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# Tadley Left Frustrated...



*Match Report by Dan Walkley*

**Tadley Calleva 0 Badshot Lea 3**  
*Combined Counties League - Premier Division*  
*Tuesday 7th March 2023*

Goals from Dean Rule, Dan Walster and Danilo Cadete saw visitors Badshot Lea leave Barlows Park with all three points in a midweek Combined Counties League Premier Division fixture where both teams were in need of the points. Tadley went into the game off the back of a nil-nil draw away at the now struggling Redhill whilst the visitors were on the the end of a shock 2-1 defeat away at local rivals Farnham Town.

Tadley got the game underway on a bitterly cold night in North Hampshire, but were unable to obtain any real control of the ball in the early stages. The visitors aggressive press allowed them to create a handful of chances, but none that threatened Craig Atkinson's goal. However, on 10 minutes, Tadley had the first clear opportunity to open the scoring. A quick throw-in on the left found Ben Wright who then allowed the ball to run across his body. He got his shot away that bounced just before Badshot keeper Kallum Lunn, but Lunn was able to get down and push the ball behind for a corner. Badshot Lea continued to push forward, but with more intent and began to look more threatening with each passing move. A loose ball on the halfway line was picked up by Dean Rule who produced a lovely piece of skill to knock the ball past Louie Chambers. Rule continued his run deep into the Tadley half, cut inside onto his right foot and slotted the ball into the far corner of Atkinson's net. The visitors kept pushing without reply and looked the more likely to score the next goal through their dominance in the midfield. The dominance paid off as on 40 minutes they doubled their lead. A corner from the

right found it's way to Dan Walster free on the edge of the Tadley box. With time on his side Walster was able to adjust his body before placing his shot beyond Atkinson and into the bottom right hand corner of the Tadley goal. The home side went into the break two down and looking visibly deflated with their first half performance. (HT 0-2)

The second forty-five started much as the first had ended and within a few minutes the home side could have been three down. However, a strong save down to his left by Atkinson kept Tadley's hopes of getting back into the game alive. Eventually, Tadley started to grow into the game and began to get some joy breaking the Badshot defensive line. Half chances came and went without much danger of a goal and any hopes of a comeback began to look increasingly unlikely. With three minutes remaining, the game was put out of reach of the home side. Substitute Danilo Cadete was played in behind the Tadley defence to find himself one on one with Craig Atkinson. Cadete opened his body and slotted the ball home to secure all three points for the visitors. A very frustrating night for the home side who saw their hopes of a top five finish take a significant knock. (FT 0-3)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Batchelor, Goater, Neal, Pettet (sub 46' Miller), Chambers, French, Darboe (sub 46' Fragata), Rodgers (sub 72' Bustin), B Wright, Kinge (sub 60' Ahmetaj)

Attendance: 74

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# Knaphill FC



## Today's Visitors - A Brief History

We welcome Knaphill FC to Barlows Park today for this season's return fixture in the Combined Counties League - Premier Division. We met at Redding Way only a few weeks ago in midweek and subsequently left with the three points after a superb second half goal from midfielder Jack French saw us win 2-1 in a very tight match.

Ben Wright opened the scoring for Tadley midway through the first half with an instant reply for Knaphill from George Pilbeam before French scored the all important winner. Both clubs are currently sitting in the top half of the table and will be looking to earn the three points that will secure their highest possible position as the season enters the final stages. We are certainly in for a tough competitive match this afternoon.

Knaphill Football Club was established in 1924. They became members of the Surrey Intermediate League winning the league title in 1935-36. However, by the 1970's the club was playing in the Woking & District League. They won the league's Charity Cup in 1972-73 and went on to win the Premier Division, League Cup and Charity Cup treble in 1978-79. The club were Premier Division runners-up the following season, but retained the League Cup and Charity Cup, as well as winning the Challenge Cup.

Knaphill then returned to the Surrey County Intermediate League (Western), joining Division Three. They were crowned Division Three champions in their first season back in the league, earning promotion to Premier Division Two. In 1981-82 the club finished runners-up in Premier Division Two, securing their third successive promotion. The following season saw them finish as runners-up in Premier Division One. In the 1990's, the club absorbed Heathlands from the Guildford and Woking Alliance League.

In 2005-06, Knaphill won Division One of the Surrey County Intermediate League (Western) and were subsequently promoted to the Premier Division. The following season they were Premier Division champions, earning promotion to Division One of the Combined Counties League. A third place finish in 2013-14 saw the club promoted to the Premier Division. In 2017-18, they won the Premier Challenge Cup, beating Worcester Park 3-2 in the final.

Last season 2021-22, Knaphill finished in 11th position in the Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South). Jack Williamson was their top goal scorer with 9 league goals.

# A Positive Reaction...



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 Knaphill. We'd also like to welcome the management team, players, officials and supporters of 'The Knappers' who have made the journey here to Tadley.

Looking back to Tuesday night's match, although we were disappointed with the result, we felt it was a game that we could take positives from. On the whole, we defended really well against a Camberley side who put us under a bit of pressure with direct balls from the kick off. At the top end of the pitch, our movements were fluid and we created several good scoring opportunities.

But football is won and lost, or in the case of Tuesday, drawn in key moments. We had the good movements and combinations which created some strong chances and our one goal, but we felt we had opportunities to warrant more goals. As mentioned previously, we largely defended really well, but one moment where we switch off and allow an opposition player to run across our box, saw us concede when it didn't look like they would score prior to this.

We can take elements of the game as positives and we will certainly take those forward into our remaining fixtures. We will also take lessons that come from a disappointing result....If you don't take your chances you can get punished later

in the game. We've said it several times before that this can happen in this league. It's a very competitive Step 5 division. Anyone is capable of taking points from anyone, whether your facing the top teams, bottom teams or any team in the middle of the table, there are no easy games and today will not be any different.

Today is another game at home and another opportunity to go and get a win against a side we met for the first time away only a few weeks back. We know they will be a well organised and hard working side with quality. They will put us under pressure from minute one in an attempt to go back to Surrey with all three points. But we'll be prepared to work harder than our opponents and bring our own qualities that give us the best opportunity to get a win.

Thank you for your support today, it is really appreciated by us all. We are hoping we can put on a performance to be proud of!

The Gaffers

*Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler*

The Management Team

*George Geffin, Barrie Awhery & Carolyn Tuttle*

# Welcome to Barlows Park —

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

The facilities, which include 6 changing rooms and a board room, are also available for hire by other local organisations.

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Physio Carolyn 'Caz' Tuttle receiving the kind donation of a Defibrillator from Neil Humphries

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Tue 21st Mar 2023

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*Barlows Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ - kick-off 7:45pm*

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2	Badshot Lea	28	21	4	3	62	67
3	Jersey Bulls	29	19	7	3	54	64
4	Abbey Rangers	31	20	3	8	42	63
5	Knaphill	29	15	6	8	16	51
6	Colliers Wood United	28	16	2	10	19	50
7	Farnham Town	30	14	5	11	17	47
8	Tadley Calleva	28	13	6	9	2	45
9	Cobham	32	13	3	16	-11	42
10	Redhill	29	13	3	13	-14	42
11	Balham	28	10	9	9	-2	39
12	AFC Croydon Athletic	27	11	2	14	-14	35
13	Camberley Town	29	10	4	15	-12	34
14	Alton	31	7	9	15	-23	30
15	Fleet Town	30	8	6	16	-23	30
16	Guildford City	28	8	4	16	-15	28
17	Sheerwater	29	8	4	17	-38	28
18	Horley Town	29	8	2	19	-17	26
19	Banstead Athletic	29	7	3	19	-30	24
20	Frimley Green	30	3	3	24	-63	12

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Tadley's Brad Neal (sponsored by John Taylor) is currentlyt in top form



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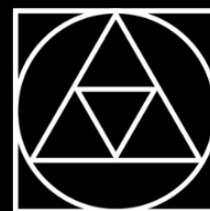
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# Honours Are Even...



*Match Report by Dan Walkley*

## Tadley Calleva 1 Camberley Town 1 *Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)* *Tuesday 14th March 2023*

The spoils were shared on a bitterly cold night at Barlows Park on Tuesday as second half goals from Jack French and Gianluca Botti saw Tadley and Camberley Town play out a 1-1 draw in front of a brave crowd of eighty-seven spectators. A win for the hosts would have seen them draw level in the table with Farnham Town with three games in hand and also boost their chances of a top five finish. A target which now looks slightly out of reach.

The first half started quickly and we didn't need to wait too long for the first chance of the game. Tadley were caught on the ball in the middle of the field which allowed Camberley to break forward and find star man Gianluca Botti. His effort, from the edge of the box, flew just wide of Craig Atkinson's far post. An early scare for the home side. Tadley responded with a chance of their own just five minutes later. Ousman Darboe threaded an intricate pass to Kalum Cousins coming in from the right. Cousins struck the ball well, but Camberley keeper Owen Crawford made a really good save and pushed the ball behind for a corner.

The drastic change in the weather into a wet, cold and windy Barlows Park also had an immediate impact on the game. It turned into a scrappy affair with neither side able to assert any control. The best chance came on the half hour after Ben Wright cleverly found strike partner Kieran Rodgers. He drove through the visitors defensive line and struck a powerful shot, low across the keeper, but again Crawford was up to the task and made a fantastic point blank save to keep the scores level. (HT 0-0)

The second half started in similar fashion to the first. That was until a fantastic passage of play involving Alex Fragata and Tom Walsh saw Walsh reach the bye-line and cut the ball back inside for Jack French. The midfielder cut inside and struck a right footed shot wide of Crawford and into the bottom corner. A goal from nowhere that sparked the hosts into life and their confidence started to grow. Tadley took control of the game and a few minutes later could have doubled their lead. The ever lively Kieran Rogers positioned himself well on the edge of the box. With the most nonchalant of efforts, he managed to bend the ball round a defender towards goal. Camberley keeper Crawford was left rooted to the spot, but luckily for him he watched the ball fall just wide of his post.

With 20 minutes remaining, Camberley threw caution to the wind in an attempt to salvage a good away point. It eventually paid off after Calvin Camara picked up the ball on the left and made a cross-field run on the edge of the Tadley box. His pass split the hosts back line which found dangerman Botti who wasted no time in firing the ball low into the bottom corner of Atkinson's goal for 1-1. The final 10 minutes were a cagey affair with neither side really wanting to concede a late one. (FT 1-1)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Walsh (C), Goater, Neal, Chambers, Darboe (sub 65' Kinge), French, Fragata, Rodgers (sub 65' Bustin), Wright, Cousins (sub 80' Miller)

Attendance: 87



# 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 - a blast from the past!



Midfielder Alex Miller



Midfielder Ousman Darboe  
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# Tadley Calleva



## Squad

CRAIG ATKINSON  
TOM WALSH  
JORDAN GOATER  
BRAD NEAL  
OUSMAN DARBOE  
SHEMAR PETTET  
CHRIS HORTON  
JACK FRENCH  
BEN WRIGHT  
JAMIE JOHNSTON  
ALEX FRAGATA  
KALUM COUSINS  
LOUIE CHAMBERS  
JAMES BATCHELOR  
KIERAN RODGERS  
SCOTT KINGE  
ALEX MILLER  
SHELDON WRIGHT  
MATTHEW BUSTIN  
ARGJEND AHMETAJ

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*Yellow Socks*

*Joint Managers*  
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*Coaches*  
*George Coffin/Barrie Awbery*

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*Carolyn Tuttle*

***Referee***  
***Scott Crowhurst***

***Assistants***  
***Jonathan Bartlett***  
***Ian Warner***

# Knaphill



## Squad

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