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## Essex Senior Football League

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### Derby Day Draw



#### **Great Waking Rovers 1 - 1 Southend Manor (ESL Premier Division)**

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

On a bright afternoon at Burroughs Park, Great Waking Rovers welcomed neighbours Southend Manor in another Essex Senior League encounter.

Wakering started marginally the brighter of the two sides, though the fact this was a local derby was further emphasised by a few strong challenges being made fairly early-doors. Wakering forward Neil Richmond got himself in some decent positions to have strikes on goal at times. Just before the quarter-hour mark, Richmond did have a strike on goal after receiving a good ball in, though his shot was saved by visiting keeper Klinton Makayabo. It didn't matter though as the assistant referee was flagging for an off-side.

Exactly on the quarter-hour, Manor took the lead as home goalkeeper Rees Hawkins was challenged in the air, firmly but fairly and in doing so, the ball fell to Manor forward Michael Hopkins, who tapped home into an unguarded net. Only five minutes later, Rovers forward Richmond showed his talent again as he sent a looping shot just over the bar from 20-yards out. As the first period continued, the match was fairly even as both sides only had fleeting chances to add to the scorers.

Five minutes before the break, Wakering were awarded a free-kick in a dangerous position, just outside the box. Richmond stepped up, and struck a sweet curling effort into the top-right corner of the net to level the match. The home side soon after lost forward Charlie Kirby to what looked a nasty injury just before the break.

The second half began with Manor boss Stuart Marshall sent to the stands. I'll come back to the referee later. Wakering had to weather a mini-storm midway through the second half as 'keeper Hawkins first saved well from Manor substitute Bayley Newell's strike, then in the same attack pulled off two more good saves as well, one of them on the goal-line to deny the visitors the lead for the second time.

For the next little while after that, the match became quite low-key, partly because the booking count had risen by this point and would rise to nine in total by the conclusion of the match. Anyway, in the last 15 minutes, the hosts did finish the stronger of the two sides, Wakering forward Jay Nash spurning a one-on-one opportunity which Makayabo saved. With moments remaining, Wakering substitute Michael Finneran fired wide of the left-side post.

In summary, this was a tightly-contested match, as expected. Aaron Russell and Neil Richmond stood out for me for Wakering today, Russell with an energetic performance and Richmond for his spark up top. For Manor, full-back Shay Kelly stood out in my opinion with his tackling and running all match. Both sides may well take a point, and though I really don't like mentioning referees, it's hard to argue that the man in black had an effect on today's encounter. I say that as it wasn't really a 'dirty' match, yet the card count... well I'll let you draw your own conclusions on that.

**Great Wakering Rovers :** Rees Hawkins (GK), Jason Ring, Jimmy Cook, Ollie Woodhouse, Joe Nightingill (C), Scott Pethers, Aaron Russell, Sam Carter (Louis Robinson 54'), Neil Richmond, Jay Nash, Charlie Kirby (Michael Finneran 46')

Scorer: Neil Richmond (40')

**Southend Manor:** Klinton Makayabo (GK), Robbie Norris (C), Shay Kelly, Lee Delf (Rhys Fatt 61'), Scott Keys, Daniel Okah, Jack Adlington, Callum Jex, Michael Hopkins (Finley Dopson 76'), Alfie Lindfield (Bayley Newell 54'), Joe Skeels

Scorer: Michael Hopkins (15')

## Ogboin grabs the points for Barkingside



### **Barkingside 1 Stansted 0 (ESL Premier Division)**

**Report/Photo by Pete Dudley @ ped1980**

It was back to Essex Senior League action this weekend and I was over at Cricklefields for Barkingside against Stansted.

The hosts had only played one league game prior to this one, a 2-1 win at Great Waking Rovers, whilst Stansted had lost their opening game at Waking but had followed that up with victory at Burnham Ramblers.

Both sides exited the FA Cup at the first stage last weekend however so were looking to bounce back from that disappointment. The opening ten minutes saw the visitors with the best two openings however neither keeper had been tested so far.

However the following period of play saw little in the way of goalmouth action but as the game hit the half hour mark Side had a couple of chances in the previous few minutes however it remained goalless.

But then came a moment of controversy as with around seven minutes of the first half remaining the hosts burst clear and rounded the keeper but were then thwarted by a foul by the keeper outside the box. Red card everyone thought but no, just a yellow and the only thing that could of saved the stopper was a covering defender behind.

The home side felt hard done by and the resultant free kick was struck wide to add to the home side's frustration.

Their frustration in front of goal continued as they missed two great chances just before the break, with the second one from a yard out after the ball was squared across goal with the finish somehow hit into the keepers hands.

The Airportmen saw a scuffed effort saved by Hunt in the Side goal in the last action of the half but the hosts had created the better chances although it had not been the best game on what was a very bobbly pitch and the game remained goalless at the break.

The opening five minutes of the second half saw the visitors start on the front foot before the hosts were soon missing chances again, missing three decent openings in as many minutes.

Stansted then saw a terrific cross almost converted at the far post by Jack Sykes whilst Side saw a header from Eamon Payne fielded well by the visiting keeper and you wondered if either side would break the deadlock.

And twenty minutes into the second half we had our answer as the hosts found the breakthrough as a cross found substitute Michael Ogboin who sent a downward header beyond the keepers dive and into the net.

The next passage of play saw Side force a decent save from the visiting keeper as they looked to seal the win and they went close again when a dipping effort from outside the box sailed inches over.

However as the game went into the final ten minutes and beyond Stansted began to apply pressure onto the Barkingside back line and created two decent chances as well as see a free kick go over the bar.

The visitors continued to search for a late leveller however found the Side backline unbreachable and they held firm to record a battling win and make it two wins from two in the division. Not the best of games, but the hosts won't care a jot, and although they lost Stansted can take some positives from this one too.

### **Saturday Round-up**

Burnham Ramblers took the lead twice against FC Romania, but the Wolves were unleashed by Ion Vintila as his side went on to win the game 8-2. William Howard fired Ramblers into a 3<sup>rd</sup> minute lead; Sergiu Pitaru then equalised in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute, before Charlee Hughes restored Burnham's lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute. Cosmin Anton levelled up in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute and then after that it was a goal spree from the hosts. Florin Pop bagged a hat-trick after scoring in the 45<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> minutes, Toby Cleaver scored a brace, as did Anton who bagged his second in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute. The win now sees FC Romania top on goal difference.

Takeley continued their good start to the campaign with a 2-0 home win over Redbridge. Jason Todd and Mitchell Das both hit the target in the first half and the win sees them sit second in the table.

James Peagram was the other hat-trick hero of the day as he scored all the Ilford goals in a 3-0 win at Enfield 1893. It took only until the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute for Peagram to open his account and he then completed his goal scoring feat by scoring twice more in the second half.

Jeffrey Idemudia's goal for Hackney Wick was cancelled out by Gavin Cockman and Lewis Francis who both scored braces. The 4-1 win for the Robin is their first of the season and moves them up to seventh.

Basildon Town left it late against Wadham Lodge as Jack Renew captured all the points by scoring the winner in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute. Shamrez Darr had equalised for Wadham Lodge in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute, while Basildon's other goal was claimed by Tommy Barton who put his name on the score sheet in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute. The 116 in attendance was the biggest ESL attendance of the day and at the moment things are looking rosy in the Basildon United camp.

Michael Mignot scored his fourth goal of the season in West Essex's 2-0 win over Waltham Forest. Victory was secured in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute via an own goal.

Oscar Mendez's 1<sup>st</sup> minute goal for Sporting Bengal United wasn't cancelled out by Hullbridge Sports until deep into first half stoppage time. Angus Poole was the provider and then the visitors took the lead via an own goal in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute. Cody Cameron equalised for Sporting Bengal in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, but Tommy Cox then scored the winning goal in 80<sup>th</sup> minute which secured a 3-2 away victory.

Clapton's indifferent start to the season continued after they were held to a goalless draw by Woodford Town (2017).



## Midweek FA Cup Action



### Tower Hamlets 1 FC Broxbourne Borough 0

#### FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

Report by Scott Lanza @lanzaspport

Tower Hamlets finally secured their place in the Preliminary Round after a late goal from Curtis Pond was enough to separate the two sides. Up until then the game had been one of very few chances and was looking destined to be heading for extra time. Pond, who came off the subs bench in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute had other ideas however, bagging the goal that settled the tie in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute.

Hamlets were perhaps the better of the two teams but there was no end product to their attacking play. Antonio Montiero and Wale Odedoyin both had early chances fly over the cross bar, with a glancing header from Alhousman Ndure, then later on a towering

header from Odedoyin both going close. Lee McKnight had to tip away a Jamie Brandon header, but other than that the rest of the half was devoid of much goalmouth action although Aliu Ibrahim wasn't too far away with a long-range shot in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute and then just on the stroke of half-time Ndure whipped in a free kick that the Broxbourne keeper had to dive low to keep out.

The second half was played in much the same vein, as Tower Hamlets huffed and puffed, their opponents looked to try and catch them on the counter and almost scored midway through the half

after Corey Stewart was able to outmuscle Jerome Anthony off the ball and centre for Richard Oluwatoyin to head just over.

The introduction of Hasan Mostafa and Curtis Pond livened up the Hamlets attack and one crafted move split the Broxbourne defence, however the final ball sped away from Kane Wilson.

As full time approached Mostafa suddenly darted down the far touchline, sailed past two defenders and crossed to Pond, who headed the winning goal past Walsh, starting massive celebrations from the Tower Hamlets bench.

There was just enough time for Dylan Bolister to be given his marching orders for a shocking tackle on Mostafa and then in the final seconds of stoppage time Pond weaved his way into the Broxbourne box and hit a low shot that Walsh tipped away.

It didn't take Basildon United long to open their account against Walsham le Willows on Tuesday. Tommy Barton fired the Bees into the lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute. Marcus Bowers extended the league in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute and Barton added his second five minutes later. A crowd of 184

Wadham Lodge's opening FA Cup campaign came to an end on Wednesday when Framlingham Town won the replay 3-1. Simon Poacher bagged a brace, opening the scoring in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute, extended the lead in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute, before Jake Taylor notched Framlingham's third in the 66<sup>th</sup>. Caleb Roberts was able to pull one back for Wadham Lodge in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute.





### **FA Cup Preliminary Round Preview**

With one all ESL tie in the Preliminary Round means that there is at least one guaranteed ESL team in the First Qualifying Round. It's now up to Tower Hamlets and Takeley to decide which one of them it will be. Takeley took care of business last time around by disposing of Wivenhoe Town with a 3-1 home win. Tower Hamlets had to go to a replay before they booked their place.

Waltham Forest and FC Romania hope to get their Extra Preliminary Round Replay resolved on Tuesday after the original replay was rained off last week. The winners of that encounter travel to Long Melford, who of course ended Hackney Wick's inaugural FA Cup campaign in the last round.

West Essex are also new entrants to the FA Cup this season and having bagged the prize money in an-all ESL tie with Sawbridgeworth Town now return to Hertfordshire to take on Bostik North outfit Potters Bar Town. It's one of three ties involved ESL teams against teams from the Bostik League as Redbridge are away to Grays Athletic, while Clapton welcome Norwich United to the Old Spotted Dog.

Basildon United hit the road as they are away to Great Yarmouth Town from the Thurlow Nunn League. Ilford meet opposition from the same league as they host Haverhill Borough; Southend Manor meanwhile entertain Gorleston who have made a decent start to their league campaign, but can Manor make full usage of their home advantage.

Hullbridge Sports play their game 24 hours later, when they visit St. Margaretsbury.



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay**

Tower Hamlets 1 (Curtis Pond 88)

FC Broxbourne Borough 0

**Att.68**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay**

Basildon United 3 (Tommy Barton 2, 22, Marcus Bowers 17)

Walsham le Willows 0

**Att.184**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay**

Wadham Lodge 1 (Caleb Roberts 88)

Framlingham Town 3 (Simon Poacher 6, 56, Jake Taylor 66)

**Att. 82**

Waltham Forest P

FC Romania P

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Reserves Division**

AFC Sudbury 2 (Ricky Cornish, Ollie Dunlop)

Great Wakering Rovers 1 (Alex Reynolds)

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Premier Division**

Barkingside 1 (Michael Ogboin 62)

Stansted 0

#### **Att. 71**

Basildon United 2 (Tommy Barton 66, Jack Renew 90)

Wadham Lodge 1 (Shamrez Darr 85)

#### **Att. 116**

Clapton 0

Woodford Town (2017) 0

#### **Att. 42**

Enfield 1893 0

Ilford 3 (James Peagram 3, 50, 69)

#### **Att. 69**

FC Romania 8 (Sergiu Pitaru 18, Cosmic Anton 28, 77, Florin Pop 45, 47, 50, Toby Cleaver 74, 85)

Burnham Ramblers 2 (Bill Howard 3, Charlee Hughes 21)

#### **Att. 18**

Great Wakering Rovers 1 (Neil Richmond 42)

Southend Manor 1 (Michael Hopkins 15)

#### **Att. 103**

Sawbridgeworth Town 4 (Gavin Cockman x2, Lewis Francis x 2)

Hackney Wick 1 (Jeffrey Idemudia)

#### **Att.37**

Sporting Bengal United 2 (Oscar Mendez 1, Cody Cameron 52)

Hullbridge Sports 3 (Angus Poole 45+3, Shafiul Choudhury OG 48, Jimmy Cox 80)

**Att. 20**

Takeley 2 (Jason Todd 6, Mitchell Das 32)

Redbridge 0

**Att. 39**

Waltham Forest 0

West Essex 2 (Michael Mignot 36, OG 83)

**Att. 44**

**Reserves Division**

Burnham Ramblers 0

Thurrock 9 (Bobby Vaughan 3, Olameji Ayola 2, Albie Keith 2, Josh Olukolo, Joel Brown)

Hullbridge Sports 8 East Thurrock United 0

Southend Manor 1 Heybridge Swifts 3

Waltham Abbey 5 Grays Athletic 0

Woodford Town (2017) 0 Sawbridgeworth Town 5

## Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August)

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



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

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

## Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to and including Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August)

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

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## LEADING SCORERS up to & including Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
James Peagram - Ilford	6						6
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	3			1			4
Michael Mignot - West Essex	2			2			4
Tommy Barton - Basildon United	2			2			4
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	3						3
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	2			1			3
Jimmy Cox - Hullbridge Sports	1			2			3
Mitchell Das - Takeley	2			1			3
Jason Todd - Takeley	2			1			3
Cosmic Anton - FC Romania	3						3
Florin Pop - FC Romania	3						3
Luca Francis - Hullbridge Sports	2						2
Mohammed Sagaf - Waltham Forest	2						2
Khadean Dean - Ilford	2						2
Dion Lewis Kirwan - Woodford Town 2017	2						2
Charlie Kirby - Great Wakering Rovers	1			1			2
Ashaan Siddik - Sporting Bengal United	1			1			2
Matt Ford - West Essex	1			1			2
Ronnie Pallett - Hullbridge Sports				2			2
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	1			1			2
Ibrahim Camara - Hackney Wick	2						2

### Hat Trick Heroes

James Peagram	Enfield 1893 0 <b>Ilford 3</b> – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Florian Pop	<b>FC Romania 8</b> Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Jeffrey Cobblah	Ilford 1 <b>Clapton 4</b> – Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2017

#### Handbook Changes

**Sawbridgeworth Town** – Please delete Mark Watters who has had to step down due to work commitments.

#### **Stansted**

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#### **Waltham Abbey**

**Reserves Manager:** Lee Mackman  
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## **Forthcoming Fixtures**

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Premier Division**

Barkingside v West Essex

Enfield 1893 v Redbridge

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay**

Waltham Forest v FC Romania

#### **Premier Division**

Basildon United v Hullbridge Sports

Burnham Ramblers v Ilford

Sawbridgeworth Town v Stansted

#### **Reserves Division**

Bishops Stortford v Takeley

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Hackney Wick v Sporting Bengal United

Southend Manor v Takeley

Wadham Lodge v Great Waking Rovers

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **FA Cup Preliminary Round**

Clapton v Norwich United

Grays Athletic v Redbridge

Great Yarmouth Town v Basildon United

Ilford v Haverhill Borough

Long Melford v Waltham Forest/FC Romania

Potters Bar Town v West Essex

Southend Manor v Gorleston

Tower Hamlets v Takeley

#### **Reserves Division**

Burnham Ramblers v AFC Sudbury

Great Waking Rovers v Bishops Stortford

Heybridge Swifts v Stansted

Hullbridge Sports v Grays Athletic

Sawbridgeworth Town v Thurrock

Takeley v Southend Manor

Waltham Abbey v Redbridge

Woodford Town (2017) v East Thurrock

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **FA Cup Preliminary Round**

St Margaretsbury v Hullbridge Sports

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

#### **Premier Division**

Redbridge v Basildon United

