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Waking hold off West Essex challenge at Mayesbrook Park



West Essex 1 - 2 Great Waking Rovers (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

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On a decent afternoon at Mayesbrook Park, West Essex welcomed fellow ESL side Great Waking Rovers in this FA Vase Second Qualifying Round tie. Waking kept the same starting XI that won in league action last weekend.

Waking did start the match the stronger of the two sides, with winger Billy Johnson giving an early indication of the threat he posed by having two efforts on goal, though they were off-target. Only ten minutes in, Waking forward Jake Gordon was in prime position to shoot on goal though was

adjudged to have been brought down by home defender Koki Appiah, who was subsequently given a straight red card by referee Simmons. The decision certainly ticked off the home side and it was arguably a controversial one to send Appiah off.

Anyhow, Gordon dusted himself down and took the spot-kick himself, duly converting it to give the visitors the lead soon after. West Essex showed their spirit again though as two minutes later, the ten-men were level as Joe Lefley's free-kick from the right evaded everyone and nestled into the left corner.

The visitors were buoyed on by the equaliser though couldn't find the target on 18 minutes as Johnson's strike hit a post then forward Neil Richmond inexplicably missed a tap-in, following up. In the next period of the match, Waking midfielder Jason Ring and Gordon were denied by home goalkeeper Dan Russell. What followed was not something the home defence will want to remember anytime soon. Hesitant defending from West Essex pair Daniel Christey and Sanchez Hardy led to a poor clearance which Richmond seized on and calmly rolled the ball past Russell to put Iain O'Connell's side back ahead on 28 minutes.

Again, West Essex responded as a minute later as forward Michael Mignot's goal-bound drive was tipped wide by visiting goalkeeper Rees Hawkins. Eight minutes before the break, home manager Kwame Kwateng was sent to the stands for arguing with the officials. Waking really should have been further ahead by half-time as with six minutes to play before the break, Johnson's left-wing cross found Richmond all alone in the area though the forward blazed his shot over.

The hosts had the first chance after the break as from Lefley's corner, substitute Josh French headed over the bar. Gordon shot wide near the hour-mark as Waking realized they were not 'home & dry' just yet in this encounter. On the whole though, the second half was less frantic than the first. Johnson was denied in the area by West Essex defender Josh Kane's tackle with 19 minutes to play. The hosts continued to seek another leveller and with 12 minutes left, substitute Cameron Gray's corner found captain Tom MacLeod though his header hit the crossbar.

Waking did hold on to secure their place in the First Round Proper of the competition though certainly could've scored more today. West Essex will undoubtedly point to the early sending-off as a turning point though weren't quite at their best, perhaps this being their third match in a week maybe took its toll a bit.

West Essex: Dan Russell (GK), Sanchez Hardy (Isaac Marfo 83'), Josh Kane, Tom MacLeod (C), Koki Appiah, Daniel Christey, Michael Mignot, Brad Russell, Tom Woodbridge (Cameron Gray 57'), Joe Lefley, Fatos Zeqiri (Josh French 46')

Scorer - Joe Lefley (14') **Sent Off** - Koki Appiah (11')

Great Waking Rovers: Rees Hawkins (GK), Charlie Seaden (Stephen Butterworth 46'), Oliver Woodhouse, Scott Pethers (C), Louis Robinson, Samuel Carter (Chris Bryan 84'), Jason Ring, Ricky Evans, Neil Richmond, Jake Gordon (Aaron Russell 64'), Billy Johnson

Scorers- Jake Gordon (12' pen), Neil Richmond (28')

Tower Hamlets Maelstrom Rips Up Little Oakley



Tower Hamlets 10 Little Oakley 1 (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Report/Photo by Pete Dudley @ped1980

My Buildbase FA Vase campaign continued with another trip to Mile End to see Essex Senior League side Tower Hamlets host Thurlow Nunn One side Little Oakley in a Second Qualifying Round tie.

The hosts were flying having won their last six games whilst the visitors had shocked Thurlow Nunn Premier side Haverhill Rovers in a league cup tie in midweek so both would of come into this one full of confidence and I was expecting a home win although I also thought the visitors were not to be underestimated.

Well just seconds into the contest the hosts set the tone for the afternoon by taking the lead when Curtis Pond tapped home a Hasan Mustafa cross to the back post and then in the fourth minute it was two when Pond got in down the right and fired into the far corner for an incredible opening to this game.

Oakley almost responded in the seventh minute when they saw a decent effort brilliantly tipped over by Hamlets keeper Lee McKnight and on ten minutes Pond pounced on poor visiting defending to get in but saw his poke at goal go straight at visitors' keeper Luke Tylan.

But only a minute later Hamlets had a third when an appalling header back towards goal by the visitors saw Luke With in on goal and he slotted home and Hamlets lead was increased further still.

Oakley attacked in the 17th minute but after getting into a decent position were wasteful as their effort was skied over the bar, but just before half time they pulled a goal back when a poor defensive header from the hosts allowed Stephen Colley to nip in and drive home and give the visitors hope.

And moments later they almost found a second when they saw a whipped effort go just wide of the far post and Hamlets knew they needed to raise their performance again otherwise they could let their opponents back into the contest.

Well with ten minutes to go in the first half Hamlets did just that and restored their three goal cushion when With laid in Pond who strolled in and slotted into the far corner for a first half hat-trick and five minutes later Hamlets grabbed a fifth as a With header smacked against the bar, hit keeper Tylan on the back of the head, and went into the net, kind of summing up the visitors day so far.

Oakley fired over the hosts' crossbar two minutes before the break but Hamlets managed to find a sixth before the break when more atrocious defending saw Pond allowed in to grab his fourth of the half and see the hosts with an emphatic 6-1 half time lead.

Oakley's task was now to not be totally embarrassed and they had the first effort of the second period when eight minutes into it saw a Colley volley fly a foot over the hosts bar in a rather quiet period in the game.

But twenty minutes into the second half Hamlets found a seventh goal when Danny Childs saw his effort from outside the box go through the grasp of Tylan and into the far corner of the net and five minutes later it was eight as substitute James Ross pounced on a loose ball to fire home with his right foot.

It was too easy for the hosts now as they soon made it nine when Ross grabbed his second of the game, firing across keeper Tylan into the far corner, and two minutes later it was ten with Mustafa burst through on the right and struck an effort beyond Tylan into the far corner. It was the first time I'd seen any senior side hit double figures in my 27 years of watching football!!!

And with twelve minutes left Pond should have had his fifth and Hamlets eleventh but

saw his poke drift inches wide of the far post.

Oakley tried to find a second and almost found it with eight minutes left when they struck a free kick just wide and then three minutes later saw a glancing header juggled by McKnight before he managed to gather the ball.

Moments later a long range strike from the hosts saw Tylan push away, before the visitors saw an effort fly across Hamlets goal in the final minute.

Soon after the final whistle went to put Oakley out of their misery and end a ruthless afternoon from the hosts. That's seven wins in a row now for Hamlets and they go through to the first round proper of the competition.

Sports March On



Ilford FC 0-3 Hullbridge Sports FC (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Report/Photo by Neil Hunwicks @ABridgeTooFar16

Sports came in to this FA Vase game 3 points behind Ilford in the Essex Senior League, but with a game in hand. Both sides were further down the table than they would have wanted to be at this point of the season and both coming in to this game with poor losses during the week.

Hullbridge had Howard Wright step up from the Reserves in to the number nine position, but were still without the injured Sam Taylor and Charlie Gerada. Yvan Kombi and Damien Siemieniczuk had been drafted in from the Reserves to support what was a much depleted bench, as the small Sports squad continued to suffer.

As the game got underway the big strong Ilford side had the better of the first few minutes, pumping the ball in to the Hullbridge back four, almost an early test to see what they were made of. Top Ilford striker James Peagram was hovering around trying to get a good ball to feet to test the Sports side, but it was Hullbridge that were now getting in to their stride. On ten minutes Rob Hodgson pulled a header back across the goal to Howard Wright whose header was going goal bound, but an Ilford player managed to clear it off the line, but only to the feet of Rob Hodgson at the far post who was able to tap it in.

Sports knew a one goal lead was unlikely to be enough and had to soak up some pressure from Ilford after the kick off and although Bobby Mason didn't have an outright save to make, it was tough going for a while.

Ilford seemed to be frustrated and were pumping the ball long all the time which Ollie Quick and Rob Hodgson were clearing up without too many issues. Ilford did break on twenty five minutes and it took a fantastically times tackle by Ollie Quick as the Ilford player was about to pull the trigger.

On twenty eight minutes Sam Dulieu had a shot, but he couldn't quite strike it right and it was easily saved by Chris Clark in the Ilford goal.

The game was broken up by too many fouls being given away by both sides and as the half drifted away neither keeper had really been under pressure.

The second half didn't really have a chance to get underway before Ilford gave away another foul and this time it was just outside the area. Jimmy Cox stepped up and curled his free kick into the back post where the unmarked Lewis Watson was running in and he managed to power his header low through a group of players and past the unsighted Chris Clark in the Ilford goal to make it 2-0 to Hullbridge.

Sports were now in the driving seat and seemed to relax slightly and passed the ball very well to feet frustrating an Ilford side that couldn't get the ball and keep it.

On fifty eight minutes Rob Hodgson had another effort go just wide after he latched on to a quick Jimmy Cox throw that Ilford didn't seem to respond to.

James Peagram finally got a ball to his feet midway through the half and as he ran on to it, he lashed his shot wide, as it seemed to spin off the outside of his boot. Allan Fenn the Ilford Manager must have been frustrated with his players, as their game seemed to have little drive and it was almost like the

Hullbridge boys kept waiting for it to happen from Ilford, but it didn't.

On the other side of the coin Howard Wright for Hullbridge was doing a great job holding up the ball sometimes for long periods on his own up front as the battles went on in midfield or the long ball was clear up by the Sports back four.

On seventy five minutes the game was put out of Ilford's reach as Howard Wright was fouled in the area and the Referee awarded a Hullbridge penalty. Luca Frankis calmly stepped up and blasted his kick in to the top right hand corner, sending Chris Clark in the Ilford goal the wrong way.

With fifteen minutes left Hullbridge were put under little pressure from Ilford, which was really surprising as it was as if they had just conceded the game. The Hullbridge defence stayed defiant and now it was all about keeping a clean sheet and running the clock down to the ninety.

As much as Rob Hodgson will have been happy with his side's performance, I'm sure Allan Fenn will be disappointed with his. Despite having some players out, this didn't look like an Ilford side that wanted to be in the competition and this is a cup that Hullbridge love.

Rob Hodgson and Aaron Hunwicks can take heart from this performance and will hope to progress this in to the league where they now sit dangerously near the bottom (16th) despite having a couple of games in hand over sides directly above them.

Hullbridge won't have concerns about who they get in the next round as long as it's at home. With all the local sides doing well in the FA Vase, it is likely to be an Essex Senior League team that they meet in to the First Round.

Redbridge Earn Vase Replay



Redbridge 2 Coggeshall Town 2 (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Report by Adam Silver. Photo by Philip Lindhurst @themotormen

Two in form sides locked horns as Redbridge hosted Thurlow Nunn side Coggeshall Town in the 2nd Round qualifying of the FA Vase but 120 minutes of football failed to separate the sides and they will have to do it all again on Tuesday evening in a replay.

With Pop superstar Olly Murs in attendance his Coggeshall side started the stronger of the two teams and they had the first opportunity of the match in way of a Conor Hubble free kick but his kick went well wide before Josce Syrett found Jamie Shaw in space but he was unable to test Lewis Greene in the Redbridge goal.

The away side were having the better of the early stages with the lively Nnamdi Nwachuku in particular looking dangerous for the away side and flashed an effort across goal before the Motormen were able to clear to safety.

The home side's first chance fell to Lindispho Mtyanda as he got on the end of a Patrick Duggan free kick but headed wide before Coggeshall went close after good work by Danny Scott found Jack Curtis but he blasted over from a good position.

It was a tight affair and both sides were cancelling each other out although Redbridge really should have taken the lead right on half time. Skipper Eljay Worrell floated in a free kick finding the head of Brian Moses from yards out but his headed effort forced a great reaction save from James Bransgrove to keep the scores level at the break.

Into the 2nd period and George Cocklin tried his luck for the away side from distance before a poor clearance by Redbridge sub and ex Coggeshall player Liam Thomas was seized upon by Nwachuku but his shot was well held by Greene.

The Motormen then came forward with Moses as he disposed a defender and ran goal wards before he was brought down just outside the box, Duggan stepped up with the resulting free kick which sailed just over the bar.

Moses again was in the thick of the action and had three further opportunities , one a headed from a long throw followed by a shot wide when he should of perhaps made the pass to players who were better positioned

before the best chance of all which saw his shot go just inches over the bar.

The missed opportunities were costly as shortly after Coggeshall took the lead after two substitutes combined well with Aaron Cosgrove crossing from the right finding Dan McCullock who saw his deft flick squeeze past Greene into the net.

Redbridge however were soon lever as their sub Carlos Espirto-Santos found Joshua Hutchinson who turned the ball home and that's how the score remained until full time which signalled a further 30 minutes of football to be played.

Extra time saw both sides start to tire and chances were at a minimum but it was the away who yet again took the lead when the same two players who made the first goal caused the damage once more as McCullock was in the right position to fire home.

As Coggeshall tried to defend and preserve their lead they were breached in the final minutes as good work by Hutchinson out wide saw him cut the ball back into the path of Duggan who never broke his stride and was able to fire home through a crowd to draw Redbridge level.

They now will now travel up the A12 on Tuesday evening for the replay which by then both sides will know who awaits them in the next round.

Game of Two Halves Puts Paid To Barkingside



Barkingside 2 Whitton United 3 (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Report by Scott Lanza

Barkingside's lack lustre first half performance is probably what ended their Vase campaign as they were unable to claw back the 3-0 half time deficit - although they were able to pull two goals back in the second period.

The hosts created the first real effort in the 10th minute when Mattheus Santos passed to Tony Cookey which needed Ross Welton to come off his line and block the ball away for a corner.

However the Thurlow Nunn Division One outfit broke the deadline two minutes later when a ball over the Side defence fell kindly to Franco Mallardo who rammed the ball past Will Hunt.

However Santos was soon back causing problems at the other end, playing a diagonal pass to Cookey who cut inside, then hesitated, giving Scott Marjoram time to make the tackle and then take possession of the ball and therefore snuff out the chance. Another ball over the top soon was in the possession of Cookey but he was again prevented from shooting by Gavin Flurrie who put in a solid tackle to dispossess the Side frontman.

But Whitton were deadly upfront themselves and a free kick needed Euan Taylor-Reid to head away for a corner under pressure from Breadman. The resulting corner worked its way to Harry Wales who was able to rifle off a shot that Hunt tipped away. Whitton kept up the pressure and another free kick almost crept in but Hunt was able to back pedal and pull off a great save to tip the ball over the bar.

However this spell of Whitton pressure soon bore fruit with Wales heading the resulting corner beyond Hunt. Barkingside's tails were well and truly down after falling even further behind and their visitors then gave themselves a three-goal cushion when Lloyd Clarke sent over a delightful ball from the right touchline that Ryan Rampley controlled before firing a right-footed shot past Hunt.

Side were able to rally slightly before the half was out as Taylor-Reid had a double-dip effort seeing his initial shot blocked by a defender and then seeing the rebound stopped by the Whitton keeper. A Santos free kick was also floating towards the top right hand corner that Welton punched clear. However the final chance almost saw Whitton exploit Barkingside's defensive frailties as Alex Breadman latched onto a ball through the middle which Hunt had to charge down with his legs.

Inesh Sunithran came on in the 52nd minute and almost made an instant impression by putting in a ball from the right that Cookey almost turned in. A nice following move involving Bradley Joseph, Raphael Duyile and Sunithran also had the Whitton defence under pressure as the Side upped their game.

Hunt however had to be at his best to tip a well-placed Breadman header onto the post and away for a corner.

Barkingside then scored two goals in quick succession to put themselves back in the tie. The first goal came in the 71st minute when Duyile chased down a through ball and was able to place his shot under the Whitton keeper and then five minutes later reduced arrears even further when a corner swept across the Whitton goalmouth where Cookey was lurking and he was able to head the ball home.

A perfect turnaround almost happened when Jez David went agonisingly close with a header from another Barkingside corner. However Hunt had to pull off a late save at close range to deny Rampley.

Barkingside's second half performance possibly deserved to get them a reply but sadly Whitton's first half prowess in front of goal was enough to see them through.

Barkingside: Will Hunt, Joe Newbold (Raphael Duyile 56'), Michael Sherwood (Ricardo Bailey 52'), David Etcheri (Inesh Sunithran 56'), Euan Taylor-Reid, Michael Bottone, Bradley Joseph, Jez David, Michael Ogboin, Mattheus Santos, Tony Cookey.

Scorers – Raphael Duyile (71'), Tony Cookey (76')

Whitton United: Ross Welton, Josh Hitter (Zehnn Young 82'), Harry Wales (Josh Stevens 72'), Gavin Flurrie, Scott Marjoram, Ryan Rampley, Niall McPhillips, Alex Breadman, Franco Mallardo, Lloyd Clarke.

Scorers – Franco Mallardo (10'), Harry Wales (23'), Ryan Rampley (34')

Saturday Round-Up

By Pete Dudley

Woodford Town (2017) 1 Hackney Wick 2 (Premier Division)

The Wickers are now sitting in fifteenth place in the table after Friday evening's game at Goffs Lane ended in a 2-1 victory. Jeff Idemudia and Ibrahim Camara scored a goal apiece which cancelled out Andre Bennett's goal for the Woods.

Basildon United 2 Walsham-le-Willows 1 aet (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Marcus Bowers netted a late extra time winner to see the Bees through to the next round after victory over Walsham-le-Willows at Gardiners Close. Ash Blackburn put the hosts ahead but a penalty from Andrew Cusack took the game into extra time. And then with five minutes left Bowers netted for the hosts and saw them through to the First Round Proper of the competition.

Hadleigh United 1 Sawbridgeworth Town 2 aet (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

The Robins netted a last minute extra time winner to dump Hadleigh United out and take their place in the next round. After a quiet goalless first half the hosts then opened the scoring two minutes into the second period through Aaron Bull. However the Robins levelled with twelve minutes to go to take the game into an extra half hour and right at the end Lewis Francis, who had equalised in normal time, popped up to grab the winner and send Sawbridgeworth through.

Kirkley & Pakefield 2 Burnham Ramblers 3 (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Ramblers netted seven minutes from time to snatch an incredible win at Kirkley & Pakefield and get through to the next round. The visitors led against the run of play when a ball through to Morgan saw him provide a fine finish but the hosts levelled when a blocked shot saw a rebound deflected home and see the sides level at the break, although it was the least the hosts deserves. However Burnham retook the lead when Hughes lobbed home but the hosts struck again only a few minutes later when a square ball to Haylock saw him convert from close range. However the visitors were to find a winner in the 83rd minute when the hosts were caught napping from a free kick and saw an unmarked Hughes send a looping header in to send the wasteful hosts packing.

Stowmarket Town 4 Enfield 1893 5 aet (Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round)

Enfield came from 4-2 down to eventually net a late, late winner extra time winner to dump Stowmarket Town out of the Vase. The visitor took the lead when Thomas slotted low past Brand

and they doubled their lead when Mullings was played through on goal and finished past Brand. However the hosts were handed a lifeline before half time when Lewis ghosted into the box unmarked and headed home and early in the second half Stow were back on level terms when Brown's shot went through the Enfield keeper's hands and into the back of the net. Baker then teed up Mayhew in the box to slam home to put the hosts in front and then extended their lead as Mayhew raced into the box and fired into the top corner for his second of the game. But the visitors fought back themselves and pulled one back when Sykes' acrobatic effort beat Brand to set up a nervy finish and this incredible game went into extra time when Staunton drilled home the Enfield equaliser. And there was to be one final twist as Enfield saw Balogun strike in the final seconds to send Stow out and inflict their first home defeat in 308 days.

Clapton 3 FC Romania 2 (Premier Division)

The Tons came from a goal behind at the break to defeat FC Romania at the Old Spotted Dog. The visitors held a 2-1 half time lead but saw the hosts fight back to win the game as their opponents lost their discipline late on and receive two red cards as they fell to defeat.

Stansted 8 Wadham Lodge 0 (Premier Division)

Stansted scored eight second half goals as they thrashed bottom side Wadham Lodge at Hargrave Park. After a goalless first half the deadlock was broken when James Isherwood netted before Nick Brown and a Dave Limber header made it three. Nick Carpenter made it four before Ryan Ramsey netted Stansted's fifth and further goals from Chris Gormley, plus a second from Limber and Brown completed the rout and give the hosts their first home league win in style.



Redbridge Crown Themselves King of The Borough



Redbridge 5 Ilford 1 (Premier Division)

Report by Scott Lanza

Redbridge made it a local derby double on Tuesday evening as they followed up their recent 2-1 win at Barkingside with an emphatic 5-1 victory at Oakside on Tuesday.

The Motormen have a potent striking force this season and got down to business straight away with Joshua Hutchinson rifling off a shot in the opening seconds. Reside Coxi-Sebastfao then powered his way into the Foxes penalty box before finding himself swapped out. The same player then cracked a shot from outside the box that was only narrowly wide, before Calvin Poku headed past Chris Clarke which was soon over-ruled for offside.

The early Motormen bombardment finally came to fruition in the 16th minute when Brian Moses pounced on a ball that the Ilford backline had failed to clear and fired the ball past Clarke.

Billy Bungay was able to create a chance for Ilford soon afterwards, when he played in after some good approach play and his shot was not too far off the target.

However Redbridge were soon back in the driving seat with Isaac Nkosi having to show some superb defending to tackle Coxi-Sebastfao just as we was about to unload. Moses also tested Clarke with a header and Redbridge's passing football was creating space and therefore chances. However Ilford did create an opening themselves when a fine passing move ended up with Khadean Campbell dragging a shot inches wide.

The Motormen extended their lead in the 35th minute however when Moses put Poku through and he lifted the ball over the Ilford keeper to give his side a two-goal cushion. It almost became a three-goal cushion three minutes later when Moses headed towards the bottom left hand corner resulting in Clarke diving low to keep the ball out. Ilford were able to have one final crack themselves before the break when Billy Rix struck a shot from distance that landed on the roof of the net.

Redbridge started the second half in dominant fashion and Moses was able to use his speed to outpace the Ilford defence but could only fire his shot straight at Clarke. At the other end Chris Lockwood delivered a corner that Rix headed narrowly wide. Moses scored his second goal of the game in the 57th minute after Sam Shepherd delivered a cross that the rangy forward headed past Clarke, hitting the underside of the bar before crossing the line.

The Foxes to their credit did not give in and Vinny Murphy had to block a couple of efforts, while Greene was able to save Campbell's shot with relative ease as the ball was fired straight towards him.

Redbridge however are potent upfront and some fast-paces passing soon opened up the Foxes defence allowing Poku to run in on goal;

Clarke however showed incredible bravery to dive at his feet to knock the ball away and then was up quickly to superbly tip away Lindisipho Mtyanda's shot from the rebound.

After pulling off such goalkeeping heroics, it was then with a degree of sadness that Clarke spoilt his copybook by gifting Poku with the chance to score his second goal of the game. The Ilford custodian slipped up whilst coming out to clear a through ball and Poku had the simple chance of slotting the ball into the unguarded net. With a four-goal cushion and with 77 minutes played meant the game was now beyond Ilford's reach, unless they pulled off an amazing recovery.

In the 82nd minute Ilford did pull one back when Greene spilled Sam Baffour's shot into the path of James Peagram who smashed the ball home. However in the dying stages Redbridge made it a nap hand when Courtney Homans was able to steer a ball past Clarke to add polish to what had been a superb performance from the Motormen.

Redbridge: Lewis Greene, Sam Shepherd (Courtney Homans 58'), Eljay Worrell, Shaun Harris, Jonathon Mbamarah, Vinny Murphy, Joshua Hutchinson, Patrick Duggan (Malaki Toussaint 61'), Calvin Poku, Brian Moses (Lindisipho Mtyanda 73'), Reside Coxi-Sebastfao.

Scorers – Brian Moses (15', 57'), Calvin Poku (35', 77'), Courtney Homans (90+1')

Ilford: Chris Clarke, Sam Baffour, Khadean Campbell, Stefan Szajewski, Isaac Nkosi, Billy Rix, Billy Bungay (Michael Graham 61'), Chris Lockwood, Sherwin Stanley (Jamie Hart 53'), James Peagram, Harry Markatis (Justas Paliulis 46').

Scorer – James Peagram (82')

Sporting Bengal United 3 Wadham Lodge 2 (Premier Division)

Report by Scott Lanza

Sporting Bengal United moved up to second on Wednesday evening having come back from a 2-0 deficit and then just like they had done on Saturday at Waltham Forest scored the winning goal in the dying stages.

The Bengal Tigers came out the traps and won a corner as early as the 1st minute when Ashaan Siddik sped down the left wing and crossed to Steven Carvel but the ball was knocked away. The hosts were setting a fast pace but it was Wadham Lodge who took the lead after only seven minutes when Jake Gordon was able to outpace his marker and crossed to Jayden Hocking-Rising who side-footed home from close range.

The end-to-end nature of the game continued and both keepers were called upon to charge down balls in quick succession. Wadham perhaps rode their luck a little bit as Richard Robbins, the Wadham keeper handled outside the box and then David Tarawali was hauled down in the box but despite strong shouts from the Sporting Bengal team the referee waved play on before booking Tarawali for stimulation. Anthony Murray-Bruce then headed a good chance over the bar.

Slowly but surely the visitors then settled down and started to pepper the Sporting Bengal goal with Alex Parasheva turning and unloading a shot that Dwayne Espirit turned away for a corner. Salim Sahnoun and Camel Agdelen also tested the Sporting Bengal keeper before the hosts were back at the other end with Oscar Mendes exploiting some space to hit a shot that just went the wrong side of the far post.

The scintillating half continued as Hocking-Rising fired a free kick that Espirit spilled before recovering and smothering the ball before Parasheva could get on the end of the rebound. The hosts then had another penalty shout turned down after Tarawali was brought down by a heavy challenge, with the final chances of the half going Wadham Lodge's way as Louis Adjei slipped up, allowing Parasheva to crack off a powerful shot that Espirit did well to save and then the same player was again denied by Espirit.

Sporting Bengal looked to get back on level terms and had an early chance in the second period when a spectacular acrobatic volley from Tarawali was palmed away by Robbins. But in the 55th minute Wadham Lodge extended their lead when Hocking-Rising smashed a penalty past Espirit.

Sporting Bengal almost pulled one back instantly with Carvel having a long range effort well saved by Robbins; however arrears were reduced in the 58th minute when Shibli Miah placed a shot under Robbins and then on 78 minutes levelled up when Tarawali steered a ball past the Wadham Lodge keeper.

Having now equalised you would have expected Sporting Bengal to have the wind in their sails but it was Wadham who then went on the attack. Nice approach play ended up with Parasheva having a shot tipped away by Espirit and then Hocking-Rising had a shot knocked away for a corner. The frantic end-to-end nature of the game then continued unabated with Kai Parkinson driving a shot across the Wadham Lodge goal and then Parasheva had another speculative shot charged down for a corner.

However the hosts then made it a perfect turnaround when they took the lead in the 90th minute with when Tanjeem Choudhury hit a shot from the right hand side of the penalty box that crept into the bottom left hand corner.

There was still time for Parasheva to have another chance for Wadham Lodge, knocking a header goalwards that Espirit had to dive high to his right to parry away. The whistle went soon afterwards bringing an end to an entertaining game that saw Sporting Bengal continue their recent good form. Wadham Lodge remain bottom but their performance on Wednesday evening belied their current lowly status.

Sporting Bengal United: Dwayne Espirit, Shafiul Choudhury, Tanjeem Choudhury, Anthony Murray-Bruce (Shafi Noor 56'), Louis Adjei, Adil Salih, Codey Cameron, David Tarawali, Oscar Mendes (Kai Parkinson 51'), Steven Carvel, Ashaan Siddik (Shibli Miah 44')

Scorers – Shibli Miah (58'), David Taralwai (78'), Tanjeem Choudhury (90')

Wadham Lodge: Richard Robbins, Danny Palmer, Bradley Gayer, Joe Pattison, Charlie O'Neal, Muhammad Umarji, Salim Sahnoun (Stefan Nielsen (46'), Camel Agdelen (Kevin Muhombo 67'), Jayden Hocking-Rising, Alex Parasheva, Kirk McPherson (Jack Roule 70')

Scorers – Jayden Hocking-Rising (7', 55'p)

Celebrity On Show – But Out Hullbridge Go



Hullbridge Sports 0 Coggeshall Town 2 (BBC Essex Senior Cup 2nd Round)

Report by Neil Hunwicks @ABridgeTooFar16

On a cold misty night under the lights at Lower Road, Coggeshall Town FC complete with celebrity in tow, turned up to play in the BBC Essex Senior Cup.

Sports with a full strength side started off well with young Charlie Gerada crossing well for Rob Hodgson early on and then having an effort of his own go close on 7 minutes.

Coggeshall had a good effort from a free kick on 13 minutes, but Bobby Mason in the Hullbridge goal had the danger covered and from the breakaway Sports really should have gone one up as Jamie Buffin hit the crossbar.

Coggeshall Town's Jamie Shaw looked very dangerous and had two efforts in quick succession with the first flashing passed the Hullbridge goal and the second a header which he could only watch fly over the bar.

Both sides were not giving an inch and although there were a few big challenges around, the tie was being played in the right spirit and both sides were playing good football.

The tie was being played at pace and Coggeshall were particularly fast at breaking, but Hullbridge soaked up the pressure when required and arguably just edged the first half.

The first half was a very entertaining 45 minutes and both sides should be credited for the style of football that was being played. Sport had hit the woodwork twice and should have been ahead, but the visitors always looked dangerous.

Sports were forced to make a change early on in the second period when Charlie Gerada was carried off and Michael Edgar replaced him. Hullbridge were now defending deeper and their passing game

had moved more towards the long ball as Coggeshall stepped up the pressure on Bobby Mason in the Hullbridge goal.

Howard Wright who had come in for Jimmy Cox in the starting line-up had a rare effort on 78 minutes, but the deadlock was broken two minutes later when Conor Hubble headed in from a Coggeshall corner to put the visitors 1-0 up and in the driving seat.

Despite putting fresh legs on late in the day as Jimmy Cox came on to support the strike force, Sports were opened up three minutes later when Dan McCulloch scored to settle the tie.

Hullbridge were unable to offer any resistance and keeping the ball in the second half seemed to be an issue. You can't play against the quality of Coggeshall Town when you just keep allowing them to come on to you and Sports were punished accordingly.

It was a good match to watch for the independent, but on the second half performance you would have to say that Coggeshall were worthy winners and could progress well in the competition with their young very quick side. Hullbridge will need to get out of their current rut, but they should take heart from their first half performance.

BBC Essex Senior Cup 2nd Round Round-Up

Basildon United 2 Stanway Rovers 0

Basildon United progressed to the 3rd Round on Tuesday evening after beating Thurlow Nunn Premier Division outfit Stanway Rovers at The Longmans Motors Stadium. Jamie Selby-Knight got things rolling with a goal in the 38th minute. However the Bees had to wait until the 78th minute before they could be sure of putting the game to bed, with Kristopher Newby supplying the goal that effectively won it for the hosts.

FC Clacton 0 Southend Manor 1

The battle of Essex Seaside towns saw Southend Manor eke out a slender 1-0 win. The hosts were hoping to give their gaffer a birthday present a win and they had two good chances towards the end of the half before Rhys Fatt cut inside the box and placed a shot underneath Luke Avenell. Manor nearly added a second early in the second period and tested the Clacton keeper on a couple of occasions before Liam Pitts pulled off some saves to keep Clacton at bay. The hosts had a goal ruled out near the end of the game as Southend Manor held on to win the game.

Stansted 3 Halstead Town 2

Stansted won a five-goal affair at Hargrave Park, opening the scoring in the 11th minute via Ryan Ramsey. The lead was then doubled in the 49th minute as Ramsey notched his second. The visitors however pulled one back just before the hour through Cameron Storie and then were on level terms

in the 73rd minute courtesy of Harry Slater. The Airportmen then re-took the lead with a Julian Lloyd effort in the 83rd minute to book their Third Round place.

Premier Division Midweek Round-Up

Clapton 3 West Essex 4

West Essex moved to the top of the table after a 4-3 win at the Old Spotted Dog on Tuesday. Michael Mignot was the main protagonist scoring goals in the 41st and 46th minutes finally completing his hat trick in the 72nd minute. In between then Joe Lefley had popped up to score West Essex's other goal. The hosts replied via Steve Dardinha, who bagged a brace with Jeff Cobblah scoring the other Clapton goal.

Woodford Town (2017) 1 Tower Hamlets 6

Tower Hamlets hit Woodford Town for six on Tuesday which continued their recent good form. Wale Odedoyin scored twice, with his opening goal coming after only six minutes. O'Neal Rowe also scored in the first half with second half goals from Hasan Mustafa, Luke With and Igor Furtado adding to the Tower Hamlets tally. Woodford were able to register a consolation via Andrea Mantovani.

Waltham Forest 2 Hackney Wick 1

Waltham Forest recovered from Saturday's last grasp defeat at the hands of Sporting Bengal United to register a much needed win against Hackney Wick on Wednesday. Mohammad Sagaf opened the Forest account in the 8th minutes and when Bradley Harris doubled that lead in the 52nd minute it looked like Quayam Shakoor's men were home and dry. However Hackney Wick offered themselves a lifeline when Jeffrey Idemudia pulled one back ten minutes later. The hosts however held on to post another win to the board.

Hayes & Yeading United 2 FC Romania 0 aet (Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round Replay)

Report by Andrew Miller

The last remaining Essex Senior League side were knocked out of the FA Cup in a hard fought game. Neither side tested the goalkeepers for most of the first half until the home side had a low shot pushed round the left post in first half stoppage time. The second half improved as FC Romania did get forward but lacked the killer touch. With both sides cancelling each other out in normal time meant the game went into extra time. The home side made the breakthrough after 100 minutes when Doku scored with a superbly taken goal. Wise was then sent off for the hosts after 112 minutes for a foul and second bookable offence. FC Romania's keeper went up for a corner in the last minute of extra time but the ball was cleared into the path of Ofusu who ran the ball unto the empty net and then a few seconds later FC Romania has Aroutaritei sent off for abusive language. The Wolves had given their higher ranked opponents two tough games but sadly their FA Cup campaign comes to an end and with it the ESL's involvement with this season's competition.

Tuesday 19th September

Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round Replay

Hayes & Yeading United 2 aet (Manny Duku 100, Andrew Ofusu 118)

FC Romania 0

Att. 207

BBC Essex Senior Cup 2nd Round

Basildon United 2 (Jamie Selby-Knight 38, Kristopher Newby 73)

Stanway Rovers 0

Att. 105

FC Clacton 0

Southend Manor 1 (Rhys Fatt 43)

Att.91

Hullbridge Sports 0

Coggeshall Town 2 (Conor Hubble 80, Dan McCulloch 86)

Att. 62

Stansted 3 (Ryan Ramsey 11, 49, Julian Lloyd 83)

Halstead Town 2 (Cameron Storie 58, Harry Slater 73)

Att. 57

Premier Division

Clapton 3 (Jeff Cobblah, Steve Dardinha 2)

West Essex 4 (Michael Mignot 41, 46, 72, Joe Lefley 55)

Att. 47

Redbridge 5 (Brian Moses 15, 57, Calvin Poku 35, 77, Courtney Homans 90+1)

Ilford 1 (Jamie Hart 82)

Att. 69

Woodford Town (2017) 1 (Andrea Mantovani 45)

Tower Hamlets 6 (Wale Odedoyin 6, 29, O'Neal Rowe 16, Hasan Mustafa 48, Luke With 53, Igor Furtado 59)

Att. 15

Wednesday 20th September

Premier Division

Sporting Bengal United 3 (Shiblu Miah 58, David Taralwai 78, Tanjeem Choudhury 90)

Wadham Lodge 2 (Jayden Hocking-Rising 7, 55p)

Att. 50

Waltham Forest 2 (Mohammad Sagaf 8, Bradley Harris 52)

Hackney Wick 1 (Jeffrey Idemudia 62)

Att. 47

Friday 22nd September

Premier Division

Woodford Town (2017) 1 (Andre Bennett 38)

Hackney Wick 2 (Jeffrey Idemudia, Ibrahim Camara)

Att. 25

Saturday 23rd September

Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round

Basildon United 2 (Ashley Blackburn 30, Marcus Bowers 115)

Walsham le Willows 1 AET

Att. 108

Hadleigh United 1 (Aaron Bull 47)

Sawbridgeworth Town 2 (Lewis Francis 78, 119) AET

Att.

Ilford 0

Hullbridge Sports 3 (Rob Hodgson 10, Lewis Watson 49, Luca Frankis 75p)

Att. 40

Kirkley & Pakefield 2 (Jordan Haverson 34, Kyle Haylock 55)

Burnham Ramblers 3 (Bradley Morgan 13, Charlee Hughes 51, 83)

Att.

Redbridge 2 (Joshua Hutchinson 81, Patrick Duggan 118)

Coggeshall Town 2 (Dan McCulloch 74, 114) AET

Att. 50

Stowmarket Town 4

Enfield 1893 5 (Luke Thomas 14, Carl Mullings 24, Josh Sykes 80, Joe Staunton 85, Abiola Balogun 119) AET

Att. 132

Tower Hamlets 10 (Curis Pond 1, 4, 35, 45+2, Luke With 9, OG 43, Danny Childs 65, James Ross 70, 74, Hassan Mustafa77)

Little Oakley 1 (Stephen Polley 28)

Att. 56

West Essex 1 (Michael Mignot 14)

Great Wakering Rovers 2 (Jake Gordon 10p, Neil Richmond 27)

Att. 44

Premier Division

Clapton 3 (Jeffrey Cobblah, Steve Sardinha, Jay Morris)

FC Romania 2 (Florin Pop 17, OG 45)

Att. 83

Stansted 8 (Jack Isherwood 50, Nick Brown 52, 87, Dave Limber 57, 85, Mick Carpenter 60, Ryan Ramsey 71, Chris Gormley 76)

Wadham Lodge 0

Att. 24

Reserves Division

Grays Athletic 3

Burnham Ramblers 5 (James Naulder 11, Aydin Coban 62, 63, 90, Julian Bavin 75)

Great Wakering Rovers 0

Thurrock 5 (Kane Hearn 2, Jamie Price, Claudio Goncalves, Ibbby Kehinde)

Heybridge Swifts 3 (Anthony Fox 13, 49, George Cole 88)

East Thurrock United 1

Redbridge 2 (Yusuf Olijide 2)

Stansted 2 (Jamie Bennett 2)

Southend Manor 2 (Joshua Graham 15, 44)

Bishop's Stortford 1

Waltham Abbey 2 (Louis Mackman, Lance Ledgister)

AFC Sudbury 2 (Marcel Walker, Nathan Read)

Sunday 24th September

Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round

Barkingside 2 (Raphael Duyile 71, Tony Cookey 76)

Whitton United 3 (Franco Mallardo 10, Harry Wales 23, Ryan Rampley 34)

Att. 90

Essex Senior League – Premier Division

(Up To & Including Saturday 23rd September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 West Essex	8	6	1	1	20	12	8	19
2 Sporting Bengal United	10	6	1	3	23	17	6	19
3 Takeley	6	6	0	0	17	2	15	18
4 Basildon United	7	6	0	1	14	6	8	18
5 Tower Hamlets	8	5	2	1	22	8	14	17
6 Great Wakering Rovers	8	5	1	2	15	5	10	16
7 Redbridge	8	5	1	2	15	10	5	16
8 FC Romania	7	4	1	2	19	9	10	13
9 Barkingside	7	4	0	3	13	11	2	12
10 Clapton	8	3	3	2	13	11	2	12
11 Ilford	9	4	0	5	18	17	1	12
12 Waltham Forest	10	3	2	5	16	23	-7	11
13 Woodford Town (2017)	10	3	2	5	15	24	-9	11
14 Stansted	9	3	1	5	13	11	2	10
15 Hackney Wick	10	3	1	6	14	21	-7	10
16 Hullbridge Sports	8	2	3	3	13	17	-4	9
17 Sawbridgeworth Town	8	2	1	5	13	17	-4	7
18 Enfield 1893	7	2	0	5	5	13	-8	6
19 Southend Manor	5	1	1	3	5	8	-3	4
20 Burnham Ramblers	9	1	1	7	10	26	-16	4
21 Wadham Lodge	10	1	0	9	10	35	-25	3



Essex Senior League – Reserves Division

(Up To & Including Saturday 23rd September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Thurrock	7	6	1	0	29	1	28	19
2 Waltham Abbey	7	5	1	1	27	10	17	16
3 Southend Manor	6	5	0	1	17	9	8	15
4 Hullbridge Sports	7	4	1	2	26	9	17	13
5 Heybridge Swifts	6	4	0	2	18	10	8	12
6 Sawbridgeworth Town	5	3	1	1	21	7	14	10
7 Takeley	5	3	0	2	17	11	6	9
8 AFC Sudbury	5	2	1	2	13	9	4	7
9 Redbridge	5	2	0	2	13	10	3	7
10 Grays Athletic	7	2	0	5	11	23	-12	6
11 Burnham Ramblers	7	2	0	5	14	40	-26	6
12 Woodford Town (2017)	7	1	2	4	9	23	-14	5
13 Stansted	6	1	2	3	7	22	-15	5
14 Great Wakering Rovers	4	1	1	2	4	9	-5	4
15 Bishop's Stortford	6	1	1	4	9	15	-6	4
16 East Thurrock United	6	0	0	6	5	32	-27	0

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LEADING SCORERS – Up To & Including Saturday 23rd September

	League	ECC	GBMT	FAC	FAV	CC	Total
Michael Mignot - West Essex	8			3	1	2	14
James Peagram - Ilford	7			2	1		10
Curtis Pond - Tower Hamlets	3			1	6		10
Neil Richmond - Great Wakering Rovers	5				4		9
Lewis Francis - Sawbridgeworth Town	5				4		9
Calvin Poku - Redbridge	5			1	2	1	9
Stuart Zanone - Takeley	6			2			8
Marcus Bowers - Basildon United	1			1	4	2	8
Toby Cleaver - FC Romania	3			4			7
Florin Pop - FC Romania	6			1			7
Brian Moses - Redbridge	5			1	1		7
Mitchell Das - Takeley	4			2			6
Oscar Mendes - Sporting Bengal United	6						6
Charlee Hughes - Burnham Ramblers	4				2		6
Luke With - Tower Hamlets	5				1		6
Tommy Barton - Basildon United	3			2			5
Eaia Embalo - Sporting Bengal United	4			1			5
Jimmy Cox - Hullbridge Sports	2			2		1	5
Jack Sykes - Stansted	5						5
Jason Todd - Takeley	4			1			5
Michael Ogboin - Barkingside	3			1	1		5
Luca Francis - Hullbridge Sports	3			1	1		5
Jeffrey Cobblah - Clapton	5						5

Hat Trick Heroes

Curtis Pond	Tower Hamlets 10 Little Oakley 1 – Sat 23 rd Sept x4
Michael Mignot	Clapton 3 West Essex 4 – Tues 19 th Sept 2017
Neil Richmond	Great Wakering Rovers 6 Sporting Bengal United 1 – Sat 9 th Sept
Eaia Embalo	Sporting Bengal United 4 Sawbridgeworth Town 2 – Wed 20 th August x4
James Peagram	Enfield 1893 0 Ilford 3 – Sat 12 th August 2017
Florian Pop	FC Romania 8 Burnham Ramblers 2 – Sat 12 th August 2017
Jeffrey Cobblah	Ilford 1 Clapton 4 – Wed 2 nd August 2017

LEADING RESERVE DIVISION SCORERS – Up To & Including Saturday 23rd September

	League	RS	CC	Total
Howard Wright - Hullbridge Sports	7			7
Henry Branston - Sawbridgeworth Town	7			7
Luke Osborne - Hullbridge Sports	6			6
Charlie Avant - Takeley	6			6
Ellis Lentell - Waltham Abbey	5			5
Bobby Vaughan - Thurrock	5			5
Lance Ledgister - Waltham Abbey	5			5
Anthony Fox - Heybridge Swifts	5			5
Yusuf Olijinde - Redbridge	5			5
Zack Bawuba - Woodford Town (2017)	4			4
Michael Kalu - Waltham Abbey	4			4
Andi Pearce - Sawbridgeworth Town	4			4
Nathan Reid - AFC Sudbury	4			4
Kane Hearn - Thurrock	4			4
Aydin Coban - Burnham Ramblers	4			4

Aydin Coban	Grays Athletic 3 Burnham Ramblers 5 – Sat 23rd Sept 2017
Andi Pearce	Sawbridgeworth Town 8 Stansted 0 – Sat 16 th September 2017 x4
Howard Wright	Hullbridge Sports 8 East Thurrock Utd 0 – Sat 12 th August 2017 x4 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 0 – Sat 26 th August 2017
Ronnie Pallett	Hullbridge Sports 5 Grays Athletic 1 – Sat 19 th August 2017
Charlie Avant	Bishops Stortford 1 Takeley 6 – Tues 15 th August x4
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 25th September

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy 1st Round

Tower Hamlets v Stansted

Tuesday 26th September

Buildbase FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round Replay

Coggeshall Town v Redbridge

BBC Essex Senior Cup 2nd Round

Saffron Walden Town v Waltham Forest

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy 1st Round

Hullbridge Sports v Sporting Bengal United

Reserves Division

Bishop's Stortford v Great Wakering Rovers

Wednesday 27th September

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy 1st Round

Ilford v Enfield 1893

Southend Manor v FC Romania

Wadham Lodge v Clapton

West Essex v Basildon United

Thursday 28th September

Reserve Shield 1st Round

Great Wakering Rovers v Hullbridge Sports

Saturday 30th September

Premier Division

Barkingside v Sawbridgeworth Town

Basildon United v Tower Hamlets

Great Wakering Rovers v FC Romania

Hackney Wick v Stansted

Redbridge v Hullbridge Sports

Southend Manor v Waltham Forest

Sporting Bengal United v Woodford Town
(2017)

Takeley v Clapton

Wadham Lodge v Burnham Ramblers

West Essex v Enfield 1893

Reserve Shield 1st Round

Burnham Ramblers v Sawbridgeworth Town

East Thurrock United v Bishop's Stortford

Great Wakering Rovers v Hullbridge Sports

Heybridge Swifts v Takeley

Redbridge v AFC Sudbury

Stansted v Waltham Abbey

Thurrock v Grays Athletic

Woodford Town (2017) v Southend Manor

Monday 2nd October

Premier Division

Barkingside v Hackney Wick

Tower Hamlets v Ilford

Tuesday 3rd October

Premier Division

Clapton v Enfield 1893

Great Wakering Rovers v Sporting Bengal United

Redbridge v Wadham Lodge

Sawbridgeworth Town v Basildon United

Stansted v Southend Manor

Woodford Town (2017) v West Essex

Wednesday 4th October

Premier Division

FC Romania v Takeley

Waltham Forest v Burnham Ramblers

Friday 6th October

Premier Division

Tower Hamlets v West Essex

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