - Saffron Walden Town Reserves vs Rayleigh Town
- 55 - Gas Recreation vs West Bergholt
- 56 - **Heybridge Swifts Reserves** vs Sungate
(at Sungate FC)
- 57 - Springfield vs Ramsden Scotia

League Leading Scorers - Reserve Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12th November 2016)

League & League Shield only

9	Solomon Coker	Thurrock
7	Jamie Price	Thurrock
6	Marley Andrews	Heybridge Swifts
	Toby Cleaver	Sawbridgeworth Town
5	Jose Espinoza	Barkingside
	James Richardson	Sawbridgeworth Town
	Lewis Roberts	Takeley (4 Sawbridgeworth Town)
4	Harry Andic	Bishop's Stortford
	Courtney Hamans	Barking
	Ryan Richefond	Bishop's Stortford
	Stephen Townsend	Barkingside