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Combined Counties League - Premier Division

Barlow's Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ

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Not the Expected Start...

Report by Dan Walkley

**Colliers Wood United 5 Tadley Calleva 2
Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)
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With temperatures up in the mid-30's, we travelled to Wibbadune Sports Ground for our league opener against Colliers Wood United. After the disappointment of exiting the FA Cup last Saturday we were eager to bounce back and get our league campaign off to a strong start. Unfortunately this turned out not to be the case.

Colliers Wood got us underway and looked to threaten early on with a long ball which ultimately came to nothing. It was a pretty strong opening 10 minutes from Tadley as we put some good passages of play together, but struggled to create any clear cut opportunities in front of goal. It was evident from the outset that wingers Jamie Johnston and Alfie Saunders would be a threat to the home defence. In the 12th minute however, possession was lost in the middle of the park and the hosts broke into Tadley's half at speed. The ball was played out right to Kiyo Brown of Colliers Wood who beat his man and slotted the ball into the bottom left hand corner past the outstretched reach of goalkeeper Craig Atkinson. It wasn't too long before we were on level terms though. On 16 minutes, Alfie Saunders picked up a loose ball on the right and started to run inside, past two defenders before slotting the ball through to Jamie Johnston who slid the ball past the helpless Colliers Wood goalkeeper to make it 1-1.

Due to the heat and the quick tempo of the match both teams seemed to cancel one another out with neither side creating opportunities to punish the other. It was on the half hour mark when Tadley gave the home side far too much time on the ball to play a pass through the heart of the defence for Oli Fofanah to make it 2-1 to

Colliers Wood. The numerous and loud calls for offside were waved away, although the protests from the Tadley defence did appear justified. (HT 2-1)

Three minutes into the second half and Colliers Wood drove down the right. Pushed out to the byline, Brown managed to beat the defender and cut back inside before a fantastic ball winning tackle from Adam Alliston was applauded by both players and supporters. The referee saw it differently and pointed to the spot to the disbelief of the Tadley eleven. Kieran Campbell made no mistake to make it 3-1 to the home side, leaving Tadley with it all to do. On the 53rd minute Tadley made wholesale changes with 4 substitutions. The visitors looked a bit more compact as a consequence and began to make several good opportunities with Jamie Johnston the stand out Tadley player. On the 72nd minute, a great run from deep by Alfie Saunders resulted in a shot which Ben Wright managed to divert into the corner of the net to make it 3-2. Our hopes of a comeback were short lived however, a tremendous shot from Fofanah a minute later found the top corner to restore the home side's 2 goal advantage and kill off any hopes of us leaving with at least a point. Our miserable afternoon was then compounded in injury time when Collier Wood's substitute Will Kendall scored from close range. (FT 5-2)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Walsh (C), Alliston, Charsley (sub 53' Maylen), Brown, (sub 53' Kinge), Darboe (sub 53' Parfitt), Goater (sub 53' Thorne), Johnston, Denham, Wright, Saunders

Attendance 52

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AFC Croydon Athletic



Today's Visitors

We welcome AFC Croydon Athletic to Barlows Park this afternoon for our second home fixture in the Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South). The club is based in Thornton Heath in the London Borough of Croydon and this will be the first ever meeting between the two clubs.

The club was formed in 2012 by fans of Croydon Athletic FC after the club withdrew from the Isthmian League during the 2011-12 season and eventually folded. Prior to their resignation, the club's owner Mazhar Majeed had been jailed following his involvement in the Pakistan cricket spot-fixing scandal. Majeed had been recorded admitting that he had purchased the club solely in order to launder money, and the club had been locked out of its ground by the local council due to unpaid debts.

The new club joined Division One of the Combined Counties League for the 2012-13 season. In their first season they finished eighth and won the Division One Cup, beating Staines Lammas 5-0 in the final. They finished seventh the following season and were runners-up in 2014-15 earning promotion to level eight of the pyramid. Rather than entering the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League, they were transferred to the Southern Counties East League. The season also saw them win the London Senior Trophy, beating Interwood 4-3 after extra time. The first season in the Southern Counties East Football League saw them finish eleventh, their highest finish to date.

After four years at the club, manager Antony Williams left to join Chipstead in May 2016, and was replaced by Kevin Rayner. At the end of his first season in charge he led the team to their highest finish of seventh.

At the end of the 2020-21 season the club was transferred to the Premier Division South of the Combined Counties League and they finished in 18th position in season 2021-22.

The club play at the Mayfield Stadium, Thornton Heath, CR7 6DN and they are affectionately known as 'The Rams' by their loyal band of supporters.

This season AFC Croydon Athletic are currently sitting in 13th position in the table after a 1-0 home win over Barnstead Athletic followed by a 4-1 away defeat against one of the title favourites Raynes Park Vale last Tuesday evening. We are expecting a very close and competitive match this afternoon.

The 12th Man....



Joe Lawler & Ben Dillon

From the 'dugout'

Good afternoon everyone. An extended warm welcome to all AFC Croydon Athletic management, players, committee, their travelling fans and also to today's match officials for today's Combined Counties League - Premier Division South fixture.

At the start of the week we said, as a management team, we were looking forward to the two home games this week to kick start our season and on Tuesday night we did just that. Beating Farnham Town 3-2 in a very hard fought comeback win. Farnham are a very good side who will no doubt be right up at the top end of the table come the end of the season. I think it is safe to say that whoever came to the match on Tuesday witnessed a great spectacle which highlighted the quality of both teams on display.

In the build up to this week spoke a lot about re-discovering our identity, we wanted the boys to show grit, hard work and the determination we have within the squad. Nothing tested this more than being 2-0 down with 30 minutes remaining. The character the team showed to turn the game around to win 3-2 may have surprised a few people. But not us, as we know the qualities the boys have. When they apply themselves in the manner in which they did against Farnham, we believe we can compete with anyone.

This brings us on to today's game. Similar to us, AFC Croydon have won 1 and lost 1 in the league. We have doubts that today's game will

be extremely tough. We are really hoping we can build on our performance from Tuesday and get another three points. However, we all know that we will need to be at our very best throughout to achieve this.

Finally, we just want to mention how important the fans are. Tuesday night was certainly a club win and the crowd definitely inspired the boys to keep going, particularly at 2-0 down. The support you give the boys really does make a big difference so please continue to get behind the team and show your support over the season...especially today.

Hope you can all enjoy today's game and we reward you with a result and a good performance.

The Gaffers

Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler

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Home to Tadley Calleva FC

Barlow's Park is a modern football facility consisting of several pitches, changing rooms and a clubhouse bar.

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Situated in Tadley on the Hampshire/Berkshire border, it is run by volunteers on a non-profit basis, to provide football amenities to the local community.

The Park is managed by the BPMA (Barlow's Park Management Association). Since taking over in September 2007 ongoing improvements have and continue to be made in partnership with Tadley Calleva FC.

The latest of which include a new 130 seated stand, 2 covered standing areas, new floodlights and an extension to the clubhouse bar.

For further information on Barlow's Park please call: 0118 9817367



Barlows Park, Tadley

Next Fixture

Tue 23rd August

TADLEY CALLEVA v EAST COWES VICTORIA
Hampshire Senior Cup - First Round

Barlows Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ - 8:15pm kick-off

CCL Premier Division (South)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Colliers Wood United	3	3	0	0	5	9
2	Jersey Bulls	3	2	1	0	6	7
3	Raynes Park Vale	2	2	0	0	7	6
4	Badshot Lea	2	2	0	0	3	6
5	Redhill	2	1	1	0	2	4
6	Balham	3	1	1	1	0	4
7	Farnham Town	3	1	1	1	0	4
8	Cobham	2	1	0	1	1	3
9	Abbey Rangers	2	1	0	1	0	3
10	Frimley Green	2	1	0	1	0	3
11	Knaphill	2	1	0	1	0	3
12	Tadley Calleva	2	1	0	1	-2	3
13	AFC Croydon Athletic	2	1	0	1	-2	3
14	Alton	2	0	1	1	-1	1
15	Fleet Town	2	0	1	1	-2	1
16	Camberley Town	1	0	0	1	-2	0
17	Guildford City	2	0	0	2	-3	0
18	Horley Town	2	0	0	2	-3	0
19	Sheerwater	1	0	0	1	-4	0
20	Banstead Athletic	2	0	0	2	-5	0

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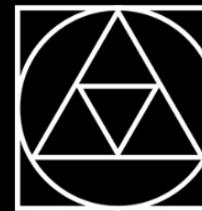
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What a Fightback...

Report by Dan Walkley (full match report on our website)

Tadley Calleva 3 Farnham Town 2

Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)

Saturday 13th August 2022



The game started quickly with both sides trying to control possession, but it wasn't until the 7th minute that we created our first real chance of the game. The ball was played down the right hand side, a pinpoint cross was put into the box to be met by the head of Ben Wright only to see it go straight into the hands of visiting keeper James Ferguson. It wasn't long before we narrowly missed taking the lead once more. Again we worked the ball down the right where skipper Tom Walsh managed to cut the ball back to Ben Wright on the edge of the box who watched his first time shot go inches wide of the goal. We started well, but the visitors began to grow into the game. On 17 minutes, a corner from the left was met by the head of Farnham's Matt Bunyan who must have thought he'd scored, but his effort was cleared off the line by Kieran Maylen. The game was still even until the 25th minute when a long free kick was picked up by a Farnham midfielder who played it to Jamie Hoppitt and, after a clever one-two with Bunyan, rounded Craig Atkinson to make it 0-1 probably against the run of play. From then until the half time whistle we continued to create some good opportunities with some excellent football and managing to break through a tight defence line. None more so than on the half hour mark when Connor Thorne thought he had equalised after a great move involving Brett Denham and Kalum Cousins only to see the flag go up for offside (HT 0-1).

As the second half rolled around, so did the mist making visibility difficult for players and spectators alike. The first chance of the half fell to the visitors, but resulted in a weak shot comfortably saved by Atkinson. On the 54th minute, a free-kick from the left was put into the box by Farnham's Kane Fitzgerald which was spilled by

the Tadley keeper who also suffered a head injury in the process. The ball was eventually bundled over the line by Liam Pestle to make it 0-2, much to the anger of the Tadley players and bench. Farnham were now looking confident and only a tremendous save on 60 minutes from Atkinson stopped us from going further behind. However, I think it fair to say the final half hour belonged to Tadley. The comeback started with Ben Wright. A move involving Kinge, Walsh and Cousins ended with Wright finding the top corner from fully 25 yards out. A few minutes later it was 2-2. Brett Denham broke quickly into the away box and was brought down by Ashley Lloyd. Ben Wright placed the ball on the spot and nonchalantly sent Ferguson the wrong way. The momentum was all with the home side and Farnham looked as if they'd be happy with a point. Tadley were looking for their first points of the season and with an excited crowd behind them wanted all three. In the final minutes the points were delivered. Wright picked up the ball on the edge of our 18 yard box, he released Brett Denham, making a lung bursting run down the right, who squared the ball for Sonny Haynes to beat the retreating defender before rounding the keeper and tapping the ball into an empty net sending the home crowd wild. A fantastic fightback where the whole squad played their part in securing a well deserved and welcomed three points (FT 3-2).

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Walsh (C), Saunders, Maylen, Neal, Cousins (sub 77' Johnston), Kinge, Darboe (sub 65' Parfitt), Denham (sub 90' Goater), Wright, Thorne (sub 82' Haynes)

Attendance: 107



The History



Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900's. In the modern era the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995–96, gaining promotion to Division Two.

The club changed its name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007–08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also very successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year on year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014–15 and 2015–16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010–11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4–1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013–14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3–2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2–2 draw in 90 minutes.

The club had its best run in the FA Vase in season 2015–16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4–2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (IoW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3–1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016–17, again at The Camrose, and then 5–4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017–18 at Longmeadow after a 3–3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved its ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division last season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field.

Striker Ben Wright scoring against Holyport FC

Ben also scored two in our midweek win against Farnham Town



Photo courtesy of Jonathan Bowker Photography



Returning to the club this season
Midfielder Jordan Goater



Recent signing playing for Fleet Town
Defender Durrell Brown

Tadley Calleva



Squad

CRAIG ATKINSON
TOM WALSH
JORDAN GOATER
ALFIE SAUNDERS
BRAD NEAL
OUSMAN DARBOE
CONNOR THORNE
BEN TOYE
BRETT DENHAM
BEN WRIGHT
JAMIE JOHNSTON
ADAM ALLISTON
KALUM COUSINS
SONNY HAYNES
ANDREW CHARSLEY
KIERAN MAYLEN
LOUIE CHAMBERS
ROWAN VINE
NOAH CHENGUN
DURRELL BROWN
AARON PARFITT
JACOB ROLFE

Colours
Yellow Shirts / Yellow Shorts /
Yellow Socks

Joint Managers
Joe Lawler/Ben Dillon

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George Coffin

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Stephen Forward

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Connor Fanelli

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