



# CentreSpot

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## Essex Senior Football League

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**Impressive Waking triumph in the FA Vase**



**Great Waking Rovers 6 - 1 Sporting Bengal United (Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round)**

**Report/Photo by Scott W (@ScottMHC14) & survivor16b.wordpress.com**

On FA Vase First Qualifying Round day, Great Waking Rovers welcomed fellow Essex Senior League side Sporting Bengal United to Burroughs Park.

Waking looked to set the tone early and did so when they took the lead only seven minutes in through hot-shot Neil Richmond, who slotted home coolly when the ball fell to him kindly in a

congested penalty area. The hosts looked to keep their foot on the gas and ten minutes after the goal, winger Billy Johnson drilled a strike wide of the right-side post.

Bengal responded though as winger Codey Cameron fizzed a free-kick wide of the left-side post on 20 minutes. Bengal had a decent penalty shout turned down moments later as forward Shibli Miah went down under home goalkeeper Rees Hawkins' challenge, though the referee was adamant in his decision. Waking's Johnson then forced visiting goalkeeper Danzel Kobia into action as the winger's drilled strike was heading in though Kobia managed to tip it over the bar well for a corner. Waking had further chances before the half-hour mark though they did extend their lead eight minutes from the break as Waking forward Chris Bryan fired past Kobia after getting past the Bengal defence.

Just before half-time, Bengal were awarded a penalty, which captain Freddy Tandon duly converted, sending the ball into the right corner.

The second half began well as Bengal winger Cameron powered another free-kick wide. The visitors didn't have that many chances though the hosts certainly began 'on the front-foot' as Richmond popped up again in the box, powering a header into the left corner two minutes after the break. To their credit, the visitors did not 'drop their heads' and midfielder Adil Salih tried to lob Hawkins with a floating free-kick from 25 yards though the Waking goalkeeper managed to save comfortably.

Waking responded as forward Jay Nash had two chances to extend the hosts' lead, the second of them being a header which hit the

bar and following up, Richmond headed wide. Two minutes after coming on, Waking forward Stephen Butterworth made it 4-1 with a tap-in after a pinpoint right-wing cross by Richmond. Bengal 'keeper Kobia was called in action with 16 minutes left, denying midfielder Aaron Russell's effort.

In the last ten minutes, Jay Nash's header made it five and the impressive Richmond did get his hat-trick with a tap-in following Butterworth's unselfish pass. Iain O'Connell's side were too good today and will be delighted to reach the next round. Richmond was the stand-out performer though Johnson, Nash & Bryan all played their part too. Imrul Gazi's side couldn't quite make their chances count though in fairness they were missing a few regulars today.

**Great Waking Rovers: Rees Hawkins (GK), Jason Ring (Charlie Seadon 77'), Oliver Woodhouse, Scott Pethers, Joe Nightingill (C), Aaron Russell, Billy Johnson, Ricky Evans (Sam Carter 75'), Neil Richmond, Chris Bryan (Stephen Butterworth 65'), Jay Nash.**

**Scorers - Neil Richmond (7',47',86'), Chris Bryan (37'), Stephen Butterworth (67'), Jay Nash (81')**

**Sporting Bengal Utd: Denzel Kobia (GK), Shafiul Choudhury (Maykol Sabino 58'), Tanjeem Choudhury (Ismael Chand 46'), Anthony Murray-Bruce, Freddy Tandon (C), Adil Salih, Codey Cameron (David Vaughan 75'), David Tarawali, Shibli Miah, Ashaan Siddik, Sulaimana Udi Ba.**

**Scorer - Freddy Tandon (pen 45')**

## Motormen Cruise Through



### Redbridge 6 Brantham Athletic 1 (Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round)

Report by Adam Silver. Photo by Philip Lindhurst @themotormen

The Motormen hosted Thurlow Nunn Premier League side Brantham Athletic in the Buildbase FA Vase 1st Round Qualifying and records show it was the first ever meeting between the two sides.

Both teams were in good form with the home side having won their previous two league matches whilst Brantham themselves were unbeaten in their last four. New signing from Bath City, **Joshua Hutchinson**, came straight into the Redbridge starting line up replacing the injured Joe Gent whilst defender Sam Sheppard was making his first start.

The first chance of the match came the way of the home side through Reside Coxi-Sebastfao who cut inside from the left before dragging his attempt wide. The same player then had a great opportunity to open the scoring when Brian Moses used his strength to power down the wing before cutting the ball back allowing the shot which was well saved by the feet of Paddi Hawkins in goal.

The away side had their first chance when Sam Newson strode forward beating two players but his long range effort drifted wide.

Redbridge then scored the opening goal on 15mins when a Brantham defender lost possession in a dangerous position and Coxi Sebastfao picked up the ball cut inside a player before unleashing a powerful shot which flew past Hawkins.

It was no more than they deserved after a strong start and within two minutes they had doubled their advantage when a cross came in from the right finding Coxi Sebastfao unmarked at the far post and he simply tapped home.

Redbridge were now playing with added confidence as they refused to sit back on their lead as the lively Hutchinson tried his luck from distance but the ball was always rising.

Moments later It should have been 3-0 when a lovely floating cross from Sean Harris found Moses all alone but he glanced his header just wide. The player did not wait long to atone for that missed opportunity as he outmuscled his opponent to win the ball some 20 yards from goal and drove forward into the box leaving two players in his wake before simply stroking the ball home. It was a great show of strength from the tall centre forward who was causing problems for the Brantham backline each time he got the ball.

Newson had a chance to pull one back but his shot lacked power and was easily saved by **Lewis Greene** before Hutchinson was upended in the box but the penalty appeals from the home bench were swiftly waved away by the officials.

Redbridge started the 2nd half with the same intensity and it was not long before it became 4-0 , Moses picked up the ball and slotted through a defence splitting pass into the path of substitute Calvin Poku and with the deftest of touches he rolled the ball into the far corner.

Minutes later and Poku got his second of the afternoon when he found himself on the end of a Hutchinson cross to simply nod home unmarked at the far post.

The goals were reigning in and a SIXTH soon followed, Patrick Duggan stood up to superbly smash home a free kick 20 yards out leaving Hawkins in goal no chance.

Good play out wide by Coxi-Sebastfao saw the ball end up at the feet of Poku who tried a curling lobbed effort which fell just inches over the bar. The final 15 minutes saw Redbridge field just 10 men after Hutchinson

hobbled off with all three substitutes having been used.

With this the home side tried to just see out the game but gave Brantham a chance to grab one back when awarded a penalty after a foul in the box but substitute Sean Bartlett saw his effort well tipped away by a diving Greene however from the resulting corner they did get their consolation when Jack Sibbons headed home.

Redbridge would have been disappointed to concede so late but the goal was to be the only blot on what otherwise was a very good solid performance which now sees us progress into the next round where we host another Thurlow Nunn side in Coggeshall Town.



**Grassroots Football Show – Every Thursday from 8-10pm**

**All things ESL with hosts Adam Richardson and Pete Dudley**

## Tower Hamlets win Friday Night Vase Derby



Photo by Pete Dudley @ped1980

### Tower Hamlets 2 Hackney Wick 1 (Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round)

Report by Scott Lanza

Tower Hamlets started their Vase campaign on Friday evening after beating local rivals Hackney Wick in a tight battle.

Both teams took time to settle down and it took until the 18<sup>th</sup> minute before there was any real goalmouth action. A defensive error from the hosts allowed Jeffrey Idemudia to have a run at goal and fire off a shot which resulted in Lee McKnight pulling off an excellent save.

A ball over the top then set Curtis Pond loose and the Tower Hamlets striker made good use of the opportunity by lofting the ball over Manuel Gill to put the hosts into the lead.

The goal seemed to spur Tower Hamlets on and Gill was soon called back into action, this time having to save a Luke With free kick. With went even closer with his next effort, hitting the cross bar with a header. Frankie Sinclair also went close with a drive from outside the box.

Hackney Wick had occasionally peppered the Tower Hamlets goalmouth and Matteo King very nearly connected with a through ball, McKnight however was off his line to end the danger. Simpson Mpalampa very nearly equalised with a header that was hooked off the line.

Just before the break the visitors were able to pull level with a tremendous strike from Ibrahim Camara that sailed past McKnight.

The visitors created an early opening in the second half when some good approach play ended up with Matteo King hitting a teasing shot that McKnight had to tip away. Tower Hamlets then had a good effort themselves as Kane Wilson showed some great skill to get the ball under his control, before firing off a shot that Gill parried away.

Tower Hamlets went ahead for the second time in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute. Curtis Pond again did the damage, receiving the ball with his back to goal, before turning and unleashing a shot that sneaked past Gill and ended in the bottom corner of the net. Pond nearly completed his hat-trick a minute later but this time his shot struck the cross bar.

Joel Massamba went close for the Wickers with a grasscutter that was just wide, however Tower Hamlets looked to try and put the game to bed. Wilson directed a shot towards the top left hand corner that Gill was able to push away. Having seen manager AJ sent off, the hosts then saw Lamar Earle scuff

a shot, then in stoppage time Wale Odedoyin had an effort cleared off the line.

**Tower Hamlets: Lee McKnight, O'Neal Rowe, John Watson, Kayode Tobun, Jerome Anthony (Capt), James Kenward (Lamar Earle 68'), Curtis Pond, Mata Julio (Wale Odedoyin 52'), Luke With, Frankie Sinclair (Antonio Montiero 46'), Kane Wilson (Wale Odedoyin 82').**

**Scorer – Curtis Pond (22' 62')**

**Hackney Wick: Manuel Gill, Blessing Adomah, Thomas Rebeschini (Sergo Sidibe 15'), Bobby Kasanga, Sonny Abdellaziz, Simpson Mpalampa (Capt), Ibrahim Camara (Marion Histrov 52'), Matteo King, Jeffrey Idemudia, Saico Djop (Joel Massamba 70'), Jermaine Nicholson.**

**Scorer – Ibrahim Camara (42')**



## Barkingside Edge Out Southend Manor



### **Barkingside 2 Southend Manor 1 (Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round)**

#### **Report by Scott Lanza**

Barkingside took only ten minutes to break the deadlock in their all-ESL Vase encounter with Southend Manor, but it was a last ditch save from Will Hunt that made sure they were able to book their place in the next round.

Michael Ogboin was able to put over a peach of a cross in the tenth minute that Jason Fontaine was able to head home from close range. However the hosts did not build on this early start and were perhaps fortunate that Joe Skeels spurned a good chance when a cross beat the Side defence, but Skeels couldn't get his header on target.

Ogboin blazed over the bar and Matheus Santos tried to dink the Liam Pitts but the Manor keeper pulled off a great save to tip it away for a corner. Luke Winter and Micky Hopkins both tried to get involved but the Barkingside defence kept them under lock and key, however Euan Taylor-Reid had to show some defensive nuance to head away a sweeping cross that was aimed towards the two Manor forwards.

Side for all their dominance had not created too much upfront but an early free kick from Bradley Joseph needed Pitts to dive low to cut out.

Then on 54 minutes Fontaine put Ogboin through on goal and after seeing off the challenge of Lee Delf went on to round Pitts and place the ball into the net.

If the hosts thought that was the game won then they were very much mistaken as Hunt had to save a glancing header from Bayley Newell. The same player then put over a cross that needed only a touch and Hopkins very nearly made the connection. John Jo Slater then drilled a shot over and then had a fierce free kick tipped over by Hunt.

Southend Manor kept at the task, aided in part by their hosts not putting the game to bed with Raphael Duyile and Tony Cookey both skewing chances. In the 88<sup>th</sup> minute the visitors pulled one back when Rhys Fatt placed a glancing header beyond Hunt.

Then in stoppage time Newell swivelled and struck a fierce shot that Hunt superbly tipped away. The full time whistle went soon afterwards, meaning Barkingside were able to book their place into the next round.

**Barkingside: Will Hunt, Akil Clarke (Michael Bottone 63'), Ricardo Bailey (Capt), David Etcheri, Euan Taylor-Reid, Michael Sherwood, Matheus Santos, Bradley Joseph, Michael Ogboin (Darnell Ramsay 81'), Jason Fontaine, Raphael Duyile (Tony Cookey 79').**  
**Scorers – Jason Fontaine (10'), Michael Ogboin (54')**

**Southend Manor: Liam Pitts, Robbie Norris, Tayammil Hussain, Lee Delf, Scott Keys, Jamie Alexandrou, Luke Winter (Rhys Fatt 70'), Joe Skeels (Bayley Newell 56'), Micky Hopkins, John Jo Slater, Finlay Dobson (Jack Adlington 56').**  
**Scorer – Rhys Fatt (88')**



## Buildbase FA Vase Round-Up



**Basildon United** will have to replay their tie with **St. Margaretsbury** after their encounter on Saturday ended in a 1-1 draw. Marcus Bowers fired the Bees into a 59<sup>th</sup> minute lead but Ryan Wade equalised. Extra time couldn't separate the two teams so they go at it again on Tuesday.

**Waltham Forest** had a fruitless trip to **Framlingham Town** as goals from Christopher Boardley and Danny Smith won the game 2-0 in favour of the Thurlow Nunn side. **Wadham Lodge** also had to travel to East Anglia and found themselves a goal down in the opening minute as Kyran Andrews put Hadleigh United into an early lead. Ben Elliott then added a second from the penalty spot early in the second half, before Mohamed Sheiknor scored a consolation two minutes from time.

**Ilford** beat Cornard United 2-0 as Aaron Wickham and James Peagram both notched goals. Oliver Babbage, Robert Green and Craig Knightley put paid to the Airportmen's Vase involvement as **Stansted** were beaten 3-0 by **Wodson Park**.

A bumper crowd of 295 witnessed **Sawbridgeworth Town** beat **Saffron Walden Town** 2-1. Lewis Francis scored twice in the first half with Charlie Portway pulling one back for the hosts via a 60<sup>th</sup> minute penalty. However the Robins were able to hold on to their lead and with it a place in the next round of the Vase.

**Enfield 1893** edged out **Haverhill Borough** with a solitary goal from Danny Jones being enough to see them through. The goal came in the 2nd minute and that was enough to win it.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

### **BBC Essex Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Little Oakley 2 (Steve Polley 16, Harry Mann 71)

West Essex 3 (Michael Mignot 45+3, 65, Isaac Marfo 73)

**Att. 188**

### **Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round**

Halstead Town 3

Hullbridge Sports 1 (Jimmy Cox 47)

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

### **BBC Essex Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Wivenhoe Town 2 (Gary Burgess 19, Jake Egner 82)

Burnham Ramblers 1 (Bradley Morgan 28)

**Att.**

### **Premier Division**

Tower Hamlets 5 (O'Neal Rowe 22, Kane Wilson 33, Luke With 36, Curtis Pond 65, Harry Wright 90+1)

Waltham Forest 0

**Att. 63**

### **Reserves Division**

Great Wakering Rovers 1 (George Cox 61)

Redbridge 0

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round**

Tower Hamlets 2 (Curtis Pond, 22, 62)

Hackney Wick 1 (Ibrahim Camara 42)

**Att. 102**

### **Reserves Division**

Heybridge Swifts 2 (Sam Beavis, Ross James p)

AFC Sudbury 1 (Thomas Maycock)

## **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round**

Basildon United 1 (Marcus Bowers 59) – After Extra Time

St. Margaretsbury 1 (Ryan Wade)

**Att. 95**

Framlingham Town 2 (Christopher Boardley, Danny Smith)

Waltham Forest 0

**Att.71**

Great Wakering Rovers 6 (Neil Richmond 8, 49, 88, Chris Bryan 37, Stephen Butterworth 68, Jay Nash 83)

Sporting Bengal United 1 (Freddy Tandon 47p)

**Att. 78**

Hadleigh United 2 (Kyran Thomas 1, Ben Elliott 46p)

Wadham Lodge 1 (Mohamed Sheiknor 88)

**Att.67**

Ilford 2 (Aaron Whickham 14, James Peagram 89)

Cornard United 0

**Att. 34**

Redbridge 6 (Reside Coxi Sebastfao 15, 17, Brian Moses 27, Calvin Poku 47, 52, Patrick Duggan 61)

Brantham Athletic 1 (Jack Sibbons 90)

**Att. 62**

Saffron Walden Town 1 (Charlie Portway 60p)

Sawbridgeworth Town 2 (Lewis Francis 15, 30)

**Att. 295**

Stansted 0

Wodson Park 3 (Oliver Babbage, Robert Green, Craig Knightley)

**Att. 32**

**Reserves Division**

Bishops Stortford 1

Hullbridge Sports 2 (Damian Siemieniczuk 17, 50)

Burnham Ramblers 1

Waltham Abbey 3 (Moyo Ajibade, Michael Kalu 2)

Sawbridgeworth Town 6 (Mark Robinson 2, Andy Reed, Harry Branston, Josh Knight, Xaniel Doku)

East Thurrock United 1 (Mario Gjini)

Southend Manor 2 (Gabriel Odili 50, Manraj Phagura 60)

Grays Athletic 1

Takeley 3 (Lewis Ball 2, Freddie Burell)

Woodford Town (2017) 1 (Roel Harper)

Thurrock 4 (Claudio Goncalves 2, Kane Hearn, Tim Ogruinde)

Stansted 0

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round**

Barkingside 2 (Jason Fontaine 10, Michael Ogboin 56)

Southend Manor 1 (Rhys Fatt 88)

**Att. 80**

Enfield 1893 1 (Danny Jones 2)

Haverhill Borough 0

**Att.72**

## Handbook Changes

### Woodford Town (2017)

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## Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Basildon United	6	6	0	0	13	4	9	18
2 Takeley	5	5	0	0	13	1	12	15
3 Great Wakering Rovers	7	4	1	2	13	5	8	13
4 West Essex	6	4	1	1	12	6	6	13
5 FC Romania	5	4	0	1	17	6	11	12
6 Ilford	7	4	0	3	17	10	7	12
7 Barkingside	6	4	0	2	12	9	3	12
8 Sporting Bengal United	7	3	1	3	14	12	2	10
9 Redbridge	6	3	1	2	8	8	0	10
10 Tower Hamlets	5	2	2	1	10	5	5	8
11 Woodford Town (2017)	6	2	2	2	9	11	-2	8
12 Hullbridge Sports	7	2	2	3	10	14	-4	8
13 Sawbridgeworth Town	7	2	1	4	12	14	-2	7
14 Clapton	5	1	3	1	6	5	1	6
15 Stansted	6	2	0	4	4	8	-4	6
16 Waltham Forest	7	1	2	4	8	18	-10	5
17 Southend Manor	4	1	1	2	2	4	-2	4
18 Hackney Wick	6	1	1	4	7	13	-6	4
19 Enfield 1893	5	1	0	4	2	9	-7	3
20 Wadham Lodge	6	1	0	5	6	18	-12	3
21 Burnham Ramblers	7	1	0	6	7	22	-15	3



## Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Waltham Abbey	5	5	0	0	23	4	19	15
2 Thurrock	5	4	1	0	20	1	19	13
3 Hullbridge Sports	5	4	0	1	26	5	21	12
4 Southend Manor	4	3	0	1	9	5	4	9
5 Sawbridgeworth Town	4	2	1	1	13	7	6	7
6 AFC Sudbury	4	2	0	2	11	7	4	6
7 Redbridge	4	2	0	2	11	8	3	6
8 Heybridge Swifts	4	2	0	2	8	8	0	6
9 Takeley	4	2	0	2	9	10	-1	6
10 Great Wakering Rovers	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
11 Bishops Stortford	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
12 Stansted	4	1	1	2	5	12	-7	4
13 Woodford Town (2017)	5	1	1	3	6	17	-11	4
14 Grays Athletic	5	1	0	4	4	16	-12	3
15 Burnham Ramblers	5	1	0	4	8	30	-22	3
16 East Thurrock United	4	0	0	4	3	21	-18	0





FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

ADMISSION £5 – KIDS IN FOR FREE



BARKINGSIDE V REDBRIDGE

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

KICK OFF 7.45PM

AT CRICKLEFIELDS STADIUM,

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## LEADING SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
James Peagram - Ilford	7			2	1		10
Michael Mignot - West Essex	3			3		2	8
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	5			2			7
Lewis Francis - Sawbridgeworth Town	5				2		7
Neil Richmond - Great Waking Rovers	4				3		7
Toby Cleaver - FC Romania	3			3			6
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	2			1	2	1	6
Curtis Pond - Tower Hamlets	3			1	2		6
Tommy Barton - Basildon United	3			2			5
Mitchell Das - Takeley	3			2			5
Florin Pop - FC Romania	5						5
Eaia Embalo - Sporting Bengal United	4			1			5
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	1			1	1	2	5
Jimmy Cox - Hullbridge Sports	2			2		1	5
Brian Moses - Redbridge	3			1	1		5
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	4						4
Jack Sykes - Stansted	4						4
Ronnie Pallett - Hullbridge Sports	1			3			4
Luca Francis - Hullbridge Sports	3			1			4
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	3						3
Jason Todd - Takeley	2			1			3
Cosmic Anton - FC Romania	3						3
Khadean Dean - Ilford	2			1			3
Sergiu Pitaru - FC Romania	1			2			3
Matteo King - Hackney Wick	3						3
Cameron Gray - West Essex	3						3
Tony Cookey - Barkingside	3						3
Michael Ogboin - Barkingside	2			1			3
Andrea Mantovani - Woodford Town 2017	3						3
Ibrahim Camara - Hackney Wick	2				1		3
Bradley Morgan - Burnham Ramblers	1			1		1	3
Jay Nash - Great Waking Rovers	2				1		3
Aaron Wickham - Ilford	2				1		3

### Hat Trick Heroes

Neil Richmond	<b>Great Waking Rovers 6 Sporting Bengal United 1 – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>
Eaia Embalo	<b>Sporting Bengal United 4 Sawbridgeworth Town 2 – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> August x4</b>
James Peagram	<b>Enfield 1893 0 Ilford 3 – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b>
Florian Pop	<b>FC Romania 8 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b>
Jeffrey Cobblah	<b>Ilford 1 Clapton 4 – Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017</b>

## GUIDANCE TO GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AROUND FIXTURES AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

### THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

As part of The Football Association's commitment to providing equal opportunities for all to participate in football, Rule B5 was amended at the 2005 AGM in order to include all religions.

### RULE B5 FOOTBALL & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

(a) A Participant cannot be compelled to play football on bona fide occasions where religious observance precludes such activity, save where the Participant:

(i) has consented to do so on such occasions;  
or

(ii) is registered as a player under written contract, which shall be taken as consent to play on such occasions unless otherwise provided for in the contract.

(b) Annually, when planning programmes, Competitions shall define and notify agreed dates of such occasions.

### GUIDANCE

In order to support you with your planning this guidance has been written to provide you with the most significant dates for religious observance together with some information on them. It is not intended that you avoid all these dates, and the list is by no means exhaustive, but you are advised to consult with your clubs and communities as to the most relevant dates to consider for your locality as this will vary considerably.



A calendar of these dates will be provided by The FA annually. You should note that some religions work on a lunar calendar (10/11 months) rather than the Gregorian (12 months) which means dates will vary from year to year. In addition some dates can only be confirmed by the sighting of the moon so are sometimes expressed as two or three dates and confirmed nearer the time of the festival. Some dates also have alternative spellings.

## FAITH DATES BY RELIGION

### Buddhism

- Chinese New year
- Buddha Day

### Christianity

- Christmas Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday
- Sundays unless the League is a Sunday League (membership of or participation in Sunday football shall be taken as consent to play on Sundays, except when Christmas Day be on a Sunday)

### Hinduism

- Diwali (or Divali)
- Navaratri – this is nine nights but usually finishes quite late, not ideal when playing matches
- Raksha Bandhan
- Holi – Only for evening fixtures as Holi is celebrated in late afternoon/evenings

### Judaism

- Rosh Hashanah
- Yom Kippur
- Passover – the last two days of the festival
- Sukkot – the first two days of the festival
- Friday evening to Saturday evening (Sabbath) unless the League is a Saturday League (membership of, or participation in, Saturday football shall be taken as consent to play on Saturdays)

### Islam

- Eid-al-Fitr (occurs at the end of Ramadan)
- Eid-al-Adha
- Al-Hijra/Muharram

### Sikhism

- Diwali (Divali or Bandi Chhor Divas)
- Vaisakhi (Baisakhi)
- Birthday of Guru Nanak

### Al-Hijra/Muharram

Islamic New Year and the first of the month of Muharram, where Muslims celebrate the Prophet Muhammad's migration from Mecca to Medina. For Shi'as the first ten days are a period of mourning culminating in Ashura Day, commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Husayn.

### Birthday of Guru Nanak

Birthday of founder of Sikhism. This is the holiest festival of the Sikhs which is celebrated over a three day period.

### Buddha Day

Buddha Day or Wesak celebrates the Buddha's birth and for some marks his enlightenment and death.

### Chinese New Year

The most important day in the traditional Chinese calendar and marks the beginning of the first Lunar month.

### Christmas

Celebrates the birth of Jesus who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Christians focus on the incarnation of God becoming a man in this major festival.

### Diwali (or Divali) – (Hindu/Sikh)

Festival of Lights. Celebration of good over evil. Victory of Lord Rama over demon Ravana and end of over 14 years of exile of Lord Rama. Prayers are said for Goddess Laxmi for prosperity at the beginning of financial year. For Sikhs this has a special significance because the sixth Guru was released from prison on Diwali.



## Easter Sunday

Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

## Eid-al-Adha

This Muslim festival marks Day Three of Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) and also commemorates the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his own son Ishmael.

## Eid-al-Fitr

This day marks the end of the month of fasting for Muslims (Ramadan). The day is marked with prayers and festivity and presents for children.

## Good Friday

This day commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus.

## Hindu New Year

Often thought of as more important than Diwali, many Hindus celebrate this in the spring but some on the day following Diwali.

## Holi

Spring Festival of Colours for Hindus which symbolises the triumph of good over evil. The event celebrates the death of the evil demoness Holika who was consumed by fire while her nephew Prahlad, who was a devotee of Vishnu, survived. These days the event is signified by burning large bonfires, dancing and spraying coloured powder and water on each other.

## Lent

A period of preparation including prayer, fasting and reflection lasting six weeks up to Easter Sunday.

## Navaratri

Nine days of dance (Garba) and celebration when the Goddess Laxmi is worshipped by Hindus.

## Passover

A Jewish festival recalling the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and celebrating the barley harvest. Unleavened bread is eaten with a special meal (Sedar), with food, prayers, games and song.

## Raksha Bandhan

Sisters tie holy thread onto brothers wrists for protection.

Brothers in return give sisters presents and also offer the sisters protection.

## Ramadan

The Islamic month of fasting from before dawn to sunset every day, normally 30 days ending with Eid-Al-Fitr.

## Rosh Hashanah

Two-day religious observance that marks the start of the Jewish New Year. It is traditionally announced by blowing a shofar, a ram's horn trumpet. It is the first of the high holy days, or 'days of awe', and celebrates the creation of the world, the repentance of sins, and the renewal of God's relationship with the Jewish people.

## Sukkot

Jewish harvest festival commemorating the forty years spent in the wilderness on the way to Israel.

## Vaisakhi (Baisakhi)

Founding of Khalsa (Sikhism) order of the Guru by Guru Gobind Singh – he baptised five disciples known as the Five Beloved Ones.

## Yom Kippur

Day of Atonement (Jewish). The last day of 10 days of repentance and the holiest day of the year with fasting and prayer.



## LEADING RESERVES DIVISION SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

	League	RS	CC	Total
Howard Wright - Hullbridge Sports	7			7
Luke Osborne - Hullbridge Sports	6			6
Ellis Lentell - Waltham Abbey	5			5
Henry Branston - Sawbridgeworth Town	5			5
Charlie Avant - Takeley	4			4
Lance Ledgister - Waltham Abbey	4			4
Bobby Vaughan - Thurrock	4			4
Ronnie Pallett - Hullbridge Sports	3			3
Albie Keith - Thurrock	3			3
George Martin - Waltham Abbey	3			3
Callum Maltese - Waltham Abbey	3			3
Anthony Fox - Heybridge Swifts	3			3
Olameji Ayola - Thurrock	3			3
Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge	3			3
Laurie Walters - Redbridge	3			3
Zack Bawuba - Woodford Town (2017)	3			3
Damian Siemieniczuk - Hullbridge Sports	3			3
Nathan Reid - AFC Sudbury	3			3

### HAT-TRICK HEROES

Howard Wright	<b>Hullbridge Sports 8</b> East Thurrock Utd 0 – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 <b>x4</b> <b>Hullbridge Sports 11</b> Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Ellis Lentell	Takeley 0 <b>Waltham Abbey 7</b> – Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Luke Osborne	<b>Hullbridge Sports 11</b> Burnham Ramblers 0 – Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Ronnie Pallett	<b>Hullbridge Sports 5</b> Grays Athletic 1 – Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Charlie Avant	Bishops Stortford 1 <b>Takeley 6</b> – Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> August <b>x4</b>
Harry Branston	Woodford Town (2017) 0 <b>Sawbridgeworth Town 5</b> – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Bobby Vaughan	Burnham Ramblers 0 <b>Thurrock 9</b> – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2017



## Forthcoming Fixtures

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Buildbase FA Vase 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round Replay

St. Margaretsbury v Basildon United

#### BBC Essex Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Takeley v Great Wakering Rovers

#### Premier Division

Hullbridge Sports v Burnham Ramblers

Sawbridgeworth Town v Tower Hamlets

Woodford Town (2017) v Waltham Forest

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

#### BBC Essex Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Ilford v Barkingside

#### Premier Division

FC Romania v Stansted

Sporting Bengal United v Enfield 1893

Wadham Lodge v Hackney Wick

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

#### Premier Division

Barkingside v Redbridge

Tower Hamlets v Wadham Lodge

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

#### Premier Division

Basildon United v Enfield 1893

Clapton v Burnham Ramblers

Great Wakering Rovers v Ilford

Southend Manor v West Essex

Stansted v Woodford Town (2017)

Takeley v Hackney Wick

Waltham Forest v Sporting Bengal United

#### Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury v Redbridge

Bishops Stortford v Great Wakering Rovers

Burnham Ramblers v Heybridge Swifts

East Thurrock United v Takeley

Grays Athletic v Waltham Abbey

Hullbridge Sports v Thurrock

Sawbridgeworth Town v Stansted

Woodford Town (2017) v Southend Manor

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Emirates FA Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round**

FC Romania v Hayes & Yeading

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Premier Division**

Barkingside v FC Romania

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**BBC Essex Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Basildon United v Stanway Rovers

FC Clacton v Southend Manor

Stansted v Halstead Town

**Premier Division**

Clapton v West Essex

Redbridge v Ilford

Sawbridgeworth Town v Hullbridge Sports

Waltham Forest v Hackney Wick

Woodford Town (2017) v Tower Hamlets

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Premier Division**

Sporting Bengal United v Wadham Lodge