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A Game of Two Halves...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Fleet Town 3 Tadley Calleva 3 *Combined Counties League - Premier Division* *Saturday 25th March 2023*

A 'game of two halves' saw Fleet Town and Tadley play out a six goal thriller on Saturday at The Mustard Seed Stadium in front of 325 spectators on Non-League Day. Both sides came into the game off the back of mid-week defeats. The hosts lost 3-0 to mid-table Cobham whilst Tadley crashed out of the North Hants Senior Cup on penalties to Wessex League side Romsey Town. Their third penalty shoot-out defeat of the season.

It was a dream start for the visitors when the returning Kieran Rodgers opened the scoring inside the first minute. A ball played down the left was kept in well by Alex Fragata who passed the ball back to Ben Wright and he in turn found Rodgers whose composed finish put Tadley 1-0 up. Tadley dominated both possession and more importantly the midfield area. Following a series of half chances and some excellent play inside the Fleet half, a free-kick was awarded 25 yards from goal. Up stepped top scorer Ben Wright who hit the ball over the wall which came back off the post. Unfortunately, for Fleet keeper Callum Smart, the ball hit off his back and Brad Neal was on hand to make it 2-0 after 15 minutes.

This woke the home side up and they started to press more aggressively in an attempt to force Tadley into mistakes. However, they couldn't trouble the visitors back line. That was until 5 minutes from half time. A mix-up in the Tadley defence and a header from Louis Blake gave Fleet a life line. On the stroke of half time Fleet won a corner. The cross found striker Tayo Oyebola unmarked and he rose well to strongly head the ball home. (HT 2-2)

Fleet came out for the second half in similar fashion as they ended the first, pressing aggressively and attacking with intent. An injury to Jordan Goater forced Tadley into an early change with Tom Walsh his replacement. Fleet's Momodou Jallow was now the driving force and creating most of the chances for the home side. On 53 minutes, it was Jallow again driving forward and his pass to Oyebalo allowed the striker to set up Gabriel Ntumba. He drove the ball past Craig Atkinson to put Fleet ahead.

Tadley needed a reaction, and they did just that. Playing up the slope they began to push the ball into the wide areas and running at the heart of the home defence. On 74 minutes, full back James Batchelor won the ball well and got to the bye-line. His deep cross found Alex Miller on the left who, with one step over and then a second to shift the ball onto his right foot, struck a powerful shot into the top corner leaving Smart with no chance. A wonderful strike to top off a wonderful game for the young winger. Both teams struck the woodwork in the latter stages of the game in an attempt to get the winner, but on balance a draw was a fair result. (FT 3-3)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Batchelor, Pettet, Neal, Goater (sub 49' Walsh), Darboe (sub 60' Kinge), French (C), Miller (sub 90' Alliston), Rodgers, Wright, Fragata (sub 60' Thorne).

Unused Subs; Ahmetaj

Attendance: 325

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Cobham FC



Today's Visitors - a brief history

Cobham Football Club was formed in 1886 by founding President, Hon. Alan Egerton MP and villagers connected with the local Coffee Tavern. The Vicar offered to supply it with a football. On 4th November 1890, the Evening Telegraph reported on the death of our centre half, Arthur Smith, following injuries sustained in a match against Kingston Wanderers.

In 1892, the club affiliated to the Surrey FA. The home ground was never settled with various fields around the outskirts of the village being used at different times. During the late 1920's they played in the Kingston & District League, winning Division One in 1928-29 and 1929-30. Following the club gaining intermediate status in 1933, Cobham won the Surrey Intermediate League Cup (Central) in 1933-34 and 1935-36. The club then achieved senior status in 1938 upon election into the new Surrey Senior League. The war years between 1939 and 1945 saw a vote to agree to a temporary merger with the Avorians Sports Club to form Cobham Avorians thus ensuring local football could continue.

After the war, the club made its home at Cobham Recreation Ground until 1955-56 when it moved to Anvil Lane, also known as the Leg o' Mutton field. The club took its nickname from the word anvil and thus became 'The Hammers'. Phil Walker and Trevor Lee of Millwall FC and cricketer Bob Willis of Surrey and England are amongst famous ex-players. During the 70's, 80's and 90's, the club had a really good local feel with the ground being a vibrant hub

of football. The world famous rock band, The Moody Blues, played an annual charity match in 1974-75 at Cobham Football Club giving them the record attendance of 2,000. The floodlights were installed in season 1996-97 and were christened with a game against Conference League side Woking FC on 18th February 1997.

The Hammers were founder members of the Combined Counties League moving up from the now defunct Surrey Senior League. They finished second to Ash United in 1998-99. Amongst long serving stalwarts such as Dave Trippetts who first joined the club in the 1980's, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a painting of Reg Madgwick, who served as a player, committee member and fund raiser.

in 1998-99, Cobham finished as league runners-up and in 2001-02 they won the Premier Challenge Cup, defeating Bedfont in the final. When the league gained a second division in 2003, the club were placed in the Premier Division. However, they were relegated to Division One after finishing bottom of the Premier Division in 2008-09. In 2017-18, the club finished as Division One runners-up earning promotion back into the Premier Division.

This season Cobham are currently sitting in 9th place of the Premier Division on 45 points from 35 games played with Ben Senior their top goal scorer on 13 league goals. Today will be the first ever meeting between the two clubs. Here's hoping we see a good competitive fixture.

Mixture of Emotions...



Joe Lawler & Ben Dillon

From the 'dugout'

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

Reflecting on our previous two matches, there is a real mixture of emotions in the camp. A week ago we faced an organised Guildford City side who deservedly ran out as 3-1 winners on the night. Then four days later we made the trip to Sheerwater to play high flying Badshot Lea. Whilst this also resulted in defeat, it was a much more resolute and positive performance. I think it fair to say we were nowhere near our best last Tuesday and, as this league continues to show, if you're not at your best, no matter where your opposition are sitting in the league table, you will get punished. And that's what ultimately happened to us last week.

On Saturday's game away against 'The Baggies' we were far more pleased with the performance, proud of what the lads gave and their attitude in the match. They were determined to be resolute, incredibly difficult to beat and put their bodies on the line in an attempt to keep a clean sheet. Unfortunately that wasn't to be the case, with us being beaten by a superb long range strike and a counter attack goal, in added time, off the back of us chasing the game. But, despite the result, we

demonstrated that we have the ability to defend as a team really well and frustrate most of the teams sitting at the top of the table. We would have liked to have carried more of a threat going forward, but we are still learning as a side and we have no doubt that this will eventually come.

On to this afternoon, we face a Cobham side who sit right behind us in the league. We know they will be well organised, hard working and have lots of quality too, so we will need to be at our very best, as we need to be every week, to come out of this match with all three points.

Finally, we'd like to thank you all for your support this afternoon and we hope to give you a performance to be proud of!

The Gaffers

Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler

Management Team

George Coffin, Barrie Awbery & 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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For further information on Barlow's Park please call: 0118 9817367



Next Fixture

Sat 10th Apr 2023

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

Recreation Ground, Frimley Green, GU16 6JX - kick-off 11:30am

CCL Premier Division (South)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Raynes Park Vale	32	26	3	3	55	81
2	Badshot Lea	31	24	4	3	70	76
3	Jersey Bulls	33	21	7	5	56	70
4	Abbey Rangers	34	21	4	9	42	67
5	Knaphill	33	17	7	9	20	58
6	Farnham Town	34	17	6	11	22	57
7	Colliers Wood United	29	16	2	11	17	50
8	Tadley Calleva	32	14	7	11	-1	49
9	Cobham	35	14	3	18	-10	45
10	Balham	32	11	10	11	-4	43
11	Redhill	32	13	3	16	-19	42
12	Camberley Town	32	12	5	15	-1	41
13	AFC Croydon Athletic	30	11	3	16	-17	36
14	Alton	34	9	9	16	-19	36
15	Guildford City	31	10	4	17	-15	34
16	Sheerwater	33	10	4	19	-40	34
17	Horley Town	32	10	3	19	-8	33
18	Fleet Town	34	8	8	18	-28	32
19	Banstead Athletic	31	8	3	20	-30	27
20	Frimley Green	34	3	3	28	-90	12

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Tadley's Connor Thorne returned to the starting line-up against Badshot Lea



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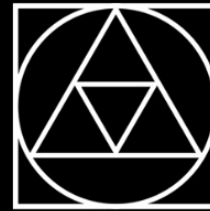
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Competitive in Defeat...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Badshot Lea 2 Tadley Calleva 0
Combined Counties Premier Divison (South)
Saturday 1st April 2023

Tadley put in a very competitive performance last weekend as they frustrated promotion chasing Badshot Lea for large parts of the match, but ultimately fell to a 2-0 defeat to a well drilled 'Baggies' side. Due to the adverse weather, this fixture was moved from Badshot's Westfield Lane to the Eastwood Leisure Centre, the home of Sheerwater FC. The match was moved in order to assist with the completion of league matches by 22nd April to help meet the Step 4 & 5 play-off schedule.

Tadley came into the game off the back of a hugely disappointing home defeat to relegation strugglers Guildford City, a fixture that they should have really looked forward to after an indifferent March schedule. The match started quickly on a slick 3G surface, with end-to-end action and both sides looking to create some early chances. The best of the early stages coming from Tadley after full-back James Batchelor made a good run down the right and drilled the ball across the face of goal, narrowly missing the on-coming attack from those in yellow. With 15 minutes played the game was pretty even and competitive, a vast improvement from Tadley's midweek 3-1 home defeat. Both teams were putting together good passages of play to break the defensive lines, but only half chances were created with neither goalkeeper really tested. After the half-hour mark, the home side started to see more of the ball and brought their dynamic front three into the game more. The 'Baggies' looked to find the dangerous Dean Rule in order to test Craig Atkinson, but Tadley's back four stood strong to see out the first half. (HT 0-0)

The second half started in similar fashion, with tempo, aggression and intent from both teams. This was the pattern for the opening 15 minutes of the half until a 'wonder goal' from centre back Jack Dean, on loan from Bracknell Town, saw the deadlock broken. With Badshot deep inside the Tadley half and Tadley's back line pushing the attack back, the ball was played backwards to Dean who let fly with an almighty effort which 'stayed hit' to fly past the despairing dive of Atkinson to make it 1-0.

The 'Baggies' took control after this, pushing forward at every opportunity looking to increase their lead and goal difference should they find themselves level with current league leaders Raynes Park Vale come the end of the season. Tadley's best chance of the half, and probably of the game, came in the final 5 minutes.

A corner from the left was played to the back post where it was met by Scott Kinge. He nodded the ball down to Ben Wright whose effort went narrowly over the bar. Badshot added a second in injury time after a lapse in concentration in the Tadley defence. Nick Medcraft was in the right place to tap the ball home after Atkinson had made a terrific save from Kane Fitzgerald. (FT 2-0)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Batchelor, Walsh (C), Neal, Saunders, Darboe, Goater, Kinge, Thorne (sub 49' Miller), Wright, Alliston (sub 72' Fragata).

Unused Subs; Rolfe, Pettet

Attendance: 98



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 Dan Walkley



Tadley Calleva warming up before the match against Badshot Lea



Defender James Batchelor
In action against Fleet Town



Midfielder Adam Alliston
Returned recently after a long injury

Tadley Calleva



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TOM WALSH
JORDAN GOATER
BRAD NEAL
OUSMAN DARBOE
CONNOR THORNE
CHRIS HORTON
JACK FRENCH
BEN WRIGHT
JAMIE JOHNSTON
ADAM ALLISTON
KALUM COUSINS
LOUIE CHAMBERS
KIERAN ROGERS
ALEX FRAGATA
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SHELDON WRIGHT
ARGJEND AHMETAJ
ALEX MILLER
JAMES BATCHELOR

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