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Essex Senior Football League

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Premier Division Round-Up

By Peter Dudley

FC Romania 2 Barkingside 0

The hosts remain second after seeing off Barkingside at Theobalds Lane. Laurentiu Teleoaca opened the scoring in the 15th minute and then just before the half hour a second was added via Cosmin Anton. That was enough to see off Barkingside and the Wolves remain seven points behind leaders Redbridge. For the visitors it's another defeat, their eighth straight in the league, and it sees them remain in the bottom four.

Great Wakering Rovers 0 Basildon United 2

The Bees have opened up a four point cushion on fifth placed Rovers after they defeated them at Burroughs Park. Jack Adlington headed the visitors in front early on before Marcus Bowers slotted home right on half time to double his sides advantage and make up for an earlier penalty miss. Skeels was sent off for the Bees in the second period but it did not stop them from claiming all three points.

Hackney Wick 1 Waltham Forest 1

Wick sunk to the foot of the ESL despite picking up a point at home to Waltham Forest at The Old Spotted Dog. Wick did lead at the break courtesy of a Shunsuke Sasaki strike but Forest equalised when a Mo Sagaf cross found the net meaning the visitors took something from the contest, leaving them in fifteenth spot.

Hullbridge Sports 3 Sawbridgeworth Town 1

Three goals in eight second half minutes were enough for Hullbridge Sports to grab the points against Sawbridgeworth Town at Lower Road. The Robins missed plenty of openings and were made to pay when Jimmy Cox lofted an opportunist effort over a surprised Matt Ponter eight minutes into the second half, and they quickly doubled their lead through a good finish from Joe Pattinson, before adding a third in eight minutes when Rob Hodgson converted at the back post. Billy Skinner did reply with a penalty soon after however the damage had been done and Sawbo left empty handed and scratching their heads. Hullbridge move off the bottom as a result whilst Sawbo remain in sixteenth.

Ilford 1 Redbridge 2

The Motormen made it ten straight wins after coming from behind yet again to defeat rivals Ilford at Cricklefield. Tony Cooney slipped into the Redbridge box and rifled past Lewis Greene in the 39th minute but four minutes later Redbridge were back on level terms after Brian Moses hit a shot past Chris Clarke. Moses then converted a second half penalty to take the spoils in an entertaining local derby. The result means Redbridge maintain their seven point lead at the top whilst the Foxes remain in ninth.

Southend Manor 1 Burnham Ramblers 2

Ramblers are up to eleventh and have leapfrogged their opponents in the process after they came from behind to win at Southchurch Park. Manor took lead after twenty minutes via Mohamed Kargbo but the visitors levelled on the hour mark through Connor Tyrell before netting the winner through Bill Howard, leaving Manor a place below in twelfth place.

Takeley 4 Stansted 1

Hosts Takeley had to come from behind to eventually comfortably see off Stansted at Station Road and remain in third spot in the ESL. The visitors took a surprise lead in the 33rd minute when Nick Brown finished off a tidy move from the Airportmen however the hosts managed to level before the break when hosts centre half Matt Gill scored. The hosts were a much better side in the second half, with Gill quickly netting in the 47th minute to lead before two goals in the final twenty minutes – one from Carl Mullings, the other from an own goal, capped a fine second half display from Marc Das's side. Stansted have now lost nine straight and are still in the bottom four.

Tower Hamlets 0 Woodford Town (2017) 2

Woodford are into the top ten after they netted two first half goals to see off Tower Hamlets at Mile End. Ricardo Shaw put the visitors ahead before Ola Ogunwamide doubled Woodford's lead before half time. Woodford keeper Nick Wilson had to make two decent saves to keep Hamlets out in the second period and help see his side take the points and end a run of defeats. Hamlets remain in eighth.

Wadham Lodge 2 Sporting Bengal United 2

Wadham Lodge and Sporting Bengal ended the year with a point a piece after they played out a draw in Walthamstow. The hosts took the lead as early as the 5th minute through Brian Simpson. Ashaan Siddik levelled up in the 45th minute but Lodge re-took the lead early in the second half with a Mario Gnijaj strike. However Steven Carvell notched the equaliser in the 75th minute and with no further goals meant both teams shared a point. Lodge end the year in fourteenth place, one place and five points below Sporting Bengal United in the table.

West Essex 0 Clapton 1

A fifth minute goal from Steven Sardinha was enough for The Tons to defeat West Essex at Mayesbrook Park to end their interesting year on and off the field in sixth spot. Defeat for West Essex ends a decent week or two and sees them end the year a place and five points below today's opponents.

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Monday 18th December

Premier Division

Barkingside P Hullbridge Sports P

Enfield 1893 0

West Essex 2 (Tom Woodbridge 26, 40)

Att. 65

Tuesday 19th December

Premier Division

Takeley P Sawbridgeworth Town P

Saturday 23rd December

Premier Division

FC Romania 2 (Laurentiu Teleoaca 15, Cosmin Anton 28)

Barkingside 0

Att. 14

Great Wakering Rovers 0

Basildon United 2 (Jack Adlington 15, Marcus Bowers 40)

Att. 112

Hackney Wick 1 (Shusuke Sasaki)

Waltham Forest 1 (Mo Sagaf)

Att. 21

Hullbridge Sports 3 (Jimmy Cox 54, Joe Pattison 58, Rob Hodgson 62)

Sawbridgeworth Town 1 (Billy Skinner 64p)

Att. 49

Ilford 1 (Tony Cookey 39)

Redbridge 2 (Brian Moses 43, 65p)

Att. 40

Southend Manor 1 (Mohamed Kargbo 21)

Burnham Ramblers 2 (Conor Tyrrell 68, Billy Howard 88)

Att. 90

Takeley 4 (Matt Gill 40, 46, OG 46, Carl Mullings 79)

Stansted 1 (Nick Brown 33)

Att. 86

Tower Hamlets 0

Woodford Town 2017 2 (Ricardo Shaw, Olajuwon Ogunwamide)

Att. 27

Wadham Lodge 2 (Brian Simpson 5, Mario Gnijaj 48)

Sporting Bengal United 2 (Ashaan Siddiq 45, Steven Carvell 75)

Att. 15

West Essex 0

Clapton 1 (Steve Sardinha 5)

Att. 70

Reserves Division

Redbride 3 (Powell Uka, Olijide Yusuf, Joe Gent)

Great Wakering Rovers 2 (Franklin Craik x2)

Stansted P Heybridge Swifts P

Woodford Town 2017 1 (Zack Bawuba)

Grays Athletic 3 (Kyan Nicholas, Joel Massamba x2)

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 23rd December)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 Redbridge | 23 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 61 | 26 | 35 | 58 |
| 2 FC Romania | 22 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 62 | 24 | 38 | 51 |
| 3 Takeley | 22 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 60 | 17 | 43 | 50 |
| 4 Basildon United | 21 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 41 | 14 | 27 | 50 |
| 5 Great Wakering Rovers | 21 | 15 | 1 | 5 | 50 | 16 | 34 | 46 |
| 6 Clapton | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 42 | 31 | 11 | 44 |
| 7 West Essex | 23 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 41 | 37 | 4 | 39 |
| 8 Tower Hamlets | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 45 | 36 | 9 | 36 |
| 9 Ilford | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 35 | 30 | 5 | 33 |
| 10 Woodford Town (2017) | 25 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 37 | 57 | -20 | 30 |
| 11 Burnham Ramblers | 25 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 49 | 65 | -16 | 29 |
| 12 Southend Manor | 22 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 42 | -7 | 28 |
| 13 Sporting Bengal United | 24 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 44 | 55 | -11 | 28 |
| 14 Wadham Lodge | 25 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 38 | 66 | -28 | 23 |
| 15 Waltham Forest | 23 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 33 | 52 | -19 | 22 |
| 16 Sawbridgeworth Town | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 39 | -9 | 21 |
| 17 Enfield 1893 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 37 | 54 | -17 | 21 |
| 18 Barkingside | 21 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 28 | 45 | -17 | 19 |
| 19 Stansted | 23 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 28 | 45 | -17 | 19 |
| 20 Hullbridge Sports | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 32 | 55 | -23 | 19 |
| 21 Hackney Wick | 24 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 30 | 52 | -22 | 17 |



Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & Including Saturday 23rd 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 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 27 | 32 | -5 | 17 |
| 9 Hullbridge Sports | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 13 |
| 10 Redbridge | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 27 | -4 | 12 |
| 11 AFC Sudbury | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 27 | 33 | -6 | 11 |
| 12 Great Wakering Rovers | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 36 | -23 | 10 |
| 13 Stansted | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 44 | -24 | 9 |
| 14 Woodford Town 2017 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 42 | -28 | 5 |



Grassroots Football Show – Every Thursday from 8-10pm

All things ESL with hosts Adam Richardson and Peter Dudley

LEADING SCORERS – Up to & Including Saturday 23rd December

| | League | ECC | GBMT | FAC | FAV | CC | Total |
|--|--------|-----|------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| James Peagram - Ilford | 16 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 24 |
| Brian Moses - Redbridge | 19 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 22 |
| Marcus Bowers - Basildon United | 12 | | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 21 |
| 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 |
| Charlee Hughes - Burnham Ramblers | 15 | | | | 2 | | 17 |
| Carl Mullings - Takeley (Including 7 goals for Enfield 1893) | 14 | | 1 | | 2 | | 17 |
| 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 Wakering Rovers | 10 | 1 | | | | | 11 |
| Jayden Hocking-Rising - Enfield 1893 (Includes 8 goals for Wadham Lodge/Stanted) | 10 | | | | | 1 | 11 |
| Tony Cooley - Ilford (Includes 10 Goals for Barkingside) | 8 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 11 |
| Jimmy Cox - Hullbridge Sports | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 |

Hat Trick Heroes

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|-----------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 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 23rd December

| | League | RS | CC | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----|----|-------|
| Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge | 11 | 2 | 1 | 14 |
| 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 |
| Joel Massamba - Grays Athletic | 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 |
| Nathan Reid - AFC Sudbury | 4 | 2 | | 6 |
| Andrew Fennell - Heybridge Swifts | 3 | 2 | | 5 |
| Mason Page - Takeley | 5 | | | 5 |
| Dean Merrett - Heybridge Swifts | 4 | | 1 | 5 |
| Claudio Goncalves - Thurrock | 5 | | | 5 |
| Tim Ogruinde - Thurrock | 5 | | | 5 |

Hat Trick Heroes

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|----------------|---|
| 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 | 11 | 785 | 21 | 131 | 1448 |
| Basildon United | 12 | 281 | 76 | 130 | 1562 |
| Barkingside | 10 | 273 | 48 | 98 | 987 |
| Tower Hamlets | 11 | 468 | 27 | 92 | 1018 |
| Great Wakering Rovers | 12 | 112 | 52 | 81 | 979 |
| Redbridge | 11 | 160 | 32 | 70 | 779 |
| Takeley | 12 | 145 | 39 | 67 | 808 |
| Enfield 1893 | 12 | 69 | 56 | 61 | 739 |
| Southend Manor | 12 | 90 | 31 | 61 | 734 |
| Ilford | 10 | 175 | 28 | 59 | 590 |
| Hullbridge Sports | 11 | 86 | 31 | 58 | 648 |
| Clapton | 12 | 83 | 37 | 57 | 692 |
| Waltham Forest | 11 | 60 | 37 | 55 | 607 |
| Stansted | 12 | 92 | 26 | 47 | 564 |
| Sporting Bengal United | 12 | 180 | 15 | 43 | 521 |
| Sawbridgeworth Town | 11 | 82 | 15 | 43 | 476 |
| FC Romania | 11 | 68 | 14 | 35 | 395 |
| West Essex | 11 | 78 | 17 | 34 | 378 |
| Woodford Town (2017) | 11 | 65 | 15 | 28 | 309 |
| Wadham Lodge | 13 | 41 | 15 | 26 | 347 |
| Burnham Ramblers | 10 | 31 | 14 | 23 | 230 |

Leading Premier Division Attendances

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| 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 |
| 273 | Barkingside v Clapton – Fri 10 th Nov 2017 |
| 194 | Basildon United v Hullbridge Sports – Tues 15 th Aug 2017 |
| 180 | Sporting Bengal United v Clapton – Wed 18 th Oct 2017 |
| 178 | Hackney Wick v Basildon United – Sat 26 th Aug 2017 |
| 175 | Ilford v Clapton – Wed 2 nd Aug 2017 |

Forthcoming Fixtures

Saturday 30th December

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury v Sawbridgeworth Town

Redbridge v Takeley



The Essex Senior League would like to wish all member clubs a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018.

There will be a CentreSpot next week that will list the forthcoming fixtures for the early January period as well as a mid-season review.

Until then have a good break and thank you for all your help and support you have provided me so far this season.

Scott Lanza

Publicity Officer