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Wright on the Night..



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Tadley Calleva 3 Knaphill 2 *Combined Counties League - Premier Division* *Saturday 18th March 2023*

A Ben Wright penalty six minutes from time saw Tadley overturn a two goal deficit to earn all three points against fifth placed Knaphill last Saturday. This fixture was only one of four CCL (South) matches to survive the adverse weather conditions thanks to some excellent voluntary ground work to get the pitch in a playable condition.

The rain began to fall again as the game got underway and it was a slow start from the hosts. Knaphill instantly got going and inside the first few minutes had the first opportunity from the edge of the box. Fortunately for Tadley the effort went high over the crossbar, changing rooms and into the car park. However, it wasn't too much longer before they found a way through with George Pilbeam notching his thirteenth league goal of the season. On 10 minutes, Pilbeam picked the ball up on the edge of the box and danced his way through the Tadley back line before stroking the ball past Craig Atkinson and into the bottom corner. As Tadley tried to force their way back into the game, a loose ball was picked up by the away side on the half way line. They drove forward and Pilbeam forced a great save from Atkinson. The resulting corner forced Atkinson into another vital stop at his near post, but unfortunately the ball found it's way to the edge of penalty area to Knaphill's James Ward and his shot found the top corner for 0-2. Tadley still pushed forward and their efforts eventually paid off. A free-kick was awarded some 30 yards from goal and with everyone expecting Ben Wright to shoot, he played a quick ball through to Alex Miller who made no mistake by bending his shot past Jos Parker to give Tadley a lifeline. (HT 1-2)

The opening 10 minutes of the second half was a pretty cagey affair, not helped by the driving rain straight down the pitch. As the game progressed, it was Knaphill who looked the more dangerous mainly due to the attacking intent from their two pacey wingers, but without carving out any clear cut chances. At the other end of the pitch, some gamesmanship and time wasting by keeper Barker was beginning to occur. This was until a back pass was misjudged by the Knaphill stopper which allowed the on-running Alex Fragata to tap the ball into an empty net and pull Tadley back on level terms.

The home side were now in the ascendancy and looked like the team that would most likely go on and get a winner. They did just that and they got their reward on 84 minutes after winger Alex Miller was upended in the box. Miller picked up the ball on the left and drove into the Knaphill penalty area, forcing full back Ali Mansaray into making a clumsy challenge. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and up stepped the ever reliable Ben Wright whose side footed shot flew past Jos Barker and into the bottom left hand corner to make it 3-2. An excellent comeback by the home side, showing some fantastic character in doing so. (FT 3-2)

Tadley Team; Atkinson, Batchelor (sub 85' Ahmetaj), Walsh (C), Neal, Goater (sub 75' Pettet), Kinge, French, Fragata, Rodgers (sub 59' Darboe), Wright, Miller (sub 85' Alliston).

Attendance: 45

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Guildford City



Today's Visitors - a brief history

We welcome Guildford City to Barlows Park tonight in the return Combined Counties League Premier Division fixture. We met at 'The Spectrum' earlier in the season when we left with a 4-2 win. Goals from Dean Stow, Brett Denham, Brody Peart & Jamie Johnston saw us take the points with Billy Murphy & Charlie Samuel on target for the home side. Guildford got their revenge a few weeks later when they knocked us out of the FA Vase 1st Round proper on penalties after a 1-1 draw. Ben Wright scored for Tadley with Jacob Breckon netting a late equaliser. Tonight is sure to be another a very close game.

1921-74, the first club in the town were amateur and were formed in 1877 as Guildford FC, known as the 'Pinks'. By the end of 1920 a professional side was formed and in May 1921 they were accepted into the Southern League, the equivalent of today's National League. 1927 saw Guildford become a Diocese and coupled with the planned cathedral, it was believed that Guildford would become a city so the club was renamed Guildford City. In 1928-29, City were drawn at home to Queen's Park Rangers in the FA Cup First Round proper and won 4-2 in front of almost 8,000 spectators. The immediate pre-war years saw another famous FA Cup victory, this time over Reading. Season 1937-38 saw Guildford City lift the Southern League Championship for the first time. The following year a record crowd of 9,932 saw an epic FA Cup 1st Round replay versus local rivals Aldershot. Another league championship was achieved in 1955-56. In 1974 ongoing financial problems led to the merge with Dorking. The final game at St Joseph's Road saw City beat Folkstone 2-0 in front of 625 fans. The club

limped on for 2 seasons before finally succumbing. 1996-present, after years of discussions and false starts the club re-emerged as AFC Guildford in 1996 after the Mayor of Guildford, John Woodhatch persuaded Burpham FC to change its name and move to the Spectrum Leisure Centre. After a spell in the Surrey Premier League, Guildford joined the newly formed Combined Counties League, winning Division One in 2003-04. After a 12 month period as Guildford United, the club was re-named the historically significant 'Guildford City' after an absence of 30 years. Season 2007-08 saw City claim a runners-up finish in the CCL Premier Division under the management of Scott Steele & Lloyd Wye. Then saw a period of struggle which was alleviated by the appointment of Kevin Rayner in 2009. His second season saw a club best run in the FA Vase, an FA Cup victory over Tonbridge Angels, but also the CCL Premier Division Championship. A second CCL Championship was gained in 2012, resulting in a return to the Southern League after 38 years. That first Step 4 season saw a creditable 9th place finish. At the end of 2012-13, Rayner departed for a new chapter before returning in November 2013. In 2014-15, Rayner was replaced by Donovan Chislett who saved the club from relegation in an exciting climax to the season. Chislett himself departed in September 2015 to be replaced by former Godalming & Farncombe Athletic FC Manager Dean Thomas. Then commenced a Guildford game of musical chairs with a number of arrivals and departures over the next few seasons. In May 2022, Peter Ruggles was appointed manager with 'stability' being the main aim of the season.

Taking the Positives...



Joe Lawler & Ben Dillon

From the 'dugout'

Good evening and a warm welcome to Barlows Park to all of our supporters for tonight's game against Guildford City. We'd also like to welcome the management team, players, officials and supporters of 'The Sweeney' who have made the journey here to Tadley.

Reflecting on our previous two fixtures, we first faced Romsey Town here in the North Hants Senior Cup seven days ago when we unfortunately fell to a defeat after a penalty shoot-out. We were, of course, very disappointed to go out of the cup in a game we felt like we should have won. We gave away a goal that we were really annoyed with, but for large parts of the game we were camped in their territory and bombarded them with balls into their box. However, we didn't quite show that final bit of quality to take us through to the final. We must also give an immense amount of credit to the opposition though, who defended like warriors, riding out all of our pressure and kept their cool during the shoot-out to take them through. We wish them the best of luck in the final.

Referencing Saturday's game away at Fleet Town, we will certainly be taking positives from that match. We got off to a really fast start with Kieran Rodgers scoring the opening goal with barely a minute on the clock. We then doubled our lead not too long afterward when a Ben Wright free-kick re-bounded off the post for Brad Neal to slot the ball home. At 2-0 up we looked really strong, but in

the final few minutes of the first half we conceded from two set pieces to go in level at half time. Shortly into the second half, we conceded again, but credit to the lads they dug deep and fully deserved the equaliser when Alex Miller scored a great goal. We rode our luck at times after this, but also created some good opportunities of our own to win it. However, it was probably a game where both sides thought they had the chances to win, so a draw was probably the fairest result.

On to this evening, we face a Guildford City side who are sitting just outside the relegation places. They will be pushing extremely hard for the points in an attempt to put some distance between them and the drop zone. We know, from last season's experience, how dangerous this can make any team and how much teams are willing to fight for their survival. There is absolutely no doubt in our minds that this will be a very tough game tonight.

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

The Gaffers

Ben Dillen & Joe Lawler

Management Team

George Coffin, Barrie Awhbery & Carolyn Tuttle

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Tadley in action against Andover New Street in the 2017 FA Vase

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Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)

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CCL Premier Division (South)

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2	Badshot Lea	30	23	4	3	68	73
3	Jersey Bulls	32	21	7	4	57	70
4	Abbey Rangers	33	21	3	9	42	66
5	Knaphill	31	16	6	9	16	54
6	Farnham Town	32	16	5	11	19	53
7	Colliers Wood United	29	16	2	11	17	50
8	Tadley Calleva	30	14	7	9	3	49
9	Cobham	35	14	3	18	-10	45
10	Redhill	30	13	3	14	-15	42
11	Camberley Town	31	12	4	15	-1	40
12	Balham	30	10	9	11	-5	39
13	AFC Croydon Athletic	29	11	2	16	-17	35
14	Alton	32	8	9	15	-20	33
15	Horley Town	31	10	2	19	-8	32
16	Fleet Town	32	8	7	17	-26	31
17	Sheerwater	31	9	4	18	-40	31
18	Guildford City	29	8	4	17	-18	28
19	Banstead Athletic	31	8	3	20	-30	27
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Tadley's Alex Miller has been in excellent scoring form since joining from Thatcham Town



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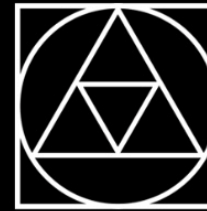
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Game of Two Halves...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Fleet Town 3 Tadley Calleva 3
Combined Counties Premier Divison (South)
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



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 in recent action against Fleet Town



Striker Kieran Rodgers
Opened the scoring against Fleet Town



Midfielder Alex Fragata
Scored a vital goal against Knaphill

Tadley Calleva



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LOUIE CHAMBERS
KIERAN ROGERS
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