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Tadley and Jersey Bulls in recent action



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Mayfield Misery...



Match Report by Anne Nonimus

AFC Croydon Athletic 3 Tadley Calleva 0
Combined Counties League - Premier Division
Saturday 26th November 2022

Tadley made the long journey to Croydon for the second time in three weeks and again left empty handed. On both occasions we went in at the break on level terms after failing to capitalise on the several opportunities created before succumbing yet again in the second half. It's probably fair to say that It's not top of the list of our favourite grounds to visit.

On this occasion however, Tadley did start the better of the two sides on what only can be described as a very poor playing surface. In the opening minute of the match Scott Kinge split the Croydon defence with a pass that found Ben Wright through on goal, but unfortunately his attempt at a chip didn't have the necessary loft to beat home keeeper Oshane Brown. Wright also had another great opportunity to break the deadlock 15 minutes later when he found himself unmarked in the 6 yard box, but again his headed effort went straight into the arms of Brown. On a sour note striker Kieran Rogers had to be taken off on 25 minutes after a 'robust' challenge saw him needing to head off to A&E.....here's hoping he makes a full and swift recovery. The remainder of the half was a pretty uneventful affair with the home side probably the happier team and hoping to take advantage of the slope in the second half (HT 0-0)

Just four minutes into the second half and they did just that. A bit of a disputed free kick some 25 yards from goal was eventually taken by Jack Marney and his left footed shot found the top left hand corner of Craig Atkinson's

goal. It was 2-0 to the home side just 7 minutes later. A through ball split the Tadley back line which found Croydon striker Tyrone Pink in space and he cut inside Brad Neal before curling his shot into the far corner to leave Tadley with a mountain to climb should they hope to take anything from the game.

To our credit we did ask some questions over the final 20 minutes, but were limited to half chances as the home side looked very determined to avenge their 6-1 loss at Barlows Park from earlier in the season. Three minutes into added on time Croydon scored their third goal. With Tadley pushing forward in search of a goal the home side broke quickly and after a bit of a goalmouth scramble Manfous Vidoley bundled the ball home to make it another pretty miserable afternoon in Croydon for the visitors. (FT 3-0)

After the game joint managers Ben Dillon and Joe Lawler were honest in their assessment of the match. Lawler saying "We have no complaints about the result, we didn't feel we did enough in the important moments".

Tadley Team; Atkinson (C), Saunders, Stow, Neal, Goater, Johnston, French, Kinge, Rogers (sub 25' Thorne), B Wright (sub 65' Walsh), S Wright (sub 65' Darboe)

Unused Subs; Cousins

Attendance: 53

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Jersey Bulls



Tonight's Visitors

Founded in 2018, Jersey Bulls is the most southerly football club in the English football league system. Following in the footsteps of Guernsey FC, The Bulls were conceived by Chairman Russell Le Feuvre to give Island players an opportunity to test their abilities in a more competitive environment. It also gives islanders an opportunity to support a club side in Jersey that competes nationally. In 2018, the Bulls got the official FA approval for their bid to join the English football leagues and one month later the Combined Counties League approved their membership bid to join Division One for the 2019-20 season. Since then, Bulls announced ex-Island representative player Gary Freeman as manager and signed up 32 local players. On 6th July 2019, they played their first ever match at their home ground of Springfield Stadium in a pre-season friendly losing out narrowly by 4-3 to EFL League Two side Stevenage FC. They then hosted their first ever competitive league match against Ash United winning 3-0 with Fraser Barlow, Karl Hinds and Harry Cardwell the scorers. The win began an unexpected and sensational run of 27 league wins from 27 league matches. The unbeaten run resulted in an expected promotion to the Premier Division with their 27th victory being a 2-0 home win over British Airways. This remarkable achievement bringing them to the attention of the national media. The global pandemic resulted in the FA decision to cancel the remainder of the season rendering all results null and void. This effectively expunged all of Bulls record breaking season. In 2020-21, the Bulls had it all to do again in Division One, but after only four league wins and an FA Vase tie the season was again curtailed. However, promotion

to the Combined Counties League (South) was gained as a result of the FA league re-structure and based on the points per game average earned in league matches over the two previous curtailed seasons. Continued restrictions meant that Jersey entered the 2021-22 season without playing any pre-season friendlies. Early league fixtures were all played away and some difficult opponents met early on. In contrast early success came in the FA Cup and FA Vase, notably the former. A 10-1 win over Horsham YMCA was the best debut match win in the competition since 1945. After a few more victories, a commendable draw against Sutton Common Rovers led to an expensive return trip (due to the competition rules for offshore clubs). A 3-2 victory was inspired by a spectacular goal from Sol Solomon that featured on national television. Chertsey Town put an end to the run with a 1-0 victory in front of a record home attendance of 1,611. The unexpected closure of the Springfield Stadium resulted in the final league games of the season all requiring to be played in England which ended with the club narrowly missing out on promotion. A review of the season led to the heart wrenching decision to withdraw from the FA Cup for 2022-23, partly due to the restrictions placed on offshore clubs. It is hoped this will enable them to concentrate on their league and FA Vase campaigns. The island of Jersey is geographically nearer to France (14 miles) than England (87 miles) and entering a club in the National League presents a major challenge both logistically and financially. Bulls and their opponents need to fly to, or from, Gatwick Airport to play each other. So the club has to rely on the generous support of their commercial partners to survive.

Looking to Progress...



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 Jersey Bulls. We'd also like to welcome Gary, his management team, players, officials and supporters of Jersey Bulls who have made the long journey over the channel here to Tadley.

It's great to be back at Barlows Park for the second time in four days. We'll be looking to carry our superb home league form into this competition against incredibly tough opposition.

Just touching on our last game against Fleet Town on Saturday. It was a fantastic performance from the lads, and it was great to get back to winning ways after the disappointing result away at AFC Croydon. We said to the players before the game that we wanted them to go out and take the game to Fleet, be on the front foot and dictate the way we wanted to play. Safe to say they did just that. We looked really tidy and effective in possession and played with a great deal of intensity out of possession. The lads scored three excellent goals. There was of course the two excellent free-kicks from Ben Wright and Jordan Goater respectively. But the goal that was most pleasing for us was the 'tap-in' goal from Jamie Johnston. That goal had great build up play and shows the quality we have when we're at our best.

On to tonight's game against Jersey Bulls, we know first hand how tough they are to play against after our trip over to Jersey earlier in the season. Their current league position is a bit misleading due to the number of games they still have in hand... and they are also in the 4th Round of the FA Vase. So we are well aware that they have the ability to perform well in knock-out competitions. There is little doubt that we will need to be at our very best to progress to the next round of this competition. There will be moments in tonight's game when we will be under pressure and may need to ride out the storm, but there will also be moments when we can make our imprint on the game and show what we can do. If we take the game to them, make the most of those moments and dominate both boxes as well as we know we can, then there is no reason why we can't come out of this tie positively.

We'd like to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to having you back at Barlows Park for the final game before Christmas against Badshot Lea. We'd also like to wish the supporters of Jersey Bulls safe travels after the match and hopefully you all enjoy tonight's encounter..

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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Combined Counties League - Premier Division (South)

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2	Abbey Rangers	18	13	0	5	22	39
3	Badshot Lea	15	12	2	1	34	38
4	Knaphill	17	11	4	2	9	37
5	Colliers Wood United	19	11	1	7	13	34
6	Redhill	16	10	2	4	10	32
7	Tadley Calleva	16	10	1	5	7	31
8	Jersey Bulls	13	9	2	2	28	29
9	Farnham Town	18	8	3	7	13	27
10	Balham	18	6	4	8	-4	22
11	Cobham	18	6	2	10	-10	20
12	AFC Croydon Athletic	15	6	2	7	-11	20
13	Alton	17	5	4	8	-8	19
14	Camberley Town	16	6	0	10	-8	18
15	Horley Town	15	5	0	10	-4	15
16	Guildford City	15	5	0	10	-9	15
17	Fleet Town	15	2	3	10	-17	9
18	Frimley Green	18	2	3	13	-28	9
19	Banstead Athletic	18	2	2	14	-29	8
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Tadley's Jordan Goater scored in our 3-0 victory over Fleet Town



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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



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 Calleva Youth



Tadley Calleva first team squad and the U8 mascots



Midfielder Jamie Johnston
scored in our 3-0 win over Fleet Town



Midfielder Jack French
influential on return from Farnham Town

Tadley Calleva



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TOM WALSH
JORDAN GOATER
BRAD NEAL
OUSMAN DARBOE
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CHRIS HORTON
JACK FRENCH
BEN WRIGHT
JAMIE JOHNSTON
ADAM ALLISTON
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SCOTT KINGE
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Jersey Bulls



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