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Essex Senior Football League

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Premier Division Round-up

By Peter Dudley

Saturday

Burnham Ramblers 3 Wadham Lodge 2

A brace from Charlee Hughes saw Ramblers to all three points against Wadham Lodge at Leslie Field. After Sherwin Stanley fired the Walthamstow visitors in front on 14 minutes, Hughes managed to level for the Essex side just past the half hour mark. And five minutes into the second period Karl Swanborough continued his terrific recent goal scoring form by putting the hosts ahead, only to see

Lodge level it up again via Stanley with twenty minutes remaining. However with three minutes left Hughes popped up to net the winner and see the hosts just two points off the top ten in thirteenth whilst Lodge are one place below and now four points behind their opponents.

Hullbridge Sports 2 Redbridge 3

Two Brian Moses goals saw leaders Redbridge come back from two goals down at the break to net another three points against ten men Hullbridge at Lower Road. The hosts led in the sixth minute when Michael Salako slotted home and five minutes before the break the hosts doubled their lead when Harry Watkins netted superbly from distance. The visitors had a chance to get back into the contest three minutes after the break but saw the visitors penalty saved by Russell Harley, however just four minutes later Moses headed one back for the Motormen to reduce the arrears. And then in the 54th minute Redbridge won another penalty when Charlie Buffin handled on the line, and was subsequently sent off, Moses converted the spot kick to bring his side level. And then just past the hour mark The Motormen netted what proved to be the winner when Liam Thomas converted a corner kick meaning the Oakside outfit now open up a seven point lead at the top whilst Hullbridge remain bottom on goal difference.

Sawbridgeworth Town 3 Barkingside 0

The Robins grabbed only their fifth league games in of the season, seeing off a badly out of form Barkingside at Crofters. Goals from Billy Skinner, Toby Cleaver and the returning Ollie Cleaver capped a decent performance from the hosts, seeing them into 15th spot, whilst for Side it was a seventh straight league defeat, and they now occupy third bottom spot in the division.

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www.essexseniorleague.co.uk



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THE BUILDBASE CLUB RENOVATION PROGRAMME 2018



After a successful first season of the Buildbase Club Renovation programme, our title sponsors of the FA Trophy & Vase are giving two clubs competing in the two competitions another opportunity to win up to £50k worth of building supplies.

Last season, Cleethorpes Town FC and Hanwell Town FC were the lucky winners of the product bursary, see full story here: <http://www.thefa.com/news/2017/10/17/19/51/buildbase-renovation-programme-2018>

If your club is interested in applying for the programme, please visit the Buildbase Website - <https://www.buildbase.co.uk/buildbase-renovation>

PLEASE NOTE: Applications requesting 3G pitch developments will not be considered. If you require any further information regarding the Buildbase Club Renovation Programme, please contact Jason Purewal in The FA Partnerships Team (Jason.Purewal@thefa.com).



Taking Football To Africa - Royal Air Force

The RAF have for a few years donated kit given to them by English football clubs to various projects they are involved with in Africa.

Stansted Football Club kindly donated three full sets of kit, which have been taken up to Wing Commander Neil Hope MBE. Neil, has kindly informed Alec Berry that these kits and others donated by Essex FA Clubs will be going to Kenya in March 2018. Neil was pleased to receive the kit and is always willing to receive more kit. So if any Club has older kit (shirts, shorts, training equipment, footballs, etc) which can be re-used, please contact Steve Alec Berry at the Essex FA and he will arrange delivery to Neil.

Waltham Abbey Reserves Featured in Game Magazine

WALTHAM ABBEY FC RESERVES
Are on the road to success.....

We don't want to cast our shadows on the season by naming the Reserve Team at Waltham Abbey FC as a team of reserves.

The recent history of the Reserves and their win with the Essex Senior League Reserves Division and the Essex Senior League Reserve Shield in the 2017/18 season with generally an older team. After a restructure last season, the current emphasis is on youth development with a view to providing capable young players for the First Team.

The coaching staff made up of Manager Martin Hayward and Assistant Manager Ian Mackinnon. The pair have a lot of experience at various levels of the game and have enjoyed success in the past. The two were brought together in late 2017 by the previous Assistant Manager Steve Mahoney.

We were quite happy to see the number and quality of players coming over for trial for the 2017/18 season. We treat training as we do match days and expect our players to be punctual and fully committed to both. In training, we balance the need for the players to develop their fitness levels in addition to working on their technical skills with the ball.

We pride ourselves on identifying talented lads from the goalkeeper through to the striker and value players who don't just have the right attitude and we always work hard on maintaining a happy ship.

The Abbey Club's Chairman John Martin, his wife Jo, and Fixture Secretary Simon Casey always play a huge role in supporting the Team. We believe it helps us massively offering stadium football with one of the best playing surfaces around, making playing for the Abbey Reserves a very attractive prospect for the players in the knowledge also that the Training is not free with the Club providing everything from the training facilities to the hospitality after our home games.

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THE GAME MAGAZINE

The Game Magazine is a bi-monthly publication that covers local football in the Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire region. The latest issue has a feature on Waltham Abbey Reserves, giving a low down on the team and how they intend to focus on youth players and develop them to first team level. The magazine is full colour throughout and is available from selected clubs in the region. Alternatively you can contact the magazine on Twitter @TheGameMag1 or email info@thegamemag.co.uk

Monday 11th December

Premier Division

Barkingside P FC Romania P

Tower Hamlets P Southend Manor P

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford P AFC Sudbury P

Tuesday 12th December

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers P Sawbridgeworth Town P

Redbridge P Great Wakering Rovers P

Reserve Shield Quarter Final

Heybridge Swifts P Great Wakering Rovers P

Wednesday 13th December

Errington Challenge Cup 2nd Round

FC Romania P Waltham Forest P

Premier Division

Hackney Wick P Enfield 1893 P

Ilford P Basildon United P

Friday 15th December

Premier Division

Woodford Town 2017 P Sporting Bengal United P

Saturday 16th December

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers 3 (Charlee Hughes 31, 87, Karl Swanborough 50)

Wadham Lodge 2 (Sherwin Stanley 15, 67)

Att. 24

Clapton P Takeley P

FC Romania P Great Wakering Rovers P

Hullbridge Sports 2 (Michael Salarko 6, Harry Watkins 40)

Redbridge 3 (Brian Moses 52, 55p, Liam Thomas 61)

Att. 54

Sawbridgeworth Town 3 (Billy Skinner 44p, Toby Cleaver 62, Oliver Cleaver 72)

Barkingside 0

Att. 39

Tower Hamlets P Basildon United P

Waltham Forest P Southend Manor P

Reserves Division

Grays Athletic P Woodford Town 2017 P

Heybridge Swifts 2 (Anthony Fox, Hunt)

Redbridge 0

Southend Manor 4 (Conor Cobb x 2, Luke Burton, Ben Franklin)

AFC Sudbury 1

Thurrock P Sawbridgeworth Town P

Waltham Abbey P Stansted P

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 16th December)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Redbridge	22	18	1	3	59	25	34	55
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	24	8	2	14	47	64	-17	26
14 Wadham Lodge	24	6	4	14	36	64	-28	22
15 Sawbridgeworth Town	19	5	6	8	29	36	-7	21
16 Enfield 1893	21	6	3	12	37	52	-15	21
17 Waltham Forest	22	6	3	13	32	51	-19	21
18 Stansted	22	6	1	15	27	41	-14	19
19 Barkingside	20	6	1	13	28	43	-15	19
20 Hackney Wick	23	5	1	17	29	51	-22	16
21 Hullbridge Sports	21	4	4	13	29	54	-25	16



Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 16th December)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Southend Manor	13	10	1	2	35	19	16	31
2 Waltham Abbey	11	9	1	1	35	11	24	28
3 Thurrock	13	7	4	2	36	16	20	25
4 Heybridge Swifts	13	8	1	4	40	23	17	25
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	11	3	2	6	27	33	-6	11
11 Great Wakering Rovers	12	3	1	8	11	33	-22	10
12 Redbridge	11	2	3	6	20	25	-5	9
13 Stansted	12	2	3	7	20	44	-24	9
14 Woodford Town 2017	11	1	2	8	13	39	-26	5



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 Waking Rovers	15			1	4		20
Michael Mignot - West Essex	14			3	1	2	20
Brian Moses - Redbridge	17		1	1	1		20
Florin Pop - FC Romania	17			1	1		19
Charlee Hughes - Burnham Ramblers	15				2		17
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
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)	6	2	1	4			13
Luke With - Tower Hamlets	9				3		12
Mitchell Das - Takeley	10			2			12
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	12						12
Billy Johnson - Great Waking Rovers	10	1					11
Jayden Hocking-Rising - Enfield 1893 (Includes 8 goals for Wadham Lodge/Stansted)	10					1	11
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	8			2			10
Tony Cookey - 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 Waking Rovers 7 Hullbridge Sports 1 – Sat 18 th Nov 2017 Great Waking Rovers 4 FC Romania 0 – Sat 30 th Sept 2017 Great Waking Rovers 6 Sporting Bengal United 1 – Sat 9 th Sept 2017
Liam Thomas	Redbridge 3 West Essex 1 – Fri 17 th Nov 2017
Reside Coxi-Sebastfao	Woodford Town (2017) 2 Redbridge 4 – Tues 7 th Nov 2017
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 Waking 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 Cookey	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 9th December

	League	RS	CC	Total
Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge	10	2	1	13
Anthony Fox - Heybridge Swifts	10		2	12
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

Grecious Obiji	Weston 6 Bishop's Stortford 3 – Sat 9 th December
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
Hullbridge Sports	10	86	40	69	698
Ilford	9	175	28	61	550
Enfield 1893	11	69	56	61	674
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	11	82	15	43	476
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	10	31	14	23	230



Grassroots Football Show – Every Thursday from 8-10pm

All things ESL with hosts Adam Richardson and Peter Dudley

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 18th December

Premier Division

Barkingside v Hullbridge Sports

Enfield 1893 v West Essex

Tuesday 19th December

Premier Division

Takeley v Sawbridgeworth Town

December 23rd December

Premier Division

FC Romania v Barkingside

Great Wakering Rovers v Basildon United

Hackney Wick v Waltham Forest

Hullbridge Sports v Sawbridgeworth Town

Ilford v Redbridge

Southend Manor v Burnham Ramblers

Takeley v Stansted

Tower Hamlets v Woodford Town 2017

Wadham Lodge v Sporting Bengal United

West Essex v Clapton

Reserves Division

Redbridge v Great Wakering Rovers

Stansted v Heybridge Swifts

Woodford Town 2017 v Grays Athletic