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Barking's title party delayed by Airportmen

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*Barking's Petrit Elbi fires goalwards at Stansted
(pic Terry Gilbert)*

Stansted 0 Barking 0

Barking had to put the champagne back on ice as their bid to clinch the Essex Senior League title was delayed by the Airportmen at Hargrave Park. Held to a point in a stalemate, they need just one more at Burnham Ramblers next weekend to be sure of clinching top spot above Clapton, who are now the only club who could mathematically pip them to the crown.



Joe Staunton went close early on for the visitors after creating space for a shot, but Jordan Westcott saw his effort skim a post at the other end. Blues had a great chance to break the deadlock when Staunton's excellent pass found leading scorer James Peagram, but he lifted his shot over the crossbar and then saw Petrit Elbi put an acrobatic effort wide and Joe Pearman fire a low free-kick just past the post. Staunton and Pearman saw other chances go begging, before Sam Ashford went close with a header for Stansted and Jack Isherwood had a free-kick tipped over, but only a goalline clearance kept another Pearman effort out before the interval.

Elbi had an early chance after the restart, but could not beat Raj Shergill, and the home side had penalty appeals turned down when Ashford went down in the box. John Bricknell replaced Elbi, having won a league champions medal with Stansted earlier in his career, but home substitute Luke Meadwright went closest when his shot was deflected over.

Liam Burgess made way for English Schoolboys' international Max Watters as Blues looked for a winner, with Billy Rix and Pearman combining well to force a save from Shergill, before Bricknell put the rebound wide. Watters then shot just past the upright, while another Barking effort found the side netting in the closing minutes, as Stansted held on during four minutes of stoppage time to keep the champions-elect waiting for another week at least.

Barking: Hatton, Ling, Tarbard, Burgess, Rix, Willis, Pearman, O'Brien, Peagram, Elbi, Staunton. Subs: Wackers-Kyriacou, Taylor, Santos, Watters, Bricknell.

From The Archives

By Rob Errington

THE ESSEX COUNTY LEAGUE

Prior to our own birth back in 1971 there was a league formed in 1937/38 called the Essex County League though records show that it was very short lived and lasted just the single season.

The original clubs that formed the league were: COLCHESTER TOWN; CLACTON TOWN; CRITTALL ATHLETIC; CHELMSFORD; DAGENHAM TOWN AND HARWICH & PARKESTON.

The concept of a County League was, of course, far reaching though it would be another 34 years before it really took off.

The league was formed following a meeting at the Liverpool Street Hotel in London in March 1937. The five Essex clubs who were members of the recently established Eastern Counties League (including Chelmsford, whose president was also the president of the ECL) agreed to join and find other clubs from the county which were interested in joining.

Back in 1937 the constitution of the league was built around the Amateur game and what was not foreseen in the crystal ball of the organisers was Professional Soccer at Non-League level and, in response to a great wave of enthusiasm in the big towns of Colchester and Chelmsford, both local clubs decided to take the step. Chelmsford continued in the league until the end of the season but Colchester Town, who shared Layer Road with the United, were suffering from a lack of support and decided to withdraw at the start of December.

On December 8th 1937, the Colchester Gazette announced that "Time has taken its toll and Amateur football in Colchester has passed out of existence after reaching a ripe old age" - in fact, the "Town" were born in 1873! This action of Town disbanding enabled United (a separate club) to run a reserve side from which strength they built on.

"Town" had a three-year agreement with the County League but as it was widely reported that it was "doomed" no one seemed too concerned. So, their record was expunged and the final table looked like this:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HARWICH & PARKESTON	16	12	1	3	51	18	25
CRITTALL ATHLETIC	16	9	3	4	38	20	21
CHELMSFORD	16	6	2	8	37	38	14
DAGENHAM TOWN	16	3	4	9	28	53	10
CLACTON TOWN	16	4	2	10	15	40	10

There is no connection between Dagenham Town and the present Dagenham & Redbridge team who were originally formed in 1949. Crittall Athletic are now Braintree FC. Chelmsford reformed in 1938 and became professional adding the title "City" to their name and playing in the Southern League. The Dagenham team won the London League in 1938/39 whilst Clacton Town and Harwich & Parkeston joined the Eastern Counties League.

And on another note:

On August 25th 2012, in one of the heaviest Reserve Division home defeats of all time, Sawbridgeworth Town were beaten 0-12 by Enfield Town Reserves and TROY ARCHER scored EIGHT individual goals.

No doubt we all thought that this record would last for some time but, amazingly, on Saturday December 1st in a Reserve Division West game in which London APSA Reserves were beaten 10-1 at home by Barking Reserves, HARRY SHIRT netted NINE times which is the all-time ESL record.

The Premier Division record is still held by CHRIS STEVENS of Ilford with 8 goals in their 9-0 win at Woodford Town on 28th April 2001.

Monday 27th March 2017

Saturday 1st April 2017

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy – 3rd Round

Wadham Lodge 1-1 Waltham Forest
Vladut Sighiartou 80 Att.41 Salife Konate 64
Waltham Forest won 5-4 on Penalties

Tuesday 28th March 2017

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy – 3rd Round

Barking 3-2 Redbridge
James Peagram 24 Att.60 Aaron Gordon 34
James Jaconelli 76 Adam Hunt 78
Liam Burgess 83

Takeley 2-0 Ilford
Charlie Cole 5, 14 Att.81

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup – Semi-Final

Hullbridge Sports 3-0 Burnham Ramblers
Dean Wallace 32 Att.51
Jimmy Cox 47
Charlie Little 55

Wednesday 29th March 2017

Premier Division

Eton Manor 3-3 Waltham Forest
Harry Prince 10 Att.25 Salife Konate 25
Dan Chambers 85 Nicki Dembele 53 86
Joe Johnson 88

Reserve Shield

Redbridge 0-3 Sawbridgeworth Town

Heybridge Swifts FC v Hullbridge Sports FC

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup Final

Sports will face Heybridge Swifts from the Ryman League for the second season running in the final of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup Final.

Rob Hodgson put out a young side last season, but found himself up against a near first team Swifts side, so it is unlikely that this will happen again.

This is the only chance of any silverware this season as Sports are out of all other competitions and are likely to finish mid table in the Essex Senior League, so this final will be a major focus.

A good sized crowd watched Sports beat Burnham Ramblers 3-0 in the semi final and Rob Hodgson will be hoping that the entire club will get behind the First Team and play their part as the twelfth man in this final.

The final is to be played on Tuesday 11th April 2017, kick off 19:45 at Scraley Road Stadium, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex CM9 8JA

Premier Division

Eton Manor 2-3 Basildon United
Daniel Chambers 5 Att.20 Yew Danso 64
Josh Sykes 70 Jamie Oliver 85
Reece Tranter 87

Haringey & Waltham 0-1 Clapton
Att.173 Aundre Spencer 62

Ilford 3-0 Sporting Bengal United
Luke Thomas 52 Att.45
Lindispho Mytanda 56
Isaac Nkosi 63

Stansted 0-0 Barking
Att.92

Takeley 5-1 Burnham Ramblers
Jason Todd 4 Att.65 Charlee Hughes 21
Reece Barrett 17, 42, 75
Charlie Cole 84

Tower Hamlets 1-4 FC Romania
Edward Lang 79 Att.19 Andrei Pavel 8, 64
Toby Cleaver 41
Oliver Cleaver 70

Waltham Forest 4-0 Enfield 1893
Brandy Makuendi 62 Att.40
Nicki Dembele 68, 90
Kibie Ambrose 80

West Essex 0-0 Wadham Lodge
Att.14

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury 0-7 Heybridge Swifts
Barking 4-3 Bishop's Stortford
Sawbridgeworth Town 0-0 Barkingside

Southend Manor v May & Baker / Old Southendian

Denny King Memorial Cup Final

Congratulations to Southend Manor FC u21s who reached the final with a fine 3-2 victory over Corinthian u21 on Saturday.

Under the watchful eye of local ex-Football League referee David Axcell, the Manor were 2-0 after just 11 minutes with goals from Billy Cottrill and Ben Franklin. The visitors reduced the arrears just before the break and Jack Darby equalised midway through the second half. Spurred on by most, if not all, of the 85 or so in attendance, captain Samuel Burton notched the winner a few minutes later.

The final is to be played on Wednesday 3rd May 2017, kick off 19:45 at Bishops Stortford FC Prokit Stadium.

Essex Senior League - Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 1st April 2017)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Barking	38	29	4	5	114	40	74	91
2	Clapton	39	26	5	8	74	44	30	83
3	FC Romania	39	25	6	8	118	52	66	81
4	Takeley	39	23	8	8	88	49	39	77
5	Ilford	38	21	9	8	84	51	33	72
6	Southend Manor	39	22	5	12	74	49	25	71
7	Sawbridgeworth Town	37	20	8	9	90	66	24	68
8	Stansted	38	17	10	11	72	46	26	61
9	Basildon United	41	18	6	17	80	71	9	60
10	Barkingside	39	18	9	12	76	68	8	57 *
11	Hullbridge Sports	41	15	12	14	67	66	1	57
12	Waltham Forest	40	16	8	16	62	61	1	56
13	Redbridge	39	15	7	17	87	81	6	52
14	West Essex	38	14	7	17	63	74	-11	49
15	Wadham Lodge	40	12	9	19	54	74	-20	45
16	Eton Manor	37	13	4	20	73	89	-16	43
17	Enfield 1893	39	11	6	22	62	102	-40	39
18	London Bari	40	10	8	22	52	87	-35	38
19	Sporting Bengal United	37	9	6	22	55	81	-26	33
20	Tower Hamlets	38	6	6	26	44	86	-42	24
21	Burnham Ramblers	37	5	5	27	41	110	-69	20
22	Haringey & Waltham	41	4	8	29	36	119	-83	20

* adjustment made

Essex Senior League - Reserve Division

(Up to and including Saturday 1st April 2017)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Thurrock	19	16	1	2	65	24	41	49
2	Heybridge Swifts	19	13	4	2	65	25	40	43
3	Barkingside	19	10	6	3	47	33	14	36
4	Sawbridgeworth Town	18	9	4	5	39	22	17	31
5	Waltham Abbey	20	7	4	9	43	35	8	25
6	Takeley	17	8	1	8	36	43	-7	25
7	Redbridge	20	7	2	11	40	47	-7	23
8	Bishop's Stortford	19	6	2	11	38	54	-16	20
9	Barking	19	6	2	11	34	59	-25	20
10	AFC Sudbury	19	6	1	12	34	69	-35	19
11	Hullbridge Sports	19	4	3	12	34	54	-20	15
12	Stansted	16	4	2	10	22	32	-10	14



Essex Senior League Official Website

www.essexseniorleague.co.uk



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League Leading Scorers

Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 1st April)

League, League Cup and Gordon Brasted Trophy only

46	Charlie Cole	Takeley
39	James Peagram	Barking
30	Gavin Cockman	Sawbridgeworth Town
28	Joshua Sykes	Eton Manor
26	Jacob Dingli	Redbridge
22	Michael Mignot	West Essex
21	Andréi Pavel	FC Romania
20	Joel Appiah	London Bari
	David Laird	Barkingside
19	Nathan Dewberry	Basildon United
	Brian Moses	Redbridge (12 Waltham Forest)
	Florin Pop	FC Romania
18	Omar Delgado	Barking
	Vladut Sighiartau	Wadham Lodge
16	Reece Cosson	Sawbridgeworth Town
	Petrit Elbl	Barking
	Michael Hopkins	Southend Manor
	Joe Pearman	Barking
15	Ionut Danilu	FC Romania

Reserve Division

(Up to and including 1st April 2017)

League & League Shield only

21	Jamie Price	Thurrock
18	Solomone Coker	Thurrock
15	George Smith	Heybridge Swifts
13	Lewis Roberts	Takeley (4 Sawbridgeworth)
11	Andrew Fennell	Heybridge Swifts
10	Jose Espinoza	Barkingside
	James Richardson	Sawbridgeworth Town
9	Marley Andrews	Heybridge Swifts
	George Martin	Waltham Abbey
	Sonny Shilling	Barkingside
	Tom Hollanby	Stansted

Hat-Trick (or More) Heroes – Premier Division

5	Charlie Cole	Haringey & Waltham v Takeley (GBMT)	21 st December	
4	Charlie Cole	Takeley v Enfield 1893	18 th March	
	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
	Brian Moses	Redbridge v Wadham Lodge	25 th February	
3	Reece Barrett	Takeley v Burnham Ramblers	1 st April	+1
	Joe Bricknell	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November	
	James Bromley	West Essex v Haringey & Waltham	14 th March	
	Toby Cleaver	Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town	7 th January	+2
	Gavin Cockman	Sawbridgeworth Town v Burnham Ramblers	4 th March	+1
	Charlie Cole	Takeley v Waltham Forest	14 th March	+4
	Reece Cosson	Redbridge v Sawbridgeworth Town (LC)	31 st January	+1
	Ionut Danila	FC Romania v Hullbridge Sports	11 th February	+1
	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	Eton Manor v Hullbridge Sports	24 th August	
	Charlee Hughes	Burnham Ramblers v Tower Hamlets	7 th February	
	Adam Hunt	Redbridge v Burnham Ramblers	30 th August	
	Jay Knight	Clapton v Hullbridge Sports	4 th March	+1
	David Laird	Sporting Bengal United v Barkingside	21 st January	
	Tom Larkin	Sawbridgeworth Town v Stansted	13 th December	
	Michael Mignot	West Essex v Haringey & Waltham	14 th March	+1
	Brian Moses	Waltham Forest v Basildon United	30 th July	
	James Peagram	Barking v Enfield 1893	21 st January	+2
	Florin Pop	FC Romania v Burnham Ramblers	22 nd February	
	O'Neal Rowe	London Bari v Tower Hamlets	11 th October	
	Vladut Sighiartau	Wadham Lodge v Eton Manor	22 nd March	+1
	Joseph Sykes	Eton Manor v Sporting Bengal United	9 th November	+2
	Reece Tranter	Basildon United v Burnham Ramblers	23 rd August	
	Ben Turner	Ilford v Burnham Ramblers (FAC)	6 th August	
	Tony Woodbridge	Enfield 1893 v West Essex	21 st March	

Premier Division Attendances

(Up to and including Saturday 1st April 2017)

League Matches Only

	Played	Low	High	Average	Total
Clapton	18	17	683	264	4743
Barkingside	18	43	323	82	1477
Basildon United	20	44	113	74	1473
Takeley	19	34	127	65	1244
Enfield 1893	20	30	100	62	1232
Tower Hamlets	19	19	308	61	1150
Redbridge	19	18	142	58	1103
Barking	18	35	109	58	1039
Stansted	20	30	138	55	1093
Southend Manor	19	10	91	53	999
Hullbridge Sports	20	34	138	52	1049
Ilford	19	21	108	45	852
Sawbridgeworth Town	19	18	110	45	857
Sporting Bengal Utd	21	11	100	41	864
Waltham Forest	20	20	159	39	783
Wadham Lodge	19	18	89	33	630
Burnham Ramblers	19	16	56	33	596
West Essex	19	14	68	30	567
Haringey & Waltham	20	9	173	30	595
F C Romania	20	8	99	27	530
Eton Manor	19	2	50	19	354
London Bari	21	4	134	17	350

Current Form Table

(Up to and including Saturday 1st April 2017)

		W	D	L	F	A							
1	FC Romania	6	5	1	0	20	4	D	W	W	W	W	W
2	Clapton	6	5	1	0	14	3	W	W	W	D	W	W
3	Barking	6	5	1	0	14	4	W	W	W	W	W	D
4	Takeley	6	5	0	1	21	6	L	W	W	W	W	W
5	Ilford	6	5	0	1	17	6	W	W	W	W	L	W
6	Sawbridgeworth Town	6	4	0	2	14	9	L	W	W	W	W	L
7	West Essex	6	3	2	1	15	9	W	L	W	D	W	D
8	Basildon United	6	3	1	2	11	9	W	D	L	L	W	W
9	Wadham Lodge	6	3	1	2	10	8	W	L	L	W	W	D
10	Sporting Bengal United	6	3	1	2	8	9	D	W	W	W	L	L
11	Barkingside	6	4	2	0	14	7	W	W	W	D	W	D
12	Redbridge	6	2	1	3	11	11	L	W	L	D	W	L
13	Waltham Forest	6	2	1	3	11	14	L	L	L	W	D	W
14	Stansted	6	1	3	2	5	4	W	D	D	L	L	D
15	Hullbridge Sports	6	1	3	2	9	12	L	D	W	L	D	D
16	Southend Manor	6	2	0	4	8	12	W	L	L	L	L	W
17	London Bari	6	1	2	3	9	10	L	D	W	L	L	D
18	Eton Manor	6	1	1	4	10	16	W	L	L	L	D	L
19	Enfield 1893	6	1	0	5	9	24	L	L	L	L	W	L
20	Haringey & Waltham	6	0	2	4	4	17	L	D	L	L	D	L
21	Tower Hamlets	6	0	0	6	6	17	L	L	L	L	L	L
22	Burnham Ramblers	6	0	0	6	6	26	L	L	L	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	3-5	Wadham Lodge
4	Barking	3-0	Sporting Bengal United
5	Ilford	1-0	Enfield 1893
6	Southend Manor	1-3	Redbridge
7	Eton Manor	3-1	Barkingside
8	Haringey & Waltham	1-8	Takeley

THIRD ROUND

9	Eton Manor*	3-3	West Essex
10	Takeley	2-0	Ilford
11	Barking	3-2	Redbridge
12	Wadham Lodge	1-1	Waltham Forest*

SEMI-FINAL

13	Waltham Forest		Eton Manor
14	Barking		Takeley

FINAL

15	Winners of Match 14		Winners of Match 13
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* 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	1-2	Wadham Lodge
3	Basildon United (Holders)	1-0	London Bari
4	Eton Manor	1-1	Ilford *
5	Stansted	4-4	FC Romania *
6	Tower Hamlets	1-7	Hullbridge Sports
7	Barking	8-1	Burnham Ramblers
8	Redbridge	2-6	Sawbridgeworth Town

THIRD ROUND

9	Ilford		FC Romania
10	Sawbridgeworth Town	3-1	Barking
11	Takeley	2-1	Hullbridge Sports
12	Basildon United (Holders)		Wadham Lodge

SEMI-FINAL

13	Winners of Match 10		Winners of Match 9
14	Takeley		Winners of Match 12

FINAL

15	Winners of Match 13		Winners of Match 14
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* Won On Penalties



Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 3rd April 2017

Premier Division

Barkingside v Sporting Bengal United

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy - Semi-Final

Waltham Forest v Eton Manor

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy - Semi-Final

Barking v Takeley

Friendly

Heybridge Swifts v Southend Manor

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Premier Division

Eton Manor v West Essex
Wadham Lodge v Burnham Ramblers

League Challenge Cup – 3rd Round

Ilford v FC Romania

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford v Sawbridgeworth Town

Thursday 6th April 2017

Premier Division

Haringey & Waltham v Sporting Bengal United

Saturday 8th April 2017

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers v Barking
Clapton v Enfield 1893
FC Romania v Eton Manor
Ilford v Stansted

Southend Manor v Sawbridgeworth Town

Tower Hamlets v London Bari

Wadham Lodge v Takeley

West Essex v Sporting Bengal United

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford v Hullbridge Sports
Heybridge Swifts v Barkingside
Redbridge v Barking
Stansted v AFC Sudbury
Takeley v Thurrock

Monday 10th April 2017

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets v Eton Manor

Tuesday 11th April 2017

League Challenge Cup – 3rd Round

Basildon United v Wadham Lodg

Reserves Division

Waltham Abbey v Sawbridgeworth Town

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford v Stansted

Friday 14th April 2017

Premier Division

Redbridge v Waltham Forest
Barkingside v London Bari

Saturday 15th April 2017

Premier Division

Barking v Sporting Bengal United
Clapton v Ilford
Enfield 1893 v Tower Hamlets
Eton Manor v Sawbridgeworth Town
Stansted v Burnham Ramblers
Takeley v West Essex

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury v Redbridge
Barking v Takeley



The Essex Senior League Championship Trophy

The Pearson Charity Cup was inaugurated in the Summer of 1894, by Sir Weetman Pearson, later Lord Cowdray, to raise funds for the Essex County Hospital and appears to have ended due to WW1.

In 1948 it was resurrected as an invitation challenge match between Colchester United and Chelmsford City.

In 1955-56 West Ham United replaced Chelmsford. After five years, one more game involving

Chelmsford followed before the cup was handed over to the Essex County FA who subsequently gave it to the ESL when formed in 1971.