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A satisfying 3 points...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Tadley Calleva 1 Horley Town 0
Combined Counties League - Premier Division
Saturday 29th October 2022

A 46th minute header from defender Brad Neal was enough to secure all 3 points at home to Horely Town. Struck down with injuries and availability issues, Tadley had to call in the experienced defender Shane Hollamby to the starting line-up with midfielders Chris Horton and recent signing Kieran Rogers (from Whitchurch United) joining the squad on the bench. Tadley were looking to bounce back from a very disappointing 3-2 loss away at Camberley Town in midweek which ended our seven game unbeaten league run.

The visitors got the first half underway, but possession was immediately overturned after a hopeful crossfield ball ran out of play for a Tadley throw -in. The home side then dominated possession in the early stages and created the first real chance in the match. On 7 minutes, young winger Jamie Johnston cut inside from the left and unleashed a fierce shot that was superbly saved by visiting keeper George Hyde to keep the scores level.

Midway through the first half a tremendous last ditch tackle by Shane Hollamby was enough to deny the visitors the first goal of the game as Horley's Tommy Constable bore in on goal. Opportunities were few and far between for both sides until the 43rd minute when a ball across Tadley's 6-yard box left Adam Grant with what looked like a tap-in. Fortunately, the finish was not up to par and his shot went wide of the far post...a golden opportunity for the visitors to take the lead. (HT 0-0)

It didn't take too long for the second 45 to produce some action. A corner won on the right was taken by Alfie Saunders and his out-swinging cross was met perfectly on the run by Brad Neal. He rose above everyone else to direct the ball past goalkeeper Hyde, the defender on the line and finally into the far corner of the net. A raucous cheer went up from the Barlows Park faithful as Tadley opened the scoring.

The home side now were now playing with a lot more confidence and started to control the game. It was made evident when Ben Wright's quick footwork on the edge of the box allowed him to get a shot away that looked destined for the top corner, but for another outstanding save by Hyde. Late in the game Tadley had chances to put the result beyond any doubt, but Jamie Johnston put the ball over the bar from 3 yards out (we're happy to accept the ball took a bobble!) and Ben Wright saw his 20+ yard free-kick rattle back off the crossbar with a matter of minutes remaining. Tadley held on to a well deserved win despite Horley Town committing men forward in added time in search of a very late equaliser. (FT 1-0)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Saunders, Walsh (C), Neal, Hollamby, Johnston, Alliston (sub 30' Goater), Darboe (sub 59' Horton), Denham (sub 63' Rogers), B Wright, Thorne, (sub 63' S Wright)

Attendance: 112

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Alton FC



Today's Visitors

The present Alton FC was formed in July 2016 with the merger of Alton Town and Alton United Youth. This came about after years of negotiations with the brewery regarding the Bass Ground. Alton Town returned to their spiritual home at the Anstey Park Enclosure in December 2015. The merger with Alton United Youth Football Club formed one club for the start of season 2016-17 with teams encompassing all soccer from mini level up to Wessex standard with girls, ladies and veterans teams.

Alton Town was formed in 1990 when two senior clubs, Alton Town and Bass Alton amalgamated. Alton Town had been fantastically successful, winning everything in Hampshire in the period 1948-1958, including Hampshire League Divisions 3, 2 and 1, the Hampshire Intermediate Cup & Russell Cotes Cup in 1949 and the Hampshire Senior Cup in 1958. Although they dropped back to Division 2 in 1954-55 they bounced back immediately. They then stayed in Division 1 until 1973 to join the Athenian League Division 2 which they won in their first year. After an initial period of success the club found itself unable to compete and dropped down to the Combined Counties League before returning to the Hampshire League in 1984.

Bass Alton started life as Courage & Company (Alton) and joined the Hampshire League in 1928-29. The following year they were in Division 2 and won promotion to Division 1 where they stayed before being relegated to Division 2 in 1938-39, just before the club was disbanded for the war.

Since the amalgamation, the club has played in the Hampshire League and achieved promotion to the Wessex League by topping the Premier Division in 2002 before moving to the Combined Counties League from season 2013-14.

In 2014-15, the club reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup - narrowly losing out to Hungerford Town after extra time.

Season 2015-16 saw Alton Town back in the Wessex League after re-organisation of Step 6. After a few years of indifferent performances, we went for a more local management team as we looked to encourage the flow of players from the youth set-up through to the first team - with this season's reserve team taking on a younger development team course.

Following the FA Restructure of the pyramid and two successful, albeit aborted seasons, we were promoted to Step 5 into the Wessex League Premier Division for season 2021-22. A middle table finish was followed by further lateral movement as the FA moved us back to the Combined Counties League Premier Division (South) for season 2022-23.

The 2022-23 season is the 75th year of Alton Town, with the launch of a new book due just before December to celebrate.

With continued support from main sponsors 'Coomers' the long term future for the club, after years of uncertainty, looks bright.

Lessons Learned...



Joe Lawler & Ben Dillon

From the 'dugout'

Good afternoon to everyone attending Barlows Park today. An extended warm welcome goes out to Alton FC management, players, committee, their travelling fans and also to today's match officials for this Combined Counties League Premier Division fixture.

It's been a difficult few weeks for us. Being hit with injuries is always hard, but when it happens to key players in key positions it makes it even harder. Last Saturday we made the long journey to Croydon to face Balham FC without Shane Hollamby, Kallum Cousins, Sheldon Wright, Adam Alliston and the ever impressive Jamie Johnston. Nevertheless, we've always believed that our squad depth is good enough to get us the right results. It didn't work on this occasion as we didn't take our several chances at the right moments and we ultimately paid the price.

After a pretty sluggish start, we grew into the game and created two very good chances that we failed to take and went in 0-0 at the break. We felt the game was there for the taking, but again we started the second half slow. After a shot from the edge of the box wasn't properly closed down, the ball found its way into the bottom corner and we found ourselves a goal down. We did apply the necessary pressure and got ourselves back into the game. This time it came from the penalty spot after Alfie Saunders was fouled in the box. Ben Wright tucked the ball away sending the keeper

the wrong way. Disappointingly, we couldn't build on this and fell behind just a few minutes later. We got caught in possession and subsequently got punished on the break to fall to a narrow 2-1 defeat. We will be looking to bounce back from that disappointment today against a very good Alton side.

We need to learn from our mistakes and the message from us, as a management team, is simple; As a squad, we need to ignore the league table and in what position teams currently sit. Every team is capable of beating any other team. The recent Camberley and Balham defeats have taught us some lessons after a very good run. We need to apply ourselves correctly in every game to earn the three points. We will look to put last Saturday's disappointment right this afternoon.

We are also very excited about the Hampshire Senior Cup draw at home to AFC Bournemouth. It's been a very positive week in the camp, with the cup draw, some potential new signings and several quality players returning from injury.

Hopefully, you all enjoy the game and we can reward you with a result and performance.

The Gaffers

Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler

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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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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

Tadley's current top scorer Ben Wright



Next Fixture

Tue 15th Nov 2022

TADLEY CALLEVA v STOCKBRIDGE
North Hants Senior Cup - Quarter Final

Barlows Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ - 3pm kick-off

CCL Premier Division (South)

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2	Badshot Lea	11	10	1	0	30	31
3	Colliers Wood United	15	10	1	4	17	31
4	Abbey Rangers	15	10	0	5	13	30
5	Jersey Bulls	11	9	2	0	30	29
6	Redhill	12	9	1	2	10	28
7	Knaphill	13	8	3	2	4	27
8	Tadley Calleva	12	7	1	4	5	22
9	Farnham Town	14	5	3	6	6	18
10	AFC Croydon Athletic	12	5	2	5	-6	17
11	Cobham	14	5	1	8	-7	16
12	Balham	15	4	3	8	-10	15
13	Guildford City	13	4	0	9	-8	12
14	Camberley Town	12	4	0	8	-9	12
15	Alton	13	3	3	7	-10	12
16	Fleet Town	12	2	3	7	-12	9
17	Frimley Green	14	2	3	9	-19	9
18	Sheerwater	11	2	2	7	-27	8
19	Horley Town	11	2	0	9	-9	6
20	Banstead Athletic	14	1	2	11	-23	5

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Tadley's Brad Neal who scored the winning goal against Horley Town



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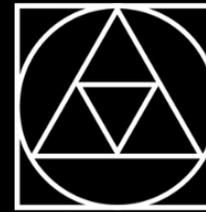
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Not at our best...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Balham 2 Tadley Calleva 1 Combined Counties League - Premier Division Saturday 5th November 2022

A flat second half performance ultimately cost Tadley the game in South London last weekend as our hosts Balham were able to nullify the majority of our attacking attempts. We had travelled to The Mayfield Stadium in confident mood off the back of a good home win against Horley Town. We were looking to secure another 3 points away to a Balham side with one win in six.....albeit having played the current top 5 sides in the league table.

After a largely uneventful first twenty minutes on a difficult pitch, the small crowd were finally treated to some action as the Assistant on the near side pulled up with what appeared to be a hamstring injury. This meant that a Balham official (fully qualified) had to pick up the flag and run the line for the remainder of the match. The final ten minutes of the first half saw Tadley push forward and apply some pressure in an attempt to break the deadlock. New signing Kieran Rogers had a decent effort, but unfortunately his strike went straight at Haydn Read in the Balham goal. Our best chance fell to striker Ben Wright, but he saw his shot from the edge of the box fly narrowly wide of Read's right hand post. A number of long throws were also well dealt with by a strong Balham defence. (HT 0-0)

An early second half substitution saw the introduction of Brett Denham as Tadley changed their shape in an attempt to find a way through a well organised Balham back line. It wasn't to be though as most of the attacking press came from our hosts with a shot from Sam Pagano narrowly missing the target just minutes after the substitution was made. On 56 minutes, a ball deep into

the Tadley box from the left was finally bundled over the line by Balham's Andre Cruz Rosa for the opening goal. The visitors simply had not managed to get going in the second half. With little joy in breaching the hosts back line, joint managers Ben Dillon and Joe Lawler made a double substitution on the hour mark and introduced some fresh legs in Ousman Darboe and Chris Horton. On 72 minutes, Balham thought they had secured the win after substitute James Adebayo picked up the ball on the half way line and carried the ball past the Tadley defence. He unselfishly squared the ball to Alec Fiddes to score, but unfortunately he had gone a bit too early and the flag was up for offside. A few minutes later, a searching ball into the Balham box was met by Alfie Saunders who was subsequently bundled over by Jake Henry for a penalty to Tadley. Ben Wright stepped up and confidently converted the spot kick sending keeper Read the wrong way. We were on level terms for only a minute as we fell behind yet again. A lapse in concentration saw the powerful Adebayo again pick up the ball in a dangerous position. His shot came back off the post, but fell kindly for Alec Fiddes to force the ball past Craig Atkinson and into the net. Tadley tried hard to find a late equaliser, but were forced to putting long balls into the box. These were easily dealt with by a resolute Balham defence. A very disappointing day on the road. (FT 2-1)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Ahmetaj (sub 49' Denham), Walsh (C), Neal, Dallimore, Saunders, Goater (sub 62' Darboe), Kinge, Rogers (sub 62' Horton), B Wright, Thorne

Attendance: 25



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.

Photo courtesy of Tadley Callleva Youth



Tadley players and the U7 mascots before our FA Vase tie against Guildford City



Defender Shane Hollamby
ex-Basingstoke & Hartley Wintney



Midfielder Jordan Goater
'Goats' has been in good form recently

Tadley Calleva



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