



CentreSpot

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Clapton climb to top of table



Johnny Ashman (left) was Clapton's matchwinner against Waltham Forest (pic Gavin Ellis/TGS Photo)

Clapton 1 Waltham Forest 0

Clapton took over at the top of the Essex Senior League table thanks to a slender win at the Old Spotted Dog on Saturday.

Johnny Ashman's first-half penalty proved enough for Jon Fowell's men to claim victory and extend their unbeaten run to eight matches to leapfrog long-time leaders Barking and reach the summit. But Blues, who were held to a 2-2 draw at Hullbridge after losing 4-2 to Tons a week earlier, have four matches in hand with which to try and make up for the one-point gap and regain pole position in the title race.

Ashman struck from the spot to claim his fifth goal in all competitions this season and put Tons ahead at the break and the home side went close to doubling their advantage early in the second half when Ryan

Reed hit a post.

Tons were awarded a second penalty in the later stages of the match, but Ashman saw a chipped effort hit the crossbar and stay out. It didn't prove damaging, though, as Tons took three points to ensure they would look down on the rest of the division for a week, at least, until they host Sawbridgeworth and Barking entertain Takeley next weekend.

Clapton: Olajide, Ashman, Awoderu, Blackwood, Cook, Duyile (Bouho), Ebengo, Egbejale, Mugoya (Nielsen), Reed (Nzuruba), Vigo.

London Bari were hit for six by Ilford in their latest outing at Cricklefield Stadium. The home side raced into a 5-0 lead by the half-time interval and struck again after the restart, before Bari claimed two goals as consolation in a 6-2 loss. After a third successive defeat, with 15 goals conceded, 16th-placed Bari will look to bounce back when they host fellow strugglers Wadham Lodge.

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From The Archives...

By Rob Errington

I am indebted to that wise sage, David Ballheimer, for reminding us that this seasons playing dates besides falling in 1978, 1989, 1995 and 2006 were also the same in 1984 and 2012 and that is because they were Leap years which is how I missed them.

So, this week, we go back to 1984 when the forerunner of Centre Spot, a weekly news-sheet commenced though that was not actually until 1st December, so the records we have for this equivalent weekend Saturday February 4th just show results.

League leaders, **and eventual winners, were Joe Sullivan's Heybridge Swifts** with Neville Fox, Julian Lamb et al. The football they played was a joy to behold in that first season of my involvement with the League. So, it was no surprise that they won 2-1 at Witham Town,

The club that were to truly shine that year was Stansted, who, on this weekend beat Chelmsford City Reserves 1-0 in a league match before their home tie with Bristol Manor Farm on 11th in a 5th round F A Vase tie when they won 2-1 en route to a famous Wembley win against Stamford.

Brentwood lost 1-2 to Maldon Town, East Thurrock United beat bottom of the table, Coggeshall Town 3-0 and the Eton Manor game with East Ham was postponed which meant that the leading scorer of the day, Dean Coney was unable to add to his 14 tally.

Also on 14 was the legendary Tony Liddle of Sawbridgeworth Town who beat Halstead Town 2-0.

In the leading scorers with 11 besides Julian Lamb were Kevin Newbury of Maldon Town and Tony Selwyn of Witham Town. Finally, Ford United beat off Brightlingsea United 2-1.

The bad weather affected the Reserve Section with only one game possible and that was on the excellent Halstead Town, Rosemary Lane pitch where the home Reserves beat Sawbridgeworth Town 2- 1.

Three clubs did not play that afternoon, Bowers United, Wivenhoe Town and Canvey Island.

Final Table 1983-84

	Name	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1	Heybridge Swifts	32	27	3	2	65	21	57
2	Bowers United	32	17	10	5	56	25	44
3	Witham Town	32	18	6	8	61	32	42
4	Stansted	31	18	4	9	62	29	40
5	Chelmsford City reserves	32	17	4	11	62	37	38
6	Brentwood	32	14	7	11	50	45	35
7	Sawbridgeworth Town	31	14	5	12	56	40	33
8	Canvey Island	32	11	9	12	48	44	31
9	Wivenhoe Town	32	10	11	11	45	43	31
10	Ford United	32	13	5	14	49	55	31
11	Eton Manor	32	10	10	12	56	47	30
12	East Thurrock United	32	11	6	15	25	44	28
13	Maldon Town	32	11	3	18	40	53	25
14	East Ham United	32	7	9	16	41	60	23
15	Halstead Town	32	5	13	14	34	56	23
16	Brightlingsea United	32	4	14	14	41	63	22
17	Coggeshall Town	32	1	7	24	19	116	9

Heybridge Swifts



1971-72

Founder members of Essex Senior League

1980-81

Essex Senior League runner-up

1981-82

Essex Senior League Champions

1982-83

Essex Senior League Champions
(2nd time)

1983-84

Essex Senior League Champions
(3rd successive time)

1984-85

Joined Isthmian League Division Two North

Essex Senior League Record

SEASON	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	POS
1971-72	16	5	6	5	26	27	16	7/9
1972-73	18	6	2	10	21	34	14	8/10
1973-74	18	1	1	16	9	50	3	10/10
1974-75	28	7	5	16	34	60	19	13/15
1975-76	28	8	2	18	42	59	18	12/15
1976-77	32	10	7	15	44	57	27	11/17
1977-78	30	13	7	10	40	32	33	7/16
1978-79	32	17	9	6	50	32	43	4/17
1979-80	30	12	7	11	44	30	31	10/16
1980-81	32	20	7	5	69	27	47	2/17
1981-82	32	26	4	2	74	21	56	1/17
1982-83	32	25	3	4	90	21	53	1/17
1983-84	32	27	3	2	65	21	57	1/17

Monday 30th January 2017

Saturday 4th February 2017

League Challenge Cup – 2nd Round

Tower Hamlets 1-7 Hullbridge Sports
Rahim Adama Bamba 63 Att.37 Jimmy Cox 16
Kieran Offord 22
Harry Skinner 25
Luka Frankis 40, 55
Dean Wallace 82
Charlie Little 84

Tuesday 31st January 2017

Premier Division

Basildon United 2-4 Takeley
Lee Delf 20 Att.52 Mitchell Das 12, 76
Simon Thomas 42 George Wappett 65
og. 90

League Challenge Cup – 2nd Round

Redbridge 2-6 Sawbridgeworth Town
Bryan Kyungu 75 Att.21 Gavin Cockman 6, 88
Jamie Alexandrou 78 Reece Cosson 13, 25, 56
Aaron Thomas 61

Stansted 4-4 FC Romania
Luke Meadwright 34 Att.35 Sergiu Maximov 43
Matt Price 37, 38 Liviu Florin Pop 60
Lewis Riches 85 Andrei Pavel 65, 80
FC Romania won 5-4 on penalties

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy – 2nd Round

Barking 3-0 Sporting Bengal United
Omari Delgado 43, 71 Att.30
Max Watter 55

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup

Burnham Ramblers 2-1 Halstead Town

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Premier Division

Ilford 4-0 Haringey & Waltham
Ryan Ramsay 29, 39 Att.21
Sypho Mtyanda 72
og. 85

Wadham Lodge 2-0 Waltham Forest
Daniel Jones 7, 63 Att.31

Premier Division

Clapton 1-0 Waltham Forest
John Ashton 17p Att.67
Enfield 1893 3-4 Barkingside
Mohamed Mahmoud 8 Att.54 David Laird 2, 34
Daryl Cooper 20, 90 Jakub Beruowicz 10, 66

Haringey & Waltham 0-1 Stansted
Att.20 Lewis Riches 65

Hullbridge Sports 2-2 Barking
Jimmy Cox 44, 55 Att.61 Joe Pearman 13
Petrit Elbi 70

Ilford 6-2 London Bari
Sipho Mtyanda 4, 16 Att.24 Hassam Nalbani 65
Chris Stevens 10 Joel Appiah 80
Ryan Ramsay 29, 33
Aj Ajibola 73

Redbridge p-p Basildon United

Sawbridgeworth Town 3-2 Sporting Bengal United
Gavin Cockman 58, 67 Att.23 Oscar Mendes 20
Reece Cosson 90+3 David Vaughan 28

Tower Hamlets 4-1 Burnham Ramblers
Edward Lang 40 Att.30 Bradley Morgan 64
ZeeSheymz 78

Samuel Olanipekun 90+2
Rahim Adama Bamba 90+5

Wadham Lodge p-p Eton Manor
West Essex p-p Southend Manor

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury 3-2 Bishop's Stortford
Barkingside 4-1 Hullbridge Sports
Redbridge p-p Takeley
Stansted 0-1 Waltham Abbey

Essex Senior League - Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 4th February 2017)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Clapton	32	21	4	7	58	36	22	67
2	Barking	28	21	3	4	87	28	59	66
3	Southend Manor	32	20	4	8	65	36	29	64
4	Takeley	30	16	8	6	61	37	24	56
5	Stansted	32	16	7	9	67	42	25	55
6	Sawbridgeworth Town	30	16	7	7	76	57	19	55
7	FC Romania	28	16	5	7	81	41	40	53
8	Hullbridge Sports	33	13	9	11	54	49	5	48
9	Basildon United	30	14	4	12	64	53	11	46
10	Ilford	26	12	9	5	54	37	17	45
11	Redbridge	33	13	6	14	76	70	6	45
12	Barkingside	32	14	6	12	60	59	1	42 *
13	Waltham Forest	30	12	5	13	46	46	0	41
14	Eton Manor	29	11	3	15	60	70	-10	36
15	West Essex	30	10	5	15	43	60	-17	35
16	London Bari	32	9	6	17	42	69	-27	33
17	Enfield 1893	27	8	5	14	42	63	-21	29
18	Wadham Lodge	31	7	8	16	37	60	-23	29
19	Tower Hamlets	28	6	5	17	36	58	-22	23
20	Sporting Bengal United	28	5	5	18	38	64	-26	20
21	Haringey & Waltham	31	4	5	22	28	93	-65	17
22	Burnham Ramblers	26	4	3	19	27	74	-47	15

* adjustment made

Essex Senior League - Reserve Division

(Up to and including Saturday 4th February 2017)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Heybridge Swifts	13	10	2	1	43	18	25	32
2	Thurrock	11	9	1	1	41	18	23	28
3	Sawbridgeworth Town	12	7	2	3	31	13	18	23
4	Barkingside	12	5	5	2	28	25	3	20
5	Takeley	12	6	0	6	25	35	-10	18
6	Redbridge	12	5	2	5	28	22	6	17
7	Waltham Abbey	13	4	4	5	25	22	3	16
8	Bishop's Stortford	12	5	1	6	30	35	-5	16
9	AFC Sudbury	14	4	1	9	28	49	-21	13
10	Stansted	12	3	2	7	18	26	-8	11
11	Barking	13	3	2	8	22	39	-17	11
12	Hullbridge Sports	14	2	2	10	26	43	-17	8



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www.essexseniorleague.co.uk



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League Leading Scorers

Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 4th February 2017)

League, League Cup and Gordon Brasted Trophy only

32	Charlie Cole	Takeley
	James Peagram	Barking
24	Gavin Cockman	Sawbridgeworth Town
22	Jacob Dingli	Redbridge
	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor
18	Joel Appiah	London Bari
17	Omari Delgado	Barking
16	Michael Mignot	West Essex
15	Michael Hopkins	Southend Manor
	Andréi Pavel	FC Romania
14	Reece Cosson	Sawbridgeworth Town
	Nathan Dewberry	Basildon United
	Luke Hornsley	Hullbridge *
	David Laird	Barkingside
	Luke With	Barkingside
13	Toby Cleaver	Sawbridgeworth Town
	Ionut Danilu	FC Romania
	Petrit Elbi	Barking
	Brian Moses	Redbridge (12 Waltham Forest)

Reserve Division

(Up to and including 4th February 2017)

League & League Shield only

15	Jamie Price	Thurrock
12	Solomone Coker	Thurrock
10	Lewis Roberts	Takeley (4 Sawbridgeworth)
	George Smith	Heybridge Swifts
7	Jose Espinoza	Barkingside
	Tom Hollanby	Stansted
	James Richardson	Sawbridgeworth Town
6	Marley Andrews	Heybridge Swifts
	Toby Cleaver	Sawbridgeworth Town
	James Dobson	Redbridge
	Andrew Fennell	Heybridge Swifts
	Christopher Gibbs	Stansted

* Where Are They Now ?

Luke Hornsley Grays Athletic (Dual Registered)

Hat-Trick (or More) Heros – Premier Division

5	Charlie Cole	Haringey & Waltham v Takeley (GBMT)	21 st December	
4	Omar Delgado	Barking v Burnham Ramblers	15 th October	
	Luke Hornsley	Hullbridge Sports v Haringey & Waltham	2 nd August	
	James Peagram	Barking v Burnham Ramblers (LC)	11 th January	+1
3	Reece Barrett	West Essex v Takeley	21 st September	
	Joe Bricknell	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November	
	Toby Cleaver	Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town	7 th January	+2
	Gavin Cockman	Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town	7 th January	
	Charlie Cole	Tower Hamlets v Takeley	28 th January	+3
	Reece Cosson	Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town (LC)	31 st January	+1
	Ionut Danila	Hullbridge Sports v FC Romania	22 nd October	
	Olmari Delgado	Barking v Haringey & Waltham	7 th October	
	Jacob Dingli	Redbridge v West Essex	10 th December	+1
	Michael Hopkins	Southend Manor v London Bari	14 th January	+1
	Luke Hornsley	Eaton Manor v Hullbridge Sports	24 th August	
	Adam Hunt	Redbridge v Burnham Ramblers	30 th August	
	Jay Knight	Clapton v Barking	28 th January	
	David Laird	Sporting Bengal United v Barkingside	21 st January	
	Tom Larkin	Sawbridgeworth Town v Stansted	13 th December	
	Michael Mignot	Haringey & Waltham v West Essex	1 st November	
	Brian Moses	Waltham Forest v Basildon United	30 th July	
	James Peagram	Barking v Enfield 1893	21 st January	+2
	O'Neal Rowe	London Bari v Tower Hamlets	11 th October	
	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November	+2
	Reece Tranter	Basildon United v Burnham Ramblers	23 rd August	
	Ben Turner	Iford v Burnham Ramblers (FAC)	6 th August	

Premier Division Attendances

(Up to and including Saturday 4th February 2017)

League Matches Only

	Played	Low	High	Average	Total
Clapton	15	17	683	260	3897
Basildon United	15	44	113	76	1136
Barkingside	13	43	101	70	913
Takeley	14	34	127	67	934
Tower Hamlets	15	21	308	63	951
Enfield 1893	14	30	100	62	865
Redbridge	16	18	142	61	981
Barking	14	35	109	56	785
Hullbridge Sports	18	34	138	53	959
Southend Manor	16	30	91	52	836
Stansted	16	35	138	53	842
Sporting Bengal United	14	11	100	46	637
Waltham Forest	15	20	159	44	659
Ilford	13	23	108	42	551
Sawbridgeworth Town	16	18	85	41	651
Wadham Lodge	13	18	89	35	452
F C Romania	14	8	99	31	428
West Essex	14	16	68	30	423
Burnham Ramblers	15	16	55	29	434
Haringey & Waltham	14	9	32	24	334
Eton Manor	15	2	50	18	274
London Bari	16	4	134	17	275

Current Form Table

(Up to and including Saturday 4th February 2017)

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

**ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE
GORDON BRASTED MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Fixtures/Results 2016-2017

FIRST ROUND

(12 CLUBS)

- A Barking 4-2 **Clapton (Holders)**
- B Basildon United 2-3 Barkingside
- C London Bari 0-0 West Essex*
- D Stansted 0-2 Ilford
- E Wadham Lodge* 2-2 Sawbridgeworth Town
- F FC Romania 1-5 Southend Manor

SECOND ROUND

(6 WINNERS plus 10)

- 1 Hullbridge Sports 1-2 West Essex
- 2 Waltham Forest 3-0 Tower Hamlets
- 3 Burnham Ramblers v Winners Match E
- 4 Barking 3-0 Sporting Bengal United
- 5 Ilford v Enfield 1893
- 6 Southend Manor v Redbridge
- 7 Eton Manor v Barkingside
- 8 Haringey & Waltham 1-8 Takeley

THIRD ROUND

- 9 Winners of Match 7 vs. West Essex
- 10 Takeley vs. Winners of Match 5
- 11 Barking vs. Winners of Match 6
- 12 Winners of Match 3 vs. Waltham Forest

SEMI-FINAL

- 13 Winners of Match 12 vs. Winners of Match 9
- 14 Winners of Match 11 vs. Winners of Match 10

FINAL

- 15 Winners of Match 14 vs. Winners of Match 13

** Won On Penalties*



**ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE
CHALLENGE CUP**

Fixtures/Results 2016-2017

FIRST ROUND

(12 CLUBS)

- A Waltham Forest 0-4 Sawbridgeworth Town
- B Clapton 0-1 Hullbridge Sports
- C Ilford 2-0 Southend Manor
- D Enfield 1893* 1-1 West Essex
- E Barking 1-0 Sporting Bengal United
- F Redbridge 4-3 Barkingside

SECOND ROUND

(6 WINNERS plus 10)

- 1 Takeley 7-0 Haringey & Waltham
- 2 Enfield 1893 v Wadham Lodge
- 3 **Basildon United (Holders)** v London Bari
- 4 Eton Manor v Ilford
- 5 Stansted 4-4 FC Romania *
- 6 Tower Hamlets v Hullbridge Sports
- 7 Barking 8-1 Burnham Ramblers
- 8 Redbridge 2-6 Sawbridgeworth Town

THIRD ROUND

- 9 Winners of Match 4 vs. FC Romania
- 10 Sawbridgeworth Town vs. Barking
- 11 Takeley vs. Winners of Match 6
- 12 Winners of Match 3 vs. Winners of Match 2

SEMI-FINAL

- 13 Winners of Match 10 vs. Winners of Match 9
- 14 Winners of Match 11 vs. Winners of Match 12

FINAL

- 15 Winners of Match 13 vs. Winners of Match 14

**Won On Penalties*



Forthcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 7th February 2017

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers v Tower Hamlets
Haringey & Waltham v Enfield 1893

London Senior Cup

Dulwich Hamlet v Barkingside

Reserves Division

Waltham Abbey v Bishop's Stortford

Reserve Shield

Hullbridge Sports v Stansted
Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Premier Division

Eton Manor v Waltham Forest
FC Romania v Ilford

Thursday 9th February 2017

Reserves Division

Heybridge Swifts v Thurrock

Saturday 11th February 2017

Premier Division

Barking v Takeley
Barkingside v Burnham Ramblers
Basildon United v Ilford
Clapton v Sawbridgeworth Town
FC Romania v Hullbridge Sports
London Bari v Wadham Lodge
Sporting Bengal United v Enfield 1893
Stansted v Tower Hamlets
Waltham Forest v Haringey & Waltham

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy – 2nd Round

Southend Manor v Redbridge

Reserves Division

Barkingside v AFC Sudbury
Bishop's Stortford v Stansted
Heybridge Swifts v Thurrock Reserves FC
Sawbridgeworth Town v Redbridge
Waltham Abbey v Hullbridge Sports

Monday 13th February 2017

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets v Hullbridge Sports

London Senior Cup

Haringey Borough v Haringey & Waltham

Tuesday 14th February 2017

Premier Division

Basildon United v Barking

Wednesday 15th February 2017

Premier Division

FC Romania v Sporting Bengal United
London Bari v Ilford
Wadham Lodge v Enfield 1893

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy – 2nd Round

Eton Manor v Barkingside

Saturday 18 February 2017

Premier Division

Enfield 1893 v Redbridge
Eton Manor v Ilford
Haringey & Waltham v Barkingside
Hullbridge Sports v West Essex
London Bari v FC Romania
Southend Manor v Basildon United
Sporting Bengal United v Barking
Stansted v Sawbridgeworth Town
Waltham Forest v Burnham Ramblers

Reserves Division

Barking v Sawbridgeworth Town
Hullbridge Sports v Bishop's Stortford
Redbridge v Barkingside
Takeley v Heybridge Swifts



Friday Night Is Fiver Night

For their forthcoming Friday night home game against Clapton on 24th February, Barkingside will make admission for everyone £5.00, instead of the normal £7.00.