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Friday Night Bumper Crowd



Tower Hamlets 0 Clapton 0 (Premier Division)

Report by Scott Lanza

A bumper crowd of 468 attended the East London derby at Mile End Stadium between Tower Hamlets and Clapton on Friday evening. Both teams needed a win to kick-start their campaigns but ended up having to share a point after a goalless draw

The hosts had an early chance when Kane Wilson turned and shot over the bar. Hamlets certainly made an attacking start, although their approach play often fizzled out before they could carve anything too threatening in the Tons box.

Clapton's first chance came from a free kick in the 19th minute that was well defended by the Hamlets defence, with a counter-attack soon being launched by the hosts that ended with Wilson again putting a shot narrowly wide. Akintunde Akinola went closer still when his rasping drive required Tons keeper Emmanuel Olajide to pull off an impressive save to palm the shot round the post.

Clapton were not causing too much threat but did win a couple of corners midway through the half. The second one saw Mustafa Kazue pick up a short corner and then try a cheeky little goal-bound dink that Lee McKnight punched clear.

Luke With looked to have set-up Frankie Sinclair after his header opened up the Tons defence, but Sinclair wasn't able to fully make use of the chance as Olajide rushed off his line and charged smothered the ball. And towards the end of the half Hamlets again tried to break the deadlock; this time Declan Nche bursting through the midfield before drilling a shot over.

Both teams started the second half bringing on fresh legs. The game was certainly entertaining as neither team gave an inch, resulting in individual battles for possession all over the pitch. But Hamlets did start the half intending to attack their well-backed

opponents, who despite the constant vocal backing of their supports, seemed rather flat at times. Hamlets had more of the possession but just like the first half couldn't carve out too many real chances. Olajide was required to palm away a John Watson free kick on the hour mark and soon afterwards McKnight was having to pull off a reflex save to keep out Zachary Miller's snap shot.

There was a little bit more action as the clock ticked down. Olajide perhaps being the busier of the two keepers as he was tested by Tola Odedoyin and Curtis Pond although Akin Obamakin did unleash a ferocious drive in the 84th minute that was perhaps the shot of the game, with McKnight's superb save certainly being the save of the night.

Clapton ended the game winning a succession of corners but didn't really threaten and in the end both teams will have to console themselves with a solitary point from a tight derby game.

Tower Hamlets: Lee McKnight, Lamar Earle, John Watson, Ali Ibrahim, Jerome Anthony, Tola Odedoyin, Akintunde Akinola (Toke Best 60'), Frankie Sinclair, Luke With (Curtis Pond 65'), Declan Nche (Kayode Tobun 46'), Kane Wilson.

Clapton: Emmanuel Olajide, Lanre Virgo, Yusuf Bello, Zachary Miller, Quincey Egbejale, Mustafa Kazue (Anton Stephenson 77'), Jerry Jairette (Kristian Haighton 46'), Nathan Cook, Aundre Spencer, Ikem Odeh (Akin Obamakin 77'), Raphael Duyile.

Hullbridge grab last-gasp win at Lower Road



(Photo by Neil Hunwicks @ABridgeTooFar16)

Hullbridge Sports 2 - 1 Stansted (Premier Division)

Report by Scott W @ScottMHC14 & survivor16b.wordpress.com

On a humid, sunny afternoon at Lower Road, Hullbridge Sports took on Stansted as Essex Senior League action returned following the mini-break for FA Cup action last weekend.

The Airportmen had the better of the ball in the opening period of the match, with Stansted forward Jack Sykes setting out his intentions early-doors though his strike was over the crossbar. Hullbridge came into the match a bit more after the quarter-hour as forward Jimmy Cox dinked a 20-yard shot just over the bar. Stansted could've taken the lead on 20 minutes though Sykes' powerful header rattled the underside of the bar and was cleared by the home defence.

Stansted had further chances though Sykes and full-back Jevoi Blair couldn't beat home goalkeeper Ryan Emery, having made a surging lung-busting run through the middle from box-to-box. Past the half-hour, Hullbridge had a few chances though forwards Cox and Luca Frankis couldn't test visiting stopper Tim Pitman.

The second half began rather differently than the first half as the hosts started brightly. Cox had a shot wide from distance, and then moments later, called Pitman into action, who then saved point-blank from midfielder Sam Dulieu. However, just seconds later, defender Angus Poole's header put Rob Hodgson's side ahead as it did cross the line despite the efforts of the visiting defence to clear.

The lead only lasted nine minutes though as on 56 minutes, Stansted levelled through a lovely dinked curler from Sykes which beat Emery, who was off his line and snuck into the top left corner of the net. Only three minutes later, it could've got worse for the hosts as Stansted were awarded a penalty, though winger Ben Swift blazed it over the bar.

At the back for Stansted, Captain Dave Limber stood out with his heading and positioning, not too dissimilar to his opposite number 5, Rob Hodgson. The visitors also had a goal ruled out for off-side, substitute Jed Brown the unfortunate player I believe it was having a goal chalked off. Inside the last ten minutes of the match, the hosts were going for it and substitute Charlie Gerada blazed his effort over the bar. As we got into injury-time, Dulieu's curled effort forced Pitman into a good save. And then with moments remaining, Pitman came out and missed his punch, allowing substitute Ronnie Pallett to head the winner for Sports.

In summary, the defeat was tough on Paul Pittuck's Stansted side, who had chances to take the points themselves and should have got a point. Hullbridge won't be complaining

one iota though and grab their first home win of the ESL season.

Hullbridge Sports: Ryan Emery (GK), Charlie Buffin, Sam Taylor, Lewis Watson, Rob Hodgson, Angus Poole, Jamie Buffin (Ryan Wallington 88'), Sam Dulieu, Luca Frankis (Ronnie Pallett 77'), Jimmy Cox (c), Michael Edgar (Charlie Gerada 60')

Scorers - Angus Poole (47'), Ronnie Pallett (90+3)

Stansted: Tim Pitman (GK), Chris Gormley, Jevoi Blair, Dean Neville, Dave Limber (c), Nick Carpenter, Ben Swift, Nick Brown (Joel Young 82'), Reggie Yembra (Jed Brown 71'), Jack Sykes, Anthony Aylett (Julien Lloyd 66')

Scorer - Sykes (56')



Redbridge 3 FC Romania 2 (Premier Division)

Report by Adam Silver

Redbridge entertained FC Romania who came into the game still unbeaten, whilst the home side had last four games in all competitions and were looking to get back on track.

It was indeed the Motormen who opened the scoring when a long pass upfield found Brian Moses who used his strength to hold off his marker and although he fell to the ground, he was still able to make contact with the ball and proceeded to poke it past Razvan Negrila into the back of the net.

The first effort for the away side came through the lively Florin Pop who shot from distance but the ball was always rising.

Within a couple of minutes however they back on level terms. A poor defensive clearance was ceased upon by Pop who beat his man before hammering the ball past Lewis Greene.

The away side were passing the ball around with confidence keeping the lion share of possession but it was Redbridge with the next opportunity, which came the way of Jacob Dingli who held off his man before getting in a strong left footed shot which the visiting keeper did well to punch away.

Redbridge keeper Lewis Greene was then called upon to make two important saves

firstly from Toby Cleaver before following it up to turn away an effort from Pop, as he kept the Motormen from going behind.

Redbridge ended the half the stronger and Lindisipho Mtyanda should have done better after a good cross in wide from Joe Gent.

FC Romania had a great chance to score right at the start of the second period as Cleaver got himself into the box skipping past Greene but wasted his time in getting a shot, the ball ended up falling to Pop who saw his effort cleared off the line.

Cleaver soon atoned for his spurned opportunity as he took control of a cross which dipped over Liam Thomas's head before he smashed home leaving Greene clasp at thin air. The away side were on top and had a further good chance when Cleaver and Pop teamed up once again but the chance went begging.

The hosts had a good chance as Dingli headed just over from a deep Courtney Homans cross before they levelled on 83 minutes as Mtyanda waltzed in between two FC Romania defenders and squeezed the ball past Negrila.

The goal suddenly gave a new lease of life to the home side and they powered forward going for a winner; first Dingli hit the bar

before a thunderous drive from Homans was just inches over. Redbridge, however, were not to be denied and did score after Moses headed a cross back across goal into the path of substitute Bradley Gates, who could not

miss from close range to complete a superb turnaround and claim a vital three points and bring Redbridge's recent losing streak to an end.

Saturday Round-up

Takeley made it five wins out of five after a 4-0 away win at Burnham Ramblers. Will Green gave the leaders an early lead with further goals coming in the second half via George Wappert, Stuart Zanone and Mitchell Das. Takeley lead the table by three points and have set their stall early as one of the teams

Basildon United are up to second after they continued their good start to the campaign by beating Hackney Wick 3-2. Tommy Barton opened the show in the 4th minute, with Matthew Brinklow scoring right on half-time. Ashley Blackburn then scored the winner in the 90th minute that cancelled out the two goals that Matteo King scored for the hosts. The four game winning streak is Basildon United's best start since the 2008/09 season and they, along with Taekely, are the only teams still with a one hundred percent record.

Great Wakering Rovers found Enfield 1893 tough to break down but finally did so in stoppage time. An injury time penalty was successfully converted by Bradley Nobbs which won the game 1-0 and sees Rovers finish the day in third place.

Iford put their midweek FA Cup mauling to one side and registered a 3-1 win over Sawbridgeworth Town that puts them in sixth place. Aaron Wickham, Glody Nsamu and Jamie Hart scored the Foxes goals, while Sam Coe was able to score a consolation for Sawbridgeworth Town.

Sporting Bengal United made it two away wins on the road after a 2-0 win at Southend Manor. A goal in each half secured the points with Codey Cameron and Oscar Mendes supplying the goals. The win moves Sporting Bengal up to seventh.

Woodford Town (2017) stretched their unbeaten run to three after a 2-1 win over Barkingside. Elliot Green and a late winner from Ina Rodriguez secured the points. Billy Rix grabbed the Barkingside goal.

The local derby between Waltham Forest and Wadham Lodge did not take long to ignite as Ash Pibworth fired Wadham into a 6th minute lead but Daniel Medina equalised a minute later. Bradley Harris and Joshua Wandera went on to add further goals that won the game 3-1 in Waltham Forest's favour and moves them up to sixteenth. Wadham Lodge meanwhile are bottom of the table and remain pointless from their five opening games.

Midweek Round-up

Hullbridge Sports's FA Cup adventure was halted by St. Margaretsbury in the cruellest of circumstances on Tuesday. Having taken the lead in the 5th minute through Luca Frankis, the Spartan South Midland League's equalised in the 77th minute thanks to a successful Lee Roberts penalty. The game then went into extra time where there were no further goals, meaning that penalties would have to determine which side would be going into the 1st Qualifying Round. Hullbridge went down 5-4, meaning they crashed out to a side who scored all three of their goals in the two ties via penalties before making matters worse by going on to win the penalty shoot out.

Ilford also crashed out of the FA Cup on Tuesday going down 5-2 to Haverhill Borough. Ryan Phillips gave Haverhill the lead in the opening minute, Ryan Swallow then doubled that lead before James Peagam pulled one back in the 37th minute. Ryan Phillips then scored his second a minute before half-time with Charlie Holmes extending the lead even further in the 47th minute. Peagam added another Ilford goal in the 72nd minute but three minutes later Casey Phillips breached the Ilford defence.

There was Essex Senior Cup action at Oakside on Tuesday as Redbridge played Basildon United in an all-ESL 1st Round tie. Marcus Bowers opened the scoring in the 55th minute via a penalty but Calvin Poku levelled up three minutes later. Basildon United made it through to the next round as Marcus Bowers notched a second goal in the 65th minute that won the game 2-1 in Basildon United's favour.



This coming Saturday sees three Essex Senior League teams competing in the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Cup.

Clapton, who last time out caused a shock by despatching Norwich United, now face an even sterner test as they host Bostik Premier outfit Needham Market. The Tons have not come out the blocks as far as the league campaign is concerned, but having caused an upset in the last round makes this a potentially difficult game for the Marketmen. A Clapton win would make this one of their best FA Cup performances for many years.



FC Romania saw off Long Melford in the last round and now travel to Hadley. The Wolves have made a strong start to the season, although they did lose for the first time on Saturday at Redbridge. Hadley may have home advantage but Ion Vintila's troops have won two away games in the FA Cup to get to this stage and a win would see them better the 2014/15 season when they reached the 2nd Qualifying Round. Takeley visit FC Romania's landlords Cheshunt. The Ambers have not made a great start to the season, whereas Takeley currently lead the ESL with five wins from five games. It's a potential banana skin for Cheshunt

Friday 25th August

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets 0

Clapton 0

Att. 468

Saturday 26th August

Premier Division

Burnham Ramblers 0

Takeley 4 (Will Green 6, George Wappett 54, Stuart Zanone 77p, Mitchell Das 83)

Att. 23

Great Wakering Rovers 1 (Bradley Nobbs 90+1p)

Enfield 1893 0

Att. 111

Hackney Wick 2 (Matteo King 2)

Basildon United 3 (Tommy Barton 4, Matthew Brinklow 45, Ashley Blackburn 90)

Att. 178

Hullbridge Sports 2 (Angus Poole 48, Ronnie Pallett 90+4)

Stansted 1 (Jack Sykes 57)

Att. 45

Ilford 3 (Aaron Wickham 38, Glody Nsamu 53, Jamie Hart 82)

Sawbridgeworth Town 1 (Sam Coe 84)

Att. 35

Redbridge 3 (Brian Moses 6, Lindisipho Mytanda 83, Bradley Gates 88)

FC Romania 2 (Florin Pop 13, Toby Cleaver 56)

Att. 73

Southend Manor 0

Sporting Bengal United 2 (Codey Cameron 21, Oscar Mendes 62)

Att. 61

Waltham Forest 3 (Daniel Medina 7, Bradley Harris 27, Joshua Wandera 28)

Wadham Lodge 1 (Ash Pibworth 6)

Att. 37

Woodford Town (2017) 2 (Elliot Green 24, Ina Rodriguez 90+2)

Barkingside 1 (Billy Rix)

Att. 30

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury 5 (Nathan Read 2, Isaac Skubich 2, Thomas Maycock)

Woodford Town (2017) 0

Bishops Stortford 4

Stansted 0

Hullbridge Sports 11 (Howard Wright 3, Luke Osborne 3, Ollie Miller, Ollie Quick, Damian Siemienczuk)

Burnham Ramblers 2 (Aydin Coban, O.G.)

Sawbridgeworth Town 2 (Michael Moore, Henry Branston)

Redbridge 6 (Yusuf Olijinde 2, Laurie Walters 2 Sam Bashua, Nojeem Agbossa)

Takeley 0

Waltham Abbey 7 (Ellis Lentell 3, Callum Maltese 2, George Martin, Louis Mackman

Thurrock 4 (Jake Brocklebank, Alby Keith, Bobby Vaughan, Tim Oguinde)

Grays Athletic 1



Grassroots Football Show – Every Thursday from 8-10pm

All things ESL with hosts Adam Richardson and Pete Dudley

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up to & including Saturday 26th August)

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

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Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up to & including Saturday 26th August)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Hullbridge Sports	3	3	0	0	24	3	21	9
2 Waltham Abbey	3	3	0	0	16	1	15	9
3 Thurrock	3	2	1	0	13	1	12	7
4 AFC Sudbury	3	2	0	1	10	5	5	6
5 Sawbridgeworth Town	3	1	1	1	7	6	1	4
6 Bishops Stortford	3	1	1	1	7	8	-1	4
7 Redbridge	2	1	0	1	7	6	1	3
8 Heybridge Swifts	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
9 Southend Manor	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
10 Takeley	3	1	0	2	6	9	-3	3
11 Stansted	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
12 Woodford Town (2017)	3	1	0	2	2	11	-9	3
13 Burnham Ramblers	3	1	0	2	6	23	-17	3
14 Great Wakering Rovers	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
15 East Thurrock United	2	0	0	2	1	10	-9	0
16 Grays Athletic	3	0	0	3	2	14	-12	0



LEADING SCORERS – up to & including Saturday 26th August

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
James Peagram - Ilford	7			2			9
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	5			2			7
Michael Mignot - West Essex	2			3			5
Tommy Barton - Basildon United	3			2			5
Mitchell Das - Takeley	3			2			5
Toby Cleaver - FC Romania	3			2			5
Lewis Francis - Sawbridgeworth Town	4						4
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	2			1		1	4
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	1			1		2	4
Florin Pop - FC Romania	4						4
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	4						4
Jack Sykes - Stansted	4						4
Ronnie Pallett - Hullbridge Sports	1			3			4
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	3						3
Jimmy Cox - Hullbridge Sports	1			2			3
Jason Todd - Takeley	2			1			3
Cosmic Anton - FC Romania	3						3
Khadean Dean - Ilford	2			1			3
Sergiu Pitaru - FC Romania	1			2			3
Luca Francis - Hullbridge Sports	2			1			3
Matteo King - Hackney Wick	3						3

Hat Trick Heroes

James Peagram	Enfield 1893 0 Ilford 3 – Sat 12 th August 2017
Florin Pop	FC Romania 8 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12 th August 2017
Jeffrey Cobblah	Ilford 1 Clapton 4 – Wed 2 nd August 2017



LEADING RESERVES DIVISION SCORERS – Up to & including Saturday 26th August

	League	RS	CC	Total
Howard Wright - Hullbridge Sports	7			7
Luke Osborne - Hullbridge Sports	6			6
Charlie Avant - Takeley	4			4
Lance Ledgister - Waltham Abbey	4			4
Henry Branston - Sawbridgeworth Town	4			4
Bobby Vaughan - Thurrock	4			4
Ellis Lentell - Waltham Abbey	4			4
Ronnie Pallett - Hullbridge Sports	3			3
Albie Keith - Thurrock	3			3
George Martin - Waltham Abbey	3			3
Callum Maltese - Waltham Abbey	3			3

Hat Trick Heroes

Howard Wright	Hullbridge Sports 8 East Thurrock Utd 0 – Sat 12 th August 2017 x 4 Hullbridge Sports 11 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 26 th August 2017
Ellis Lentell	Takeley 0 Waltham Abbey 7 – Sat 26 th August 2017
Luke Osborne	Hullbridge Sports 11 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 26 th August 2017
Ronnie Pallett	Hullbridge Sports 5 Grays Athletic 1 – Sat 19 th August
Charlie Avant	Bishops Stortford 1 Takeley 6 – Tues 15 th August x 4
Harry Branston	Woodford Town (2017) 0 Sawbridgeworth Town 5 – Sat 12 th August 2017
Bobby Vaughan	Burnham Ramblers 0 Thurrock 9 – Sat 12 th August 2017



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Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 28th August

Premier Division

Barkingside v Burnham Ramblers

Enfield 1893 v Tower Hamlets

Tuesday 29th August

Premier Division

Clapton v Waltham Forest

Great Wakering Rovers v Hackney Wick

West Essex v Basildon United

Woodford Town 2017 v Hullbridge Sports

Wednesday 30th August

Premier Division

FC Romania v Ilford

Sporting Bengal United v Sawbridgeworth Town

BBC Essex Senior Cup 1st Round

Wadham Lodge v Stansted

Saturday 2nd September

Emirates FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round

Clapton v Needham Market

Hadley v FC Romania

Cheshunt v Takeley

Premier Division

Basildon United v Great Wakering Rovers
(KO 7.45pm)

Hullbridge Sports v Barkingside

Ilford v Stansted

Sawbridgeworth Town v Waltham Forest

Sporting Bengal United v Tower Hamlets

Wadham Lodge v Enfield 1893

West Essex v Burnham Ramblers

Woodford Town 2017 v Redbridge

Reserves Division

AFC Sudbury Res. v Sawbridgeworth Town Res.

Burnham Ramblers Res. v Redbridge Res.

Grays Athletic Res. v Hullbridge Sports Res.

Southend Manor Res. v East Thurrock United Res.

Thurrock Res. v Bishops Stortford Res.

Waltham Abbey Res. v Heybridge Swifts Res.

Woodford Town (2017) Res. v Stansted Res.

Tuesday 5th September

Tollehunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup 1st Round

Halstead Town v Hullbridge Sports

Wednesday 6th September

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets v Waltham Forest

Friday 8th September

FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round

Tower Hamlets v Hackney Wick

Reserves Division

Heybridge Swifts v AFC Sudbury