







Tadley Calleva v Jersey Bulls

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Combined Counties League - Premier Division

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Harsh, but probably fair?...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Tadley Calleva 1 Balham 1 Combined Counties League - Premier Division Saturday 4th February 2023

Two first goals saw the spoils shared last Saturday at Barlows Park thanks to some outstanding goalkeeping from the Balham number one.

The home side started much the brighter and within three minutes had the first real chance of the game. Skillful winger Jamie Johnston picked the ball up on the left hand side and with a marauding run beat the Balham defence, he cut inside and unleashed a fierce shot which sailed narrowly over the bar. Early warning signs for Balham. There was no let up from Tadley and just over five minutes later the home side opened the scoring. It was Johnston again who was the architect. He picked the ball up on the left flank, drove into the box and played a square ball across the six yard box for Rudy Knott to tap home for his first goal in yellow and black.

Balham woke up and started to get more of a grip in the game. It became more of an even contest and any chance of a Tadley second were quickly thwarted by a re-organised defence. On 27 minutes, the visitors were on level terms. An in-swinging corner from the left was not dealt with by Tadley keeper James Andrews and as the ball bounced around inside the six yard box, Balham's Nathan Osaji bundled the ball home to bring the score back level. The visitors grew more and more into the game and could have taken the lead just before half time if not for a strong hand from Andrews to deny a fantastic opportunity. (HT 1-1)

If the first half was anything to go by, then the expectations were high that there would be chances aplenty in the second forty five. Unfortunately for usthis was not to be the case.

The opening ten minutes of the second half was pretty frantic with neither side being able to get a hold of the ball and string some passes together. There were no real clear cut chances initially, but on 65 minutes a loose ball from the Balham keeper fell to debutant Rudy Knott who was unable to convert a golden opportunity. The game then went a bit flat until we reached the final 10 minutes. Neither side looked happy to settle for a point and both threw everything into the game. With 5 minutes to go, a free-kick for Tadley looked the perfect range for the prolific Ben Wright, but his 25 yard effort was denied by an outstanding finger tip save from Haydn Read in the Balham goal. He was at it again just a few minutes later with a point blank save from Alex Fragata to prevent the most certain of last minute winners. (FT 1-1)

Tadley Team; Andrews, Chambers, Walsh (C) (sub 46' Pettet), Neal, Goater, Johnston, French, Darboe (sub 66' Kinge), Knott (sub 76' Cousins), B Wright, Fragata (sub 86' Thorne).

Unused Subs: Horton

Attendance: 63





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Jersey Bulls



Tonight's Visitors - a brief history

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 Jersev 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 and 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 Respond...



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 the management team, players, officials and supporters of 'The Bulls' who have made the long journey here to Tadley.

This is the third meeting between the sides this season. A 0-0 draw in Jersey saw us leave with a well earned point. However, 'The Bulls' got the better of us in the Premier Challenge Cup with a 3-0 win here at Barlow's Park. Robert Martins-Figueira scored in first half added on time and Samuel Henia Kamau scored deep into added on time in the second half. Prolific Bulls striker Lorne Bickley scored the other Jersey goal with a very well taken finish.

It's been a tough re-start for us since the 'bad weather' break. With results being inconsistent, we are looking to regain a hold of our earlier form and gain some momentum moving into the final part of the season. The squad has been hit with several injuries in recent weeks, including to our reliable skipper Tommy Walsh, top scorer Ben Wright and in-form winger Jamie Johnston. However, we welcome Kieran Rogers back into tonight's squad after scoring two for the Reserves on Saturday.

It's been a difficult few weeks with some really good performances and we will now look to turn them into wins. We like to play a certain way and sometimes when you're not firing on all cylinders, you can get punished even if you feel you deserved to win the game. It's a tough lesson to learn in this league as the better team doesn't always win on the day.

Tonight we welcome back the in-form Sheldon Wright after serving a suspension. We also welcome back Louie Chambers who has been impressive form at the back recently.

We know that tonight's fixture is going to be a tough task, but we are up for the fight and are looking to getting back to winning ways after the disappointment of the 1-0 loss away at Horley Town on Saturday.

We thank you for your continued support and hope you all enjoy the game!

The Gaffers

Ben Dillon & Joe Lawler

Management Team

Gearge Coffin, Barrie Awbery & Carolyn Juttle

Welcome to Barlows Park —

Home to Tadley Calleva FC

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.

Situated in Tadley on the Hampshire/ Berkshire border, it is run by volunteers on a non-profit basis, to provide football amenities to the local community. 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.

The latest of which include a new 130 seated stand, 2 covered standing areas, new floodlights and an extension to the clubhouse bar.

For further information on Barlow's Park please call: 0118 9817367



Next Fixture

Sat 18th Feb 2023

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

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The Enclosure, Anstey Park. Alton, GU34 2NB- kick-off 3pm

CCL Premier Division (South)

Pos	Team	Р	w	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Raynes Park Vale	22	18	2	2	41	56
2	Badshot Lea	20	17	2	1	54	53
3	Abbey Rangers	25	16	2	7	28	50
4	Jersey Bulls	20	15	3	2	44	48
5	Colliers Wood United	23	14	1	8	17	43
6	Knaphill	22	13	4	5	9	43
7	Tadley Calleva	21	12	2	7	7	38
8	Redhill	21	12	2	7	5	38
9	Farnham Town	25	11	4	10	11	37
10	Cobham	27	11	2	14	-13	35
11	AFC Croydon Athletic	21	9	2	10	-11	29
12	Balham	22	7	7	8	-3	28
13	Alton	26	7	6	13	-19	27
14	Guildford City	22	7	1	14	-12	22
15	Fleet Town	23	6	4	13	-20	22
16	Horley Town	22	7	0	15	-11	21
17	Camberley Town	21	7	0	14	-16	21
18	Banstead Athletic	23	5	2	16	-27	17
19	Sheerwater	22	4	3	15	-42	15
20	Frimley Green	24	2	3	19	-42	9





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Three goals Three points...



Match Report by Dan Walkley

Banstead Athletic 1 Tadley Calleva 3 Combined Counties Premier Divison (South) Tuesday 7th February 2023

Tuesday night saw a return to away action for Tadley as they travelled into Surrey, and the highest ground in the Combined Counties League, to Banstead Athletic located on the Epsom Downs. With player availability and a small number of injury issues, there was a call-up for impressive reserve team players Jacob Rolfe and Tiago Moreno. The latter making his first team debut.

Tadley started quickly and dominated possession from the kick-off. The game plan was obvious, to get the ball into the channels and occupy the wide areas with Brody Peart and Jamie Johnston testing both full-backs. Three minutes in and Tadley had the first golden opportunity. Jamie Johnston beat his opponent with ease on Tadley's left hand side and put in a great cross to find Alex Fragata who's audacious overhead kick was saved by keeper Kieran Newman. Early signs of danger for the home side. It was to be the theme of the first half, with Tadley dominating much of the possession and seemingly creating an opportunity every time they went forward. The best chance of the first half falling to Jamie Johnston who's effort sailed over the bar. We are sure there was a bobble involved on a pretty poor playing surface. Although Tadley dominated the first half, they went in level at the break. (HT 0-0)

The second forty-five started much the same as the first. Tadley got the game underway again and dominated from the outset. Just four minutes in, the tie became much harder for Banstead. A ball from the Tadley back line was played up the pitch with little danger

until Banstead's captain Derek Feyi slipped over on an ever frosting pitch allowing Alex Fragata to take control and bear down on goal. However, Fragata was cynically pulled down by Feyi on the edgae of the box who ultimately saw red from the referee. Less than ten minutes later, Tadley broke the deadlock. A corner on the far side was played to the near post where Brad Neal collected the ball and put it past the helpless goalkeeper from a tight angle. A goal to settle the nerves. However, the home side started to commit more players forward in search of an equaliser. With fifteen minutes remaining, a hopeful long ball over the Tadley back line was chased down well by Shemar Pettet. However, the referee saw it as a penalty after Pettet and Fabio Nunes collided in the box. Reuben Duncan made no mistake from the spot.

With ten minutes remaining, Tadley regained the lead afterScott Kinge recycled a Pettet corner and Fragata drilled the ball home. Substitute and debutant Tiago Moreno scored Tadley's third with his first touch of the ball. A cross from Jamie Johnston was not dealt with by the home defence and Moreno was on hand to prod the ball home to wrap up all three points on a bitterly cold night in Surrey. (FT 1-3)

Tadley Team; Atkinson (C), Chambers, Pettet, Neal, Goater (sub 86' Rolfe), Johnston, French (sub 84' Darboe), Kinge, Fragata, Rudy-Knott (sub 84' Moreno), Peart (sub 82' Horton)

Attendance: N/K



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 it's 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 it's 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 (loW) 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 it's 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.







Tadley Calleva



Jersey Bulls



Squad

CRAIG ATKINSON (GK)

TOM WALSH

JORDAN GOATER

BRAD NEAL

OUSMAN DARBOE

JACK FRENCH

BEN WRIGHT

JAMIE JOHNSTON

DEAN STOW

ADAM ALLISTON

KALUM COUSINS

LOUIE CHAMBERS

CHRIS HORTON

ARGJEND AHMETAJ

SCOTT KINGE

SHEMAR PETTET

SHELDON WRIGHT

KIERAN ROGERS

ALEX FRAGATA

RUDY ANDREW-KNOTT

ALEX MILLER

Colours

Yellow Shirts / Yellow Shorts /

Yellow Socks

Joint Managers

Joe Lawler/Ben Dillon

Coaches

George Coffin/Barrie Awbery

Physio

Carolyn Tuttle

Referee Simon Weston

Assistants

Louis George-Vaughan

Ian Warner

Squad

PIERS ROCHE (GK)

LUKE CAMPBELL

JAY GILES

JAMES QUEREE

SAMMY SUTCLIFFE

FRANK TOBIN

MIGUEL CARVALHO

JOE KILSHAW

JONNY LE QUESNE

BEN LE ROUGETEL

KAMEN NAFKHA

ADAM TROTTER

LUKE WATSON

LORNE BICKLEY
SAMMY HENIA-KAMAU

FRANCIS LEKIMAMATI

JAKE PRINCE

JOHN LLOYD

JACK STEEL

ROBERT MARTINS-FIGUEIRA

EUAN VAN DER VLIET (GK)

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White Socks

Manager

Gary Freeman

Assistant Manager

Kevan Nelson

Coaches

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Physio

Debbie Thompson