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Southend Manor Cause Essex Senior Cup Upset



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Southend Manor manager Stuart Marshall could not fault his 'outstanding' players after they upset the odds to knock Braintree Town out of the Essex Senior Cup.

Goals from Jamie Brown and Jacob Cleaver ensured a 2-1 win at Cressing Road in the third round against the leaders of the Vanarama League South, who play three tiers higher in the pyramid.

Marshall told the Echo on Tuesday that avoiding a heavy defeat was important ahead of Manor's bid to climb the Essex Senior League table.

Instead he is celebrating arguably his finest result as manager, and he said he was pleased for his players.

"It is a brilliant result for the club," said Marshall. "Braintree had eight players in the squad last night that were in their squad on Saturday so it was a very tough opponent.

"I selected a defensive team to start with and, although they scored early, we were the better side, without really creating anything. It was 1-0 at half-time and I said to the players that the game was still there for them and to keep going.

"We changed to a more attacking shape at half-time and Jamie Brown scored a very good equaliser for us. In the last 10 minutes there was only one side that was going to win it."

Former Billericay Town winger Roman Michael-Percil put The Iron ahead after just nine minutes, slotting underneath goalkeeper Russ Harley. Both sides had chances to score, before the hosts were struck a blow when goalkeeper Harry Aldridge was forced off with 15 minutes to go, with outfield player Charlie Webb donning the gloves.

Brown equalised five minutes later before Cleaver profited from a defensive mistake in injury-time to send Manor through.

And Marshall has now called on his team to build on the result, with a trip to Sawbridgeworth Town coming on Saturday.

"It was a good performance but we need to kick on from that now. We need to take that into the league now," he said. "We need that consistency as we were very poor on Saturday (against Redbridge) but very good against Braintree.

"The lads said I was miserable after the win but I told them, to be honest, that Saturday is more important to me.

"But they were buzzing afterwards and they should be. This shows we can match anyone on our day and can compete with most in this competition.

"I would love another big team from home in the next round now, we will have to wait and see."

Ex Sawbridgeworth Player Off To the World Cup



Article by David Ballheimer

Former Essex Senior League player Alex Walker is off to the World Cup with Scotland later this month.

Walker, who played for Sawbridgeworth Town will be playing in the Rugby League World Cup in Australia, having enjoyed a stellar season with the London Broncos in the Kingstone Press Championship – he was runner-up for the Division’s Young Player of the Year award and won the club’s award.

Five years ago, Alex, a full-back, was coming through the ranks with Broncos when the club was in financial trouble and, to keep himself fit, he trained with Sawbridgeworth Town, where his father Alan was No.2 to manager Marc Das.

Walker said, “I remember my first game and my last game for Sawbo. It was my first experience of playing with men in any sport.

“I was only 16 so it was a lot different to kids football. Then my last game was when the Broncos went into administration, so I played a few games to keep fit while my rugby career was up in the air.

“I absolutely loved it as hadn't played football in a couple of years and got stuck upfront!”

Scotland’s first match is against Tonga on 29 October.

Saturday 14th October Round-Up

By Peter Dudley

Premier Division

Barkingside 0 Ilford 1

The Foxes made it three league wins in a row after victory over Barkingside in the Cricklefield derby. James Peagram notched the only goal of the game in the 68th minute. The win lifts Ilford into the top six whilst defeat for Side sees them slip down to 13th.

Clapton 2 Great Wakering Rovers 0

The Tons handed Rovers a rare defeat in recent times with victory at the Old Spotted Dog. Ikem Odeh bundled Clapton ahead before Jeffrey Cobblah sealed the points for the hosts who are now eighth whilst Rovers fall to second place.

Hullbridge Sports 3 Hackney Wick 0

Hullbridge moved up five places to fifteenth after a much needed win against Hackney Wick at Lower Road. Luca Frankis put the hosts ahead in the ninth minute and then nine minutes into the second half Ollie Miller slotted Sports further ahead, before he grabbed his second in stoppage time to seal the hosts victory and a welcome three points. Defeat leaves Hackney Wick third from bottom as a result.

Redbridge 3 Sporting Bengal United 2

The Motormen left it late to grab victory here after coming from behind to take all three points against Sporting Bengal United at Oakside. Reside Coxi Sebastfao put the hosts in front on 11 minutes but saw the visitors fire back through Steven Carvell on 21 minutes and then Kai Parkinson six minutes later to see the Mile End side ahead. However Eljay Worrell found a leveller with just five minutes remaining before Calvin Poku popped up with an 88th minute winner to send Redbridge into joint second in the division.

Sawbridgeworth Town 1 Southend Manor 3

Manor secured another three points after defeating The Robins at Crofters. Ross Johnson put the visitors ahead on twenty minutes before Alfie Lindfield and Jacob Cleaver added further goals late on in the first half and saw Manor in total command at the break. Sawbo grabbed one back in the second period before Manor's Johnson was sent off, however defeat for the hosts leaves them down in seventeenth whilst Manor are now fourteenth.

Stansted 3 Waltham Forest 1

The Airportmen are up to eleventh after defeating a struggling Waltham Forest side at Hargrave Park. Ryan Ramsey gave Stansted a ninth minute lead before Jevoy Blair doubled their advantage on twenty

minutes. And Ramsay netted another in the 27th minute as the hosts took total command. Forest, who pulled one back through Marco Faria in the 68th minute, are now down in sixteenth place.

Takeley 5 Enfield 1893 4

Hosts Takeley saw off a very stubborn Enfield to go to the top of the table after winning a nine goal bonanza at Station Road. Mitchell Das and Fred Burrell goals had the hosts two goals up inside twenty minutes before Lopes De Matos pulled one back midway through the first half; but Reece Barrett then restored Takeley's two goal cushion in the 25th minute. The visitors fought back though with goals from Lopes De Matos seven minutes into the second half and then Luke Thomas in the 65th minute to level it up at 3-3. But the home side managed to retake the lead through Will Green seven minutes from time before Green added another in stoppage time to seal the points. Ben Bradbury did pull one back for Enfield in the 94th minute however it's another defeat for the Harlow-based side despite scoring four past a defence who had only conceded five goals in their previous eight league games.

Tower Hamlets 2 FC Romania 2

Hamlets battled back from two goals down to earn a draw with FC Romania at Mile End. The visitors led on six minutes courtesy of Gabriel Ghinea and doubled their lead just past the half hour mark when Sergiu Pitaru hit the net. Wale Odedoyin reduced the arrears just before half time before adding another just after half time to make sure his side took a well earned point.

Wadham Lodge 3 West Essex 3

Lodge showed terrific battling qualities to salvage a draw at home to West Essex. The visitors hit the front ten minutes before half time through Michael Mignot and the same man doubled their lead five minutes later. Lodge pulled one back twenty minutes into the second half through Danny Palmer but with fifteen to play Mignot completed his hat-trick and had seemingly given his side the points. But Lodge had other ideas and Ben McAllister netted with ten minutes to go before Ben Masuku levelled in the third minute of stoppage time to break the visitor's hearts.

Woodford Town (2017) 3 Basildon United 2

Basildon drop to fourth after they fell to defeat at Goffs Lane against an improving Woodford side. Larry Asare gave the hosts an 11th minute lead before the returning Marcus Bowers equalised for the Bees. Ash Blackburn then gave the visitors the lead but saw Ola Ogunwamide level with ten minutes remaining before Jack Grosvenor netted late on to give the hosts another three points and see them up to ninth.

Monday 9th October

Errington Challenge Cup 1st Round

Barkingside 2 (Charlie Little 1, Tony Coockey 51)

Enfield 1893 2 (Danny Jones 24, Josh Sykes 61)

Barkingside won 4-3 Penalties

Att. 68

Tuesday 10th October

Essex Senior Cup 3rd Round

Braintree Town 1 (Roman Michael-Persil 9)

Southend Manor 2 (Jamie Brown 80, Jacob Cleaver 90)

Att.

London Senior Cup 1st Round

Hanwell Town 2 (Callum Wright 27, OG 40)

Redbridge 2 (Lindisipho Mytanda 13, Patrick Duggan 70)

Hanwell Town win 4-2 Penalties

Att. 65

Premier Division

Stansted 2 (Nick Brown 66, Ryan Ramsey 90+3)

Hullbridge Sports 0

Att. 38

Wednesday 10th October

Errington Challenge Cup 1st Round

West Essex 0

Basildon United 5 (Jack Renew 33, Jack Adlington 38, 45, 80, Grant Cumming 56)

Att. 37

Woodford Town (2017) 1 (Asher Modeste 25)

Waltham Forest 5 (Mo Sagaf x2, Azhad Masoud, OG, Abiola Tanimowo)

Att. 15

Premier Division

Wadham Lodge 0

Takeley 3 (Freddie Burrell 29, OG 39, Stuart Zanone 87)

Att. 33

Saturday 14th October

Premier Division

Barkingside 0

Ilford 1 (James Peagram 68)

Att. 74

Clapton 2 (Ikem Ode 48, Jeffrey Cobblah 63)

Great Wakering Rovers 0

Att. 61

Hullbridge Sports 3 (Luca Frankis 10, Ollie Miller 50, 90+4)

Hackney Wick 0

Att. 49

Redbridge 3 (Reside Coxi-Sebastfao 11, Eljay Worrell 85, Calvin Poku 88)

Sporting Bengal United 2 (Steven Carvell 21, Kai Parkingson 27)

Att. 32

Sawbridgeworth Town 1 (Joe Wright)

Southend Manor 3 (Ross Johnson 20, Alfie Lindfield 36, Jacob Cleaver 44)

Att. 52

Stansted 3 (Ryan Ramsey 20, 27, Jevoy Blair 20)

Waltham Forest 1 (Marco Faria 68)

Att. 47

Takeley 5 (Mitchell Das 16, Freddie Burrell 18, Reece Barrett 29, Will Green 82, 90+3)

Enfield 1893 4 (Miguel Lopez Demarco 22, 52, 66, Luke Thomas 90+5)

Att. 61

Tower Hamlets 2 (Wale Odedoyin 44, 46)

FC Romania 2 (Gabriel Ghinea 5 , Sergiu Pitaru 24))

Att. 31

Wadham Lodge 3 (Danny Palmer 62, Ben McAllister 79, Ben Masuka 89)

West Essex 3 (Michael Mignot 35, 40, 75)

Att. 16

Woodford Town (2017) 3 (Larry Asare 11, Ola Ogunwamide 80, Jack Grosvenor 90)

Basildon United 2 (Ashley Blackburn 68, Marcus Bowers 37)

Att. 65

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury 4 (Jack Graham, Joe Skillhorn, Josh Buckles, Marcel Walker)

Redbridge 4 (Jacob Dingli x2, Yusuf Olijide, Nojeem Agbosasa)

Burnham Ramblers 3 (Bradley Morgan, Scott Plom, William Howard)

Hullbridge Sports 1 (Kieran Offord)

Grays Athletic 4 (Rivaldo Nunes, Tre Zailor, Afolabi Soyenu, Geoffrey Okonkwo)

Stansted 0

Great Wakering Rovers 1 (Tom Elliott)

Takeley 6 (Lewis Roberts 4, Mason Page, Terrell Hunter)

Thurrock 3 (Jamie Price, Tim Ogruinde, Jack Blackledge)

Heybridge Swifts 3 (Ashley Fox, George Morris, Will Atwill)

Waltham Abbey 3 (Loren Maxwell, Steven Ajudua, Louis Mackman)

Woodford Town (2017) 0

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 14th October)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Takeley	11	9	0	2	27	9	18	27
2 Great Wakering Rovers	12	8	1	3	23	7	16	25
3 Redbridge	11	8	1	2	27	14	13	25
4 Basildon United	11	8	1	2	20	9	11	25
5 West Essex	12	7	2	3	25	21	4	23
6 Tower Hamlets	12	6	3	3	29	16	13	21
7 Ilford	12	7	0	5	24	19	5	21
8 Clapton	12	6	3	3	20	16	4	21
9 Woodford Town (2017)	14	6	3	5	27	30	-3	21
10 FC Romania	11	6	2	3	26	16	10	20
11 Stansted	14	6	1	7	20	18	2	19
12 Sporting Bengal United	14	6	1	7	27	30	-3	19
13 Barkingside	11	5	1	5	18	16	2	16
14 Southend Manor	8	4	1	3	15	11	4	13
15 Hullbridge Sports	12	3	3	6	18	29	-11	12
16 Waltham Forest	14	3	2	9	21	37	-16	11
17 Sawbridgworth Town	12	2	4	6	18	24	-6	10
18 Burnham Ramblers	12	3	1	8	20	30	-10	10
19 Hackney Wick	14	3	1	10	16	31	-15	10
20 Enfield 1893	11	3	0	8	15	24	-9	9
21 Wadham Lodge	14	2	1	11	15	44	-29	7



Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 14th October)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Waltham Abbey	9	7	1	1	31	10	21	22
2 Thurrock	9	6	2	1	34	7	27	20
3 Southend Manor	6	5	0	1	14	9	5	15
4 Heybridge Swifts	7	4	1	2	22	15	7	13
5 Takeley	6	4	0	2	21	11	10	12
6 Redbridge	7	3	2	2	20	16	4	11
7 Hullbridge Sports	7	3	1	3	19	12	7	10
8 Grays Athletic	9	3	1	5	17	25	-8	10
9 Burnham Ramblers	9	3	0	6	17	47	-30	9
10 Sawbridgworth Town	5	2	2	1	17	8	9	8
11 AFC Sudbury	6	2	2	2	17	13	4	8
12 Great Wakering Rovers	7	2	1	4	7	17	-10	7
13 Stansted	7	1	2	4	7	26	-19	5
14 Bishop's Stortford	8	1	1	6	12	20	-8	4
15 Woodford Town 2017	8	0	2	6	7	26	-19	2



LEADING SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 14th October)

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
Michael Mignot - West Essex	12			3	1	2	18
James Peagram - Ilford	10		2	2	1		15
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	5		2	1	4	2	14
Neil Richmond - Great Wakering Rovers	8				4		12
Curtis Pond - Tower Hamlets	5			1	6		12
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	7			1	2	1	11
Florin Pop - FC Romania	9			1			10
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	8			2			10
Lewis Francis - Sawbridgeworth Town	5				4		9
Brian Moses - Redbridge	7			1	1		9
Charlee Hughes - Burnham Ramblers	7				2		9
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	8		1				9
Bradley Morgan - Burnham Ramblers	5			1	1	1	8
Mitchell Das - Takeley	6			2			8
Tony Cookey - Barkingside	6	1			1		8
Toby Cleaver - FC Romania	3			4			7
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	7						7
Luca Francis - Hullbridge Sports	4		1	1	1		7
Luke With - Tower Hamlets	5				1		6
Eaia Embalo - Sporting Bengal United	5			1			6

Hat Trick Heroes

Miguel Lopez Demarco	Takeley 5 Enfield 1893 4 – Sat 14 th Oct 2017
Jack Addlington	West Essex Basildon United 5 – Wed 10 th Oct 2017
Tony Cookey	Barkingside 3 Hackney Wick 0 – Mon 2 nd Oct 2017
Marcus Bowers	Basildon United 3 Tower Hamlets 0 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017
Curtis Pond	Tower Hamlets 10 Little Oakley 1 – Sat 23 rd Sept 2017 x4
Michael Mignot	Wadham Lodge 3 West Essex 3 – Sat 14 th Oct 2017 Clapton 3 West Essex 4 – Tues 19 th Sept 2017
Neil Richmond	Great Wakering Rovers 4 FC Romania 0 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017 Great Wakering Rovers 6 Sporting Bengal United 1 – Sat 9 th Sept 2017
Eaia Embalo	Sporting Bengal United 4 Sawbridgeworth Town 2 – Wed 20 th Aug 2017 x4
James Peagram	Enfield 1893 0 Ilford 3 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017
Florian Pop	FC Romania 8 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017
Jeffrey Cobblah	Ilford 1 Clapton 4 – Wed 2 nd Aug 2017

LEADING RESERVE DIVISION SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 14th October

	League	RS	CC	Total
Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge	8	2		10
Henry Branston - Sawbridgeworth Town	7	2		9
Charlie Avant - Takeley	9			9
Howard Wright - Hullbridge Sports	7			7
Lance Ledgister - Waltham Abbey	5	2		7
Oliver Miller - Hullbridge Sports	4	3		7
Luke Osborne - Hullbridge Sports	6			6
Bobby Vaughan - Thurrock	5	1		6
Nathan Reid - AFC Sudbury	4	2		6
Anthony Fox - Heybridge Swifts	6			6
Afolabi Soyenu - Grays Athletic	5	1		6
Ellis Lentell - Waltham Abbey	5			5
Callum Maltese - Waltham Abbey	3	2		5
Claudio Goncalves - Thurrock	5			5
Lewis Roberts - Takeley	5			5

Hat Trick Heroes

Lewis Roberts	Great Waking Rovers 1 Takeley 6 – Sat 14 th Oct 2017 x4
Oliver Miller	Great Waking Rovers 3 Hullbridge Sports 3 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017
Aydin Coban	Grays Athletic 3 Burnham Ramblers 5 – Sat 23 rd Sept 2017
Harry Daly	Grays Athletic 3 Burnham Ramblers 5 – Sat 23 rd Sept 2017
Andi Pearce	Sawbridgeworth Town 8 Stansted 0 – Sat 16 th Sept 2017 x4
Howard Wright	Hullbridge Sports 11 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 26 th Aug 2017 Hulbridge Sports 8 East Thurrock Utd 0 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017 x4
Ellis Lentell	Takeley 0 Waltham Abbey 7 – Sat 26 th Aug 2017
Luke Osborne	Hullbridge Sports 11 Burnham Ramblers 0 – Sat 26 th Aug 2017
Ronnie Pallett	Hullbridge Sports 5 Grays Athletic 1 – Sat 19 th Aug 2017
Charlie Avant	Takeley 6 Burnham Ramblers 0 – Sat 7 th Oct 2017 Bishops Stortford 1 Takeley 6 – Tues 15 th Aug 2017 x4
Harry Branston	Woodford Town (2017) 0 Sawbridgeworth Town 5 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017
Bobby Vaughan	Burnham Ramblers 0 Thurrock 9 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017

Premier Division Attendances

(League Games Only)

	Played	Highest	Lowest	Average	Total	
Hackney Wick	5	785	33	229	1147	94
Basildon United	6	281	95	160	960	281
Tower Hamlets	6	468	31	132	796	468
Great Wakering Rovers	8	111	52	82	658	83
Barkingside	7	165	48	86	608	71
Takeley	6	145	39	70	421	65
Clapton	7	83	42	59	415	42
Hullbridge Sports	7	86	40	54	383	47
Redbridge	7	73	32	54	379	51
Ilford	4	175	35	81	325	175
Sawbridgeworth Town	8	52	15	38	305	40
Southend Manor	5	80	31	58	292	80
Waltham Forest	6	48	37	43	260	44
Stansted	6	78	27	42	257	27
Woodford Town (2017)	9	65	15	28	254	30
Sporting Bengal United	6	60	20	39	239	20
Wadham Lodge	8	37	14	27	216	30
Enfield 1893	3	69	59	65	196	69
FC Romania	5	48	18	37	186	32
West Essex	4	78	24	39	156	28
Burnham Ramblers	4	27	14	21	106	19

Top Six Premier Division Attendances

785	Hackney Wick v Clapton – Sat 7th Oct 2017
468	Tower Hamlets v Clapton – Fri 25 th Aug 2017
281	Basildon United v Clapton – Sat 29 th July 2017
194	Basildon United v Hullbridge Sports – Tues 15 th Aug 2017
178	Hackney Wick v Basildon United – Sat 26 th Aug 2017
175	Ilford v Clapton – Wed 2 nd Aug 2017

Forthcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 17th October

Premier Division

Basildon United v Barkingside
Burnham Ramblers v Redbridge
Enfield 1893 v Waltham Forest
Stansted v Tower Hamlets
West Essex v FC Romania

Reserves Division

Sawbridgeworth Town v Takeley

Wednesday 18th October

Premier Division

Ilford v Southend Manor
Sporting Bengal United v Clapton
Wadham Lodge v Hullbridge Sports

Saturday 21st October

Buildbase FA Vase 1st Round

Basildon United v Biggleswade
Burnham Ramblers v Leighton Town
Halstead Town v Tower Hamlets
Welwyn Garden City v Takeley

Errington Challenge Cup 1st Round

Redbridge v Ilford

Premier Division

Southend Manor v Wadham Lodge
Sporting Bengal United v Barkingside
West Essex v Stansted

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury v Grays Athletic
Heybridge Swifts v Woodford Town (2017)
Sawbridgeworth Town v Burnham Ramblers
Stansted v Takeley
Thurrock v Southend Manor

Sunday 22nd October

Buildbase FA Vase 1st Round

Enfield 1893 v Coggeshall Town

Tuesday 24th October

Sawbridgeworth Town v Hullbridge Sports

Takeley v Basildon United

BBC Essex Senior Cup 3rd Round

Great Wakering Rovers v East Thurrock United

London Senior Cup 1st Round

Woodford Town (2017) v Clapton

Reserve Shield 1st Round

Heybridge Swifts v Takeley

Wednesday 25th October

FC Romania v Hackney Wick

Southend Manor v Enfield 1893

West Essex v Redbridge

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