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Essex Senior Football League

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Premier Division Round-up

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Friday

Redbridge 2 Woodford Town (2017) 0

Redbridge pulled out a five point lead over their rivals ahead of Saturday's fixtures with a home win over Woodford Town. The breakthrough came nine minutes before half time when Brian Moses near post header from skipper Eljay Worrell's corner found the net but the visitors had more than held their own and had certainly kept the hosts backline alert in what was a tight first period. Things got tougher for the visitors when Dion Lewis-Kirwan was sent off six minutes into the second half after receiving a second booking for a foul on Worrell, but Redbridge didn't seal the win until the

92nd minute when Moses grabbed his second of the contest, curling an effort into the empty net, finally seeing off a battling Woodford outfit, who remain twelfth.

Saturday

Barkingside P-P Hullbridge Sports

The match at Cricklefield was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Basildon United 1 Takeley 0

A second half goal from Charlie Kendall saw The Bees defeat promotion and Championship rivals Takeley at The Hive. There was unsurprisingly very little to choose between the two sides but the deadlock was finally broken when a corner swung in saw a powerful header from Kendall that Takeley keeper Ronnie Yates got his hand to - but see it go through his grasp, and despite a defender's attempt to keep it out, the linesman said the ball had crossed the line and the Bees led. And it ended up settling a very tight top of the table clash at the Hive, meaning Takeley lose more ground on leaders Redbridge whilst Basildon leapfrog Great Wakering Rovers in to third.

Burnham Ramblers 2 West Essex 5

Braces from Fatos Zeqiri and Michael Mignot helped West Essex crush Burnham Ramblers at Leslie Field, ending the home sides recent unbeaten run. Zeqiri's 17th minute strike got past Strizovic to give the Stags the lead but the hosts levelled just past the half hour mark when Swanborough followed-up an initial attack & blasted home from close range. However they were level for just four minutes as the visitors went back in front when after Gray's effort was blocked on the line, Joe Lefley followed up to restore their lead. And a minute after the break they increased that lead when Mignot was fed by a great long pass and rounded the 'keeper and slotted home, before it was four in the 53rd minute when Zeqiri wrong-footed Strizovic before blasting home for his second of the afternoon. With just over twenty minutes remaining Swanborough converted a spot-kick for his second of the game to give the hosts a glimmer of hope here, but with nine minutes left hopes of a comeback were ended when Mignot slots home his second of the game from a narrow angle to seal the game for the visitors, taking them up to eighth in the table. Ramblers defeat sees them stay in thirteenth.

Enfield 1893 2 Wadham Lodge 2

The points were shared at Barrows Farm as Enfield and Wadham Lodge shared a draw. Lodge led in the 13th minute when a delightful ball whipped in from the right was swept past Corderoy by Brian Simpson but the hosts were level four minutes later when Thoma lifted a ball forward and Hocking-Rising scored from just outside the box in off the post. And in the 19th minute the hosts led as Thomas fierce low cross was put into the net by Hocking-Rising. Wadham rallied though and levelled in the 67th minute, with Dwayde James calmly rolling a spot kick into the bottom right corner, and making sure his side grabbed a point in this one. Enfield are now fifteenth whilst Lodge are one place above in fourteenth.

Hackney Wick 1 FC Romania 6

FCR continued to charge on as they went second after hitting Hackney Wick for six at the Old Spotted Dog. Florin Pop opened the account in the 20th minute. The lead was doubled six minutes later when Mihai Botosan scored his first of the afternoon and a three goal cushion was secured before half-time due to an Adrian Balsanu strike. Pop and Botosan bagged braces within one minute of each other in the second half with Cosmin Sandu scoring FCR's sixth in the 83rd minute. Andrea Mantovani scored the Hackey Wick goal and they remain second from bottom only on goal difference, which took a battering today.

Southend Manor 3 Clapton 3

Manor and Clapton shared six goals in a high scoring draw at Southchurch Park. The hosts took the lead when pouncing on a scuffed clearance but the Tons levelled from the spot in off the post. The Tons then took the lead, only for the hosts to level the match up once again, before the visitors were reduced to ten men. However despite this a looping shot into the top corner restored Clapton's lead, but deep into stoppage time the hosts snatched a point and salvaged a draw from the contest. The Tons stay sixth whilst Manor are 10th.

Stansted P-P Ilford

The match at Hargrave Park was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Tower Hamlets 1 Sporting Bengal United 0

Kayode Tobun's first half strike saw Hamlets defeat rivals Sporting Bengal United in the Mile End derby to end the visitors unbeaten run. The hosts remain seventy whilst Sporting remain 11th.

Waltham Forest P-P Sawbridgeworth Town

The match at Kitchener Road was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

League News

Burnham Ramblers have pulled their Reserve teams from the Reserve Division – meaning that their record has been expunged. East Thurrock United also pulled their reserve team out earlier in the season. The pull outs also affect our goal scorer charts. Howard Wright bagged two hat tricks for Hullbridge Sports in their wins over Burnham Ramblers and East Thurrock United – both are now chalked off. Andi Pearce and Dylan Reams scored five apiece in Sawbridgeworth Town's 17-1 win over Burnham Ramblers in October, while Joel Massamba went one better and scored a double hat-trick when Grays Athletic beat Burnham Ramblers 14-0 in December. All scoring feats that have now been scrubbed off and the Reserve Table, Leading Reserve Scorers and Reserve Hat Trick Heroes all now reflect this.

Hullbridge Sports Drawn Away In FA Vase



Alec Berry from the Essex FA was involved with the Buildbase FA Vase 4th Round draw on Monday 4th December. Hullbridge Sports, the only Essex Senior League team left in the competition, were given an away tie with Tring Athletic. The hosts play in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and at the time of writing sit second from bottom.

Tring entered the Vase fray at the 2nd Round stage where they disposed of Ely City; then last time out eked out a 1-0 win over Berkhamstead. Hullbridge have had a bit of a torrid time in the league themselves, currently sitting at the foot of the table. But their Vase campaign has seen them put together some great results; starting in the 2nd Qualifying Round where they beat fellow Essex Senior League adversaries Ilford, the club now managed by Darren Manning, have gone on to beat Colney Heath, Wembley and then Enfield 1893 in an all Essex Senior League 3rd Round affair which guaranteed that there would be at least one team from our league in the 4th round.

The game will be played on Saturday 6th January.

Monday 4th December

London Senior Cup 2nd Round

Tower Hamlets 0

Tooting & Mitcham United 2 (Quincy Rowe 8, Peter Wedgeworth 90+3p)

Att. 54

Premier Division

Enfield 1893 3 (Jayden Hocking-Rising 7, Harry Price 38, John Bricknell 41p)

Burnham Ramblers 4 (Charlee Hughes 9, 14, Bradley Morgan 77, 85)

Att. 60

Tuesday 5th December

Errington Challenge Cup 2nd Round

Southend Manor 3 (Nathan Dewberry 11, 63, Rhys Fatt 52)

Hackney Wick 3 (Shunsake Sasaki x2, Patrick Szymon)

Hackney Wick Win 4-2 Penalties

Att. 35

Herts Senior Cup 2nd Round

Harpenden Town 3

Sawbridgeworth Town 1 (Keke Orth)

Att.

Premier Division

Great Wakering Rovers 3 (Stephen Butterworth 28, 59, Jay Nash 61)

Woodford Town 2017 0

Att. 52

Stansted 0

Takeley 3 (Carl Mullings 10, 80, Jason Todd 38)

Att. 92

Wednesday 6th December

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Quarter Final

Waltham Forest 0

Ilford 2 (James Peagram 1, George Whitelock 62)

Att. 48

London Senior Cup 2nd Round

Metropolitan Police 3 (Lloyd Macklin 30, Jeremy Arthur 59, Tom Bird 70)

Clapton 1 (Jay Morris 69)

Att. 28

Friday 8th December

Premier Division

Redbridge 2 (Brian Moses 36, 90+2)

Woodford Town 2017 0

Att. 59

Saturday 9th December

Premier Division

Barkingside P

Hullbridge Sports P

Basildon United 1 (Charlie Kendall 60)

Takeley 0

Att. 76

Burnham Ramblers 2 (Karl Swanborough 33, 68)

West Essex 5 (Fatos Zeqiri 25, 58, Joe Lefley 42, Michael Mignot 48, 82)

Att. 16

Enfield 1893 2 (Jayden Hocking-Rising 17, 19)

Wadham Lodge 2 (Brian Simpson 13, Dwayde James 69p)

Att. 60

Hackney Wick 1 (Andrea Mantavonia)

FC Romania 6 (Mihai Botosan 26, 53, Florin Pop 20, 52, Adrian Balsanu 37, Cosmin Sandu 83)

Att. 35

Southend Manor 3 (Rhys Fatt 9, 61, Bayley Newell 90)

Clapton 3 (Steven Sardinha 32, Jay Morris 42, Jeff Cobblah 77)

Att. 45

Tower Hamlets 1 (Kayode Tobun 26)

Sporting Bengal United 0

Att. 32

Waltham Forest P

Sawbridgeworth Town P

Reserves Division

Grays Athletic P

Thurrock P

Great Wakering Rovers P

Woodford Town 2017 P

Hullbridge Sports 2 (Ronnie Pallet 70, 80)

Heybridge Swifts 1 (Chambers)

Sawbridgeworth Town P

Southend Manor P

Takeley 3 (Charlie Avent, Lewis Ball, Che Kinto)

Stansted 3 (Joel Young, Jaac Stone, Marvin Wray)

Herts Intermediate Cup 2nd Round

Weston 6

Bishop's Stortford 3 (Gracious Obiji x3)



Grassroots Football Show – Every Thursday from 8-10pm

All things ESL with hosts Adam Richardson and Peter Dudley

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 9th December)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Redbridge	21	17	1	3	56	23	33	52
2 FC Romania	21	15	3	3	60	24	36	48
3 Takeley	21	15	2	4	56	16	40	47
4 Basildon United	20	15	2	3	39	14	25	47
5 Great Wakering Rovers	20	15	1	4	50	14	36	46
6 Clapton	23	12	5	6	41	31	10	41
7 Tower Hamlets	21	11	3	7	45	34	11	36
8 West Essex	21	11	3	7	39	36	3	36
9 Ilford	21	10	3	8	34	28	6	33
10 Southend Manor	21	8	4	9	34	40	-6	28
11 Sporting Bengal United	23	8	3	12	42	53	-11	27
12 Woodford Town 2017	24	8	3	13	35	57	-22	27
13 Burnham Ramblers	23	7	2	14	44	62	-18	23
14 Wadham Lodge	23	6	4	13	34	61	-27	22
15 Enfield 1893	21	6	3	12	37	52	-15	21
16 Waltham Forest	22	6	3	13	32	51	-19	21
17 Barkingside	19	6	1	12	28	40	-12	21
18 Stansted	22	6	1	15	27	41	-14	19
19 Sawbridgeworth Town	18	4	6	8	26	36	-10	18
20 Hackney Wick	23	5	1	17	29	51	-22	16
21 Hullbridge Sports	20	4	4	12	27	51	-24	16



Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 9th December)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Waltham Abbey	11	9	1	1	35	11	24	28
2 Southend Manor	12	9	1	2	31	18	13	28
3 Thurrock	13	7	4	2	36	16	20	25
4 Heybridge Swifts	12	7	1	4	38	23	15	22
5 Sawbridgeworth Town	12	6	2	4	28	18	10	20
6 Takeley	12	6	1	5	35	30	5	19
7 Bishop's Stortford	14	5	2	7	27	30	-3	17
8 Grays Athletic	12	4	2	6	24	31	-7	14
9 Hullbridge Sports	9	4	1	4	15	14	1	13
10 AFC Sudbury	10	3	2	5	26	29	-3	11
11 Great Wakering Rovers	12	3	1	8	11	33	-22	10
12 Redbridge	10	2	3	5	20	23	-3	9
13 Stansted	12	2	3	7	20	44	-24	9
14 Woodford Town 2017	11	1	2	8	13	39	-26	5

Burnham Ramblers have pulled out of the Reserves Division and their record has been expunged.



LEADING SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 9th December

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
James Peagram - Ilford	16	2	3	2	1		24
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	11		2	1	4	2	20
Neil Richmond - Great Wakering Rovers	15			1	4		20
Michael Mignot - West Essex	14			3	1	2	20
Florin Pop - FC Romania	17			1	1		19
Brian Moses - Redbridge	15		1	1	1		18
Carl Mullings - Takeley (Including 7 goals for Enfield 1893)	13		1		2		16
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	14		1		1		16
Curtis Pond - Tower Hamlets	7			1	7		15
Charlee Hughes - Burnham Ramblers	13				2		15
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	9			1	2	1	13
Bradley Morgan - Burnham Ramblers	10			1	1	1	13
Toby Cleaver - Sawbridgeworth Town (Including 7 goals for FC Romania)	5	2	1	4			12
Luke With - Tower Hamlets	9				3		12
Mitchell Das - Takeley	10			2			12
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	12						12
Billy Johnson - Great Wakering Rovers	10	1					11
Jayden Hocking-Rising - Enfield 1893 (Includes 8 goals for Wadham Lodge/Stanted)	10					1	11
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	8			2			10
Tony Cooley - Barkingside	7	1	1		1		10

Hat Trick Heroes

Karl Swanborough	Wadham Lodge 1 Burnham Ramblers 5 – Wed 29 th Nov 2017
Hassan Nalbani	Hackney Wick 4 Burnham Ramblers 0 – Wed 22 nd Nov 2017
Eljay Worrell	Tower Hamlets 0 Redbridge 5 – Mon 20 th Nov 2017
Neil Richmond	Great Wakering Rovers 7 Hullbridge Sports 1 – Sat 18 th Nov 2017 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
Liam Thomas	Redbridge 3 West Essex 1 – Fri 17 th Nov 2017
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Carl Mullings	Takeley 7 Barkingside 0 – Sat 4 th Nov 2017
John Bricknell	Enfield 1893 5 Woodford Town (2017) 1 – Sat 4 th Nov 2017
Marcus Bowers	Basildon United 5 Sporting Bengal United 1 – Sat 4 th Nov 2017 Basildon United 3 Tower Hamlets 0 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017
Jake Gordon	Enfield 1893 1 Great Wakering Rovers 7 – Sat 28 th Oct 2017
Florian Pop	Sporting Bengal United 2 FC Romania 6 – Sat 28 th Oct 2017 FC Romania 8 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12 th Aug 2017
Charlee Hughes	Burnham Ramblers 4 Redbridge 3 – Tues 17 th Oct 2017
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 Cooley	Barkingside 3 Hackney Wick 0 – Mon 2 nd Oct 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
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
Jeffrey Cobblah	Ilford 1 Clapton 4 – Wed 2 nd Aug 2017

LEADING RESERVE DIVISION SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 2nd December

	League	RS	CC	Total
Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge	10	2	1	13
Anthony Fox - Heybridge Swifts	9		2	11
Lewis Roberts - Takeley	10	1		11
Afolabi Soyenu - Grays Athletic	10	1		11
Charlie Avent - Takeley	10	1		11
Ross James - Heybridge Swifts	9	1		10
Lance Ledgister - Waltham Abbey	5	2		7
Lewis Ball - Takeley	7			7
Andi Pearce - Sawbridgeworth Town	6			6
Henry Branston - Sawbridgeworth Town	6			6
Callum Maltese - Waltham Abbey	4	2		6
Ellis Lentell - Waltham Abbey	6			6
Grecious Obiji - Bishop's Stortford	3		3	6
Andrew Fennell - Heybridge Swifts	3	2		5
Nathan Reid - AFC Sudbury	3	2		5
Mason Page - Takeley	5			5
Dean Merrett - Heybridge Swifts	4		1	5
Joel Massamba - Grays Athletic	5			5
Claudio Goncalves - Thurrock	5			5
Tim Ogruinde - Thurrock	5			5

Hat Trick Heroes

Billy Cottrill	AFC Sudbury 3 Southend Manor 8 – Sat 18 th Nov 2017
Ross James	Heybridge Swifts 8 Woodford Town (2017) 1 – Sat 21 st Oct 2017
Anthony Fox	Heybridge Swifts 8 Woodford Town (2017) 1 – Sat 21 st Oct 2017
Lewis Roberts	Stansted 3 Takeley 6 – Sat 21 st Oct 2017 Great Wakering Rovers 1 Takeley 6 – Sat 14 th Oct 2017 x4
Oliver Miller	Great Wakering Rovers 3 Hullbridge Sports 3 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017
Andi Pearce	Sawbridgeworth Town 8 Stansted 0 – Sat 16 th Sept 2017 x4
Ellis Lentell	Takeley 0 Waltham Abbey 7 – Sat 26 th Aug 2017
Ronnie Pallett	Hullbridge Sports 5 Grays Athletic 1 – Sat 19 th Aug 2017
Charlie Avant	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

PREMIER DIVISION ATTENDANCES

(League Games Only)

	Played	Highest	Lowest	Average	Total
Hackney Wick	10	785	33	142	1427
Basildon United	12	281	76	130	1562
Tower Hamlets	10	468	31	99	991
Barkingside	10	273	48	98	987
Great Wakering Rovers	11	111	52	78	867
Redbridge	11	160	32	70	779
Takeley	11	145	39	70	776
Ilford	9	175	28	61	550
Enfield 1893	11	69	56	61	674
Hullbridge Sports	9	86	40	59	644
Southend Manor	11	80	31	58	536
Clapton	12	83	37	57	692
Stansted	12	92	26	50	564
Sporting Bengal United	12	180	15	47	521
Waltham Forest	11	60	37	47	607
Sawbridgeworth Town	10	82	15	43	437
FC Romania	10	68	18	38	381
West Essex	10	78	17	31	308
Woodford Town (2017)	11	65	15	28	309
Wadham Lodge	12	41	17	27	332
Burnham Ramblers	9	31	14	22	206

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Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 11th December

Premier Division

Barkingside v FC Romania

Tower Hamlets v Southend Manor

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford v AFC Sudbury

Tuesday 12th December

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers v Sawbridgeworth Town

Redbridge v Great Wakering Rovers

Reserve Shield Quarter Final

Heybridge Swifts v Great Wakering Rovers

Wednesday 13th December

Errington Challenge Cup 2nd Round

FC Romania v Waltham Forest

Premier Division

Hackney Wick v Enfield 1893

Ilford v Basildon United

Friday 15th December

Premier Division

Woodford Town 2017 v Sporting Bengal United

Saturday 16th December

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers v Wadham Lodge

Clapton v Takeley

FC Romania v Great Wakering Rovers

Hullbridge Sports v Redbridge

Sawbridgeworth Town v Barkingside

Stansted v Hackney Wick

Tower Hamlets v Basildon United

Waltham Forest v Southend Manor

Reserves Division

Grays Athletic v Woodford Town 2017

Great Wakering Rovers v Hullbridge Sports

Heybridge Swifts v Redbridge

Southend Manor v AFC Sudbury

Thurrock v Sawbridgeworth Town

Waltham Abbey v Stansted

Monday 18th December

Premier Division

Barkingside v Hullbridge Sports

Tuesday 19th December

Premier Division

Takeley v Sawbridgeworth Town