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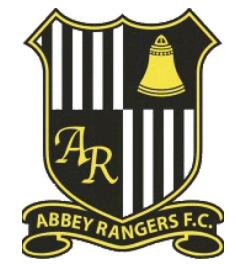
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# Tadley Calleva v Abbey Rangers

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Tadley players celebrating 3-0 win over Fleet Town

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**Combined Counties League - Premier Division**

Barlow's Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ

Saturday 28th January 2023, kick-off 3:00pm

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# Home win Number 8...



*Match Report by Dan Walkley*

## **Tadley Calleva 3 Fleet Town 0 Combined Counties League - Premier Division Saturday 3rd December 2022**

A spectacular free-kick moments before half time followed by two second half goals gave Tadley a well deserved three points on Saturday. It was a return to the starting eleven for Argjent Ahmetaj after an impressive spell with the reserves in the past few weeks. Adam Alliston and Jacob Rolfe also made welcome returns, taking their places on the bench. With Fleet Town having appointed a new manager from Leatherhead FC during the week, the management team were expecting the new manager 'bounce' from our opponents and subsequently a very tough match.

A cagey opening to the fixture showed little evidence that a goal was in the offing early on. With a re-shuffle to the back four, the early stages of the match allowed Tadley to get organised and thwart any chance of a Fleet Town attack. The first real opportunity in the game came on 18 minutes as a ball into the box was met by the head of Connor Thorne who saw his effort go narrowly past the near post. A second chance a few moments later saw an Ousman Darboe shot blocked by Fleet skipper Kay Conteh to keep the scores level. Fleet responded with some half chances of their own with ex-Tadley player Shemar Pettet the main orchestrator.

It wasn't until the 46th minute that the scoring was opened, and in some style. A free-kick from 25 yards out, left of the goal, was hit with force by Ben Wright, over the wall and past the outstretched dive of keeper Harvey Keogh. The ball struck the inside of the post and into the net for a superb goal. (HT 1-0)

Tadley came out strong in the second half and started controlling the game. Some intricate play in the middle of the park mixed with a strong defensive display allowed the home side to dominate throughout. On 54 minutes, some well worked football allowed Ousman Darboe an effort on goal, however his shot failed to trouble Keogh and the ball sailed comfortably over the bar.

As the clock ticked down Fleet Town started to pile on some pressure as they went in search of a late equaliser. This opened up the game and on 82 minutes Ben Wright picked up the ball on half way, he released Chris Horton on the right hand side who unselfishly squared the ball across the box for the oncoming Jamie Johnston who took his chance well to double Tadley's lead. Three minutes later it was 3-0, a free-kick awarded on the right hand edge of the box, after Darboe was hauled back by Rowan Sharrat, was taken by Jordan Goater. He cleverly lofted the ball over wall and down to the keeper's left with the ball nestling into the bottom corner securing all three points. (FT 3-0)

Another convincing home win that keeps our 100% league home record very much intact.

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Chambers, Walsh (C), Ahmetaj, Goater (sub 89' Rolfe), Thorne (sub 89' Alliston, French, Darboe, Cousins (sub 75' Horton), B Wright, S Wright (sub 62' Johnston).

Attendance: 95



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# Abbey Rangers

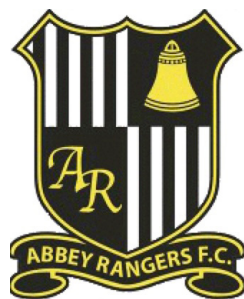
## Today's Visitors - a brief history

We welcome Abbey Rangers today in this Combined Counties League Premier Division fixture. We narrowly lost both league fixtures last season so we know we are in for a very tough afternoon.

We went down 2-0 at home in the opening league match with Jack Watts and Marcus Williams on target for the visitors. In the return fixture we lost by 2-1 with Jack Watts again on target and Tom Neale scoring the other. Josh Drew scored for Tadley on that occasion in a closely fought contest.

Abbey Rangers were established in 1976, initially as a youth club for boys aged 7-16, and taking its name from the historic Chertsey Abbey. Having played in both Chertsey and Addlestone they became members of the Surrey & Hants Border League, winning Division 1 in 2004-05. After finishing as runners-up the following season, they left the league joining the Guildford & Woking Alliance League winning Division 2 in the first season.

In 2015, the club invested in the ground with the view of entering the Combined Counties League. After finishing in 4th position in the Surrey Elite League they were eventually accepted for the 2015-16 season which also allowed entry into the FA Vase.



They reached the 2nd round proper before losing out to Wessex League side Newport (IOW) after extra time. Season 2018-19 saw the club reach new levels by reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase before losing out to Cray Valley. They also finished in 3rd position in the Combined Counties League Premier Division - their highest ever league position.

In 2019-20 Abbey Rangers reached the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup defeating two Step 4 clubs on the way in East Grinstead and Whitehawk respectively before going out to Whyteleafe.

The club play their home matches at Addlestone Moor in Addlestone, KT15 2QH.

Off the field the club is also making good progress. In the summer of 2020 the club opened a new 3G facility to aid to youth development.

Last season Abbey Rangers finished in a very impressive 4th position of the Combined Counties League Premier Division (North) with Daryl Cooper-Smith the top scorer with 12 goals. They were moved to the South Division (along with ourselves) at the start of this current season.

# Mind the Gap...

## From the 'dugout'

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Barlows Park to all of our supporters for today's game against Abbey Rangers. We'd also like to welcome the management team, players, officials and supporters of 'The Abbey' who have made the journey here to Tadley.

It's great to be at Barlows Park after just over seven weeks away and, to be honest, it's felt like forever since we've had a run of games. So, we are all chomping at the bit to get back at it and, as we all know, the games will now come thick and fast.

With the six postponements on the bounce, and with Christmas and New Year also in between, this has allowed us time as a management team to have a bit of a break and to reflect on the first half of the season. Looking at what's gone well, and there is certainly lots to be happy with but, of course, there are always things we can improve upon and we'll continue to work hard to deliver stronger performances and ultimately the results to go with it over the second half of the season.

Looking back to the previous competitive Saturday, it was great to start with another win since our last league outing against Fleet Town in early December. Sheerwater started fast and put us under a bit of pressure in the first twenty minutes or so whilst we were working into our rhythm. This saw us fall 1-0 behind to a wonder strike, but we soon got into our groove, creating



Joe Lawler & Ben Dillon

opportunity after opportunity, culminating in a fantastic finish from outside the box by Ousman Darboe to level the game at 1-1 going in at half-time. The home side sneaked ahead midway through the second half, but a deft touch from Ben Wright and a composed finish from Jamie Johnston off the back of a superb team move saw us leave with all three points.

On to today's game, we are under no illusions of how tough this game will be. Abbey Rangers are in fine form, the current league leaders and will be hoping to maintain top spot after today's game. We have a few games in hand so we will be trying hard ourselves to close the gap with a good performance and hopefully all three points.

Just finally, we'd like to thank you all for your support and patience through this difficult period due to the poor weather. We honestly can't thank you enough for your backing throughout the first half of the season, the boys really do appreciate it.

The Gaffers

*Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler*

Management Team

*George Ceffin, Barrie Awhbery & Carolyn Tuttle*

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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.

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



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## Next Fixture

Sat 4th Feb 2023

TADLEY CALLEVA v BALHAM  
Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)

—  
*Barlows Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ - kick-off 3:00pm*



# CCL Premier Division (South)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Abbey Rangers	22	15	1	6	27	46
2	Raynes Park Vale	18	14	2	2	29	44
3	Badshot Lea	16	13	2	1	36	41
4	Knaphill	18	12	4	2	12	40
5	Jersey Bulls	17	12	3	2	37	39
6	Redhill	18	11	2	5	9	35
7	Colliers Wood United	20	11	1	8	10	34
8	Tadley Calleva	17	11	1	5	8	34
9	Cobham	23	10	2	11	-9	32
10	Farnham Town	21	9	4	8	13	31
11	Balham	19	6	5	8	-4	23
12	AFC Croydon Athletic	17	7	2	8	-10	23
13	Camberley Town	18	7	0	11	-8	21
14	Alton	22	5	5	12	-13	20
15	Horley Town	18	6	0	12	-6	18
16	Guildford City	18	5	1	12	-12	16
17	Fleet Town	19	4	4	11	-18	16
18	Sheerwater	19	4	2	13	-39	14
19	Banstead Athletic	19	3	2	14	-27	11
20	Frimley Green	21	2	3	16	-35	9

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Tadley's Sonny Haynes returns from long term injury



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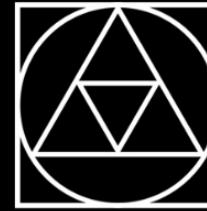
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# Sheers sunk by Johnston...



*Match Report by Dan Walkley*

**Sheerwater 2 Tadley Calleva 3**  
*Combined Counties Premier Divison (South)*  
*Saturday 7th January 2023*

A month on from Tadley Calleva's previous league fixture thanks to the Great British weather, they travelled to Sheerwater to face a 'Sheers' side who started the New Year with a very comprehensive 4-0 win at home over Frimley Green.

In tough conditions, and with a few on the injury list, Tadley were looking to open up their 2023 account and bring three valuable points back to Barlows Park. They did just that. Goals from Ousman Darboe, Ben Wright and Jamie Johnston secured the win in a 5 goal thriller with Sheerwater on their 4G pitch.

The hosts opened the scoring on 27 minutes after a flurry of chances for Tadley in the minutes leading up to the goal. A speculative cross from the left was headed clear, but only as far as James Comer who played it to Elliott Cannon. His first attempt was blocked, but his second attempt resembled his surname. He hit a left footed drive from 25 yards out and it flew into Craig Atkinson's top left hand corner to give The Sheers the lead.

Their lead wasn't to last long though. Just 5 minutes later a wonder strike from Ousman Darboe pulled Tadley level. Jamie Johnston's great work to win the ball back and his drive into Sheerwater's half allowed for him to play in Jack French, French played a short pass to Ben Wright who laid it off to Darboe who hit the ball first time and found the top corner. (HT 1-1)

Tadley started the second half the better side, but as conditions worsened clear-cut chances were few and far between until the hosts were gifted a goal on 64 minutes. A loose square ball in front of the 18 yard box was picked up by Tommy Whitby of The Sheers who drove into the box unopposed and rifled the ball home, past Atkinson, to regain the lead for the home side.

Tadley had to dig deep and they did. They began to control the game from the resulting kick-off. The hard work and desire paid off and on 69 minutes it was 2-2. Brad Neal launched a searching throw-in into the box which was not dealt with by goalkeeper Chris Adams leaving the easiest of tap-ins for striker Ben Wright.

From the equalising goal Tadley looked to take control. With passages of intricate play, mixed with the pace and flair of the wide players, the visitors were able to produce several good chances. No more so than on 85 minutes when a through ball from Scott Kinge was latched onto by Johnston who opened up his body to slot the ball home past the despairing dive of Adams. (FT 2-3)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Chambers, Walsh (C), Neal, Goater, Johnston, French, Darboe, Ahmetaj (sub 70' Kinge), B Wright, S Wright (sub 86' Thorne).

Unused Subs; Pettet, Horton, Gary

Attendance: 79





# 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.

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Tadley Calleva first team squad and the U8 mascots



Midfielder Ousman Darboe  
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Goalkeeper Craig Atkinson  
Atko has been in excellent form

# Tadley Calleva



## Squad

CRAIG ATKINSON (GK)  
TOM WALSH  
JORDAN GOATER  
BRAD NEAL  
OUSMAN DARBOE  
CONNOR THORNE  
JACK FRENCH  
BEN WRIGHT  
JAMIE JOHNSTON  
DEAN STOW  
ADAM ALLISTON  
KALUM COUSINS  
LOUIE CHAMBERS  
CHRIS HORTON  
SONNY HAYNES  
SCOTT KINGE  
SHEMAR PETTET  
SHELDON WRIGHT  
ARGJEND AHMETAJ  
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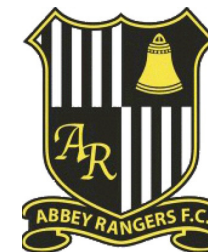
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*Ethan Stacey*

# Abbey Rangers



## Squad

SAM GRAY (GK)  
TOMMY O'NEILL  
FRED HILL  
GEORGE CHANDLER  
MICHAEL COPPINGER  
ROBBIE KERSLEY  
CHARLIE POSTANCE  
ROSS MURDOCH  
AIDEN KING  
JACK CARROD  
ARCHIE HARRIS  
PAT KIRBY  
DARYL COOPER-SMITH  
JACK WATTS  
JAE-RU JAQUAN CONSTANCE KELLY  
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*Physio*  
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