

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

**GUERNSEY** 

Tuesday 21st January

at Cobham's Reg Madgwick Stadium

> 7.45pm Kick-Off





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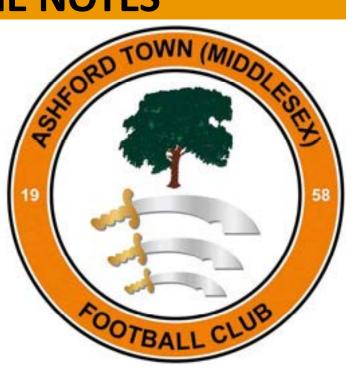
A warm welcome to Guernsey for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at Cobham along with the referee Derrick Laing and his assistants Reece Woodham and Jake Atkinson.

We hope Guernsey had a safe flight over and wish you similar upon your return..

Every now and again a somewhat freakish match occurs and last Saturday's game was possibly the second one that could be thought of, as coming into that category.

The first one, of course, was our home win by seven goals to four over Kingstonian, after being 3-1 down at half-time. Nobody would have predicted that.

For the second occasion, the boot was on the



other foot on Saturday when Badshot Lea, sitting rock bottom in the table with just a solitary league win all season, racked up five goals against us in an incredible opening first half.

Credit goes to our opponents whose shooting when they had the chance was exemplary but that does not excuse our chaotic defending, which saw us concede three goals in the opening 19 minutes.

To make matters worse we then lost Marcin Brzozowski in goal as the third goal was scored. Some referees would have blown the whistle instantly as Marcin laid pronto in the goalmouth but he didn't and the strike counted.

Scott Day went in goal and did OK but it didn't prevent Badshot scoring again soon afterwards, to give us a mountain to climb. We finally got our act together when Basim Mirtahmasebi pulled one back and at that point there was a feeling with some of our more optimistic supporters that all was not lost yet. That idea was quickly squashed as Badshot hit their fifth goal. We had also possibly had the ball in the net during that frantic period but referee Heron could not see from his position while the assistant was also not in a position to judge so it didn't count.

Heads did not drop despite the scoreline and we reduced the deficit to 5-2 within a couple of minutes through Jayden Porter-Atkinson. Another goal for us at that point might have made all the difference but try as we did, we were unable to reduce the tally further and when the home side broke away and notched their sixth goal on 72 minutes, it was all over, even though we had the last word when Elliott Poley scored from close range but it was too late and we racked up another disappointing defeat.

With Guernsey beating Westfield on Saturday coupled with our defeat makes this evening's match another one of considerable importance. A win would not take us out of the relegation area but it would put us level on points with both Guernsey and Met Police.

After tonight we next play here at Cobham on Sunday 26 January, when the visitors will be Horndean. We drew one apiece at their ground a few weeks ago. Kick-off is at 3pm.

#### **Enjoy the game**

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# AWAY TRAVEL Raynes Park Vale - 8th February



#### Prince George's Playing Fields, Grand Drive, Raynes Park, SW20 9HA

**Directions:** From Short Lane aim for the M25 via London Road/A30. As you approach the M25, head towards A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor. Then take the M25(S) slip road on the right. Merge on to the M25.

After 9.4 miles approx on thr motorway take the

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Take the A298 towards Wimbledon. Continue on to Bushey Road/A298.

Turn right on to Grand Drive/B298 then turn left on to Cannon Close for destination on the right.

# **HALF-TIME TEASER**

1. Which former England midfielder did Tamworth sign on 23rd February 2006?

2. Dagenham and Redbridge was formed as a merger of Dagenham and Redbridge Forest. But which clubs merged to form Redridge Forest?

3. Which former Wolverhampton Wanderers and Northern Ireland player negotiated the first football shirt sposnsorship deal for Kettering Town in 1975?

4. Which Brazil midfielder did Harborough Town sign in November 2024?





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Ashford Town (Middx) v Guernsey

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## THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

**REVIEW:** Badshot Lea suddenly go goal crazy on a day with very few goals. Moneyfields get three, Guernsey two, while Farnham, Villa and Binfield win with one.

Leaders Farnham Town, with a seven point advantage at the top, travelled to South London to take on fourth from bottom Sutton Common Rovers.

Farnham had won eight of their previous ten matches, with only one defeat, whilst their hosts have won only two of their ten and found themselves two points from safety. Town broke through on 19 minutes, Adam Liddle with the opener, and that's where the scoring stopped- but it was enough to send the leaders nine points clear. Second place Kingstonian welcomed Leatherhead to Raynes Park Vale. Eddie Simon scoring his 25th goal of the season in his twenty fifth match, but the lead was cancelled out just before the hour by Lukas Franzen-Jones, his tenth Tanners goal in seventeen games. The match had no more goals, and it sees the K's fall nine points behind the leaders.

Ascot United had taken 26 points from the previous 30 available, were 12 matches unbeaten, and played host to seventh place Hanworth Villa. The Yellas developed an unexpected difficulty in first half added time, with Ben Harris sent off, and the Villains went ahead just before the hour courtesy of Sam Merson, The ten men couldn't find a way back and their unbeaten run came to an end.

## THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

## **LEAGUE TABLE**

	Ρ	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Farnham Town	24	19	3	2	50	60
Kingstonian	23	16	3	4	27	51
Ascot United		15	5	6	15	50
Uxbridge	25	14	5	6	15	47
Hanworth Villa		13	4	8	4	43
Hayes & Yeading Utd.	25	11	9	5	13	42
Hartley Wintney		13	2	8	15	41
Moneyfields		12	5	9	7	41
Raynes Park Vale		12	4	7	16	40
Harrow Borough	25	11	5	9	2	38
Rayners Lane		8	9	9	-3	33
Leatherhead		8	7	7	12	31
Southall	25	8	6	11	-1	30
Westfield	24	8	6	10	-9	30
Binfield	24	8	4	12	-19	28
Horndean	21	7	5	9	-15	26
South Park	25	5	7	13	-22	22
Guernsey	23	5	6	12	-14	21
Metropolitan Police	23	6	3	14	-14	21
Sutton Common Rov	25	5	4	16	-17	19
Ashford Town (Mx)	26	4	6	16	-24	18
Badshot Lea		2	6	17	-38	12

## **LEAGUE FIXTURES**

#### **Tuesday 21st January**

Ashford Town (Middx) v Guernsey Leatherhead v Horndean Raynes Park Vale v Hartley Wintney

#### Wednesday 22nd January

Kingstonian v Metropolitan Police

#### Saturday 25th January

Hanworth Villa v Farnham Town Harroew Borough v Binfield Hartley Wintney v Uxbridge Leatherhead v Metropolitan Police Moneryfields v Guernsey Rayners Lane v Ascot United Raynes Park Vale v Hayes & Yeading United South Park (Reigate) v Kingstonian Southall v Sutton Common Rovers Westfield v Badshot Lea

#### Sunday 26th January

Ashford Town (Middx) v Horndean

#### As at 21st January

## **FIRST TEAM FIXTURES**

## 2024-25 SEASON

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M1	Aug 03	Northwood	FAC	2-0	179		Fisher	R-Solanki	Larkham	King	Kandolo!
M2	•	Harrow Borough	IL	0-1	154	-	Fisher	Larkham^	Hope	King*	Kandolo!
М3	-	Uxbridge	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo!
Μ4	•	Uxbridge	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope1=	King	Kandolo!
М5	Aug 24	Ascot United	FAT	1-1	90	-	Fisher E	Blakeborough^	Hope	Humphreys+	Kandolo*
M6	Aug 26	Hanworth Villa	IL	1-4	230	-	Chisolm	Larkham	Hope	King+	Kandolo
M7	Aug 31	Herne Bay	FAC	0-2	97	-	Chisolm	Blakeborough	Larkham	Hope	McKay*
M8	Sep 18	Southall	IL	1-1	109	-	Brzozowski E	Blakeborough+	Larkham	King1	McKay
М9	Sep 21	Farnham Town	IL	1-2	473	-	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	Cullen*	Норе
M1	<b>)</b> Sep 24	Hartley Wintney	IL	1-0	185	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King <sup>^</sup>	Kandolo
M1 <sup>,</sup>	I Sep 28	Uxbridge	IL	1-2	135	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Blakeborough/	•	Kandolo
M12	2 Oct 04	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	201		Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King	Kandolo
		Kingstonian	IL	7-4	146		Brzozowski	Barsa	Норе	King	McKay
M14	4 Oct 12	South Park	IL	0-3	163	20	Brzozowski		Hope*	King	McKay
	5 Oct 20	•	IL	1-2	101	20-	Brzozowski		Blakeborough	0	McKay McKay
		Leatherhead	IL	0-4	359	20	Jupp	Larkham	Норе	King+	McKay
M17	' Oct 26	Rayners Lane	IL	1-2	96	20	Jupp	Норе	Larkham <sup>^</sup>	King	Kandolo
		Farnham Town	IL	0-2	134	20	Jupp	Larkham	R-Solanki	Atkinson	Hope
	-	Sutton Common Roy		1-1	77	20	Jupp	Larkham	Норе	King	Poley
		Leatherhead	IL	2-2	232	21	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	King+	Vernal
		Balham	SSC	2-1	27 217	- 21	Brzozowski Brzozowski	Larkham* R-Solanki	Vernal Paine	King Humphreys	Paul Kandolo
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		Horndean	IL	0-0	133	20	Brzozowski	Kandolo	Larkham	Moore^	Paul
		Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL.	1-2	176	21	Brzozowski	Larkham	Day	Moore+	Poley
		Binfield	IL	3-1	92	20	Brzozowsk		Kandolo	Moore	Poley
M2	9 Dec 26	Westfield	IL	3-3	174	20	Brzozowsk		Kandolo	Moore1	Poley
		Harrow Borough	IL	3-0	143	20	Brzozowsk		Kandolo	Moore	Poley
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		Ascot United	IL	1-3 1-2	156	20	Brzozowsk Brzozowsł		Barsa	Moore	Kandolo
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BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES (1,2) - GOALS SCORED

#### \* First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub ! Fourth Sub = Fifth Sub Bold Blue: Man of the Match

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Hope	Sweeney2	Holder*	Mcleish^	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day^	M1
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi^	M2
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Dayi^	M3
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly^	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder^RSol!Day=1	M4
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham^Khallouqi!	M5
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold1	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+	M6
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+	M7
Hope	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+	M8
McKay	Basim1	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*	M9
McKay	Basim1	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllisiter*Barsa+R-Solanki^	M10
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day^SSweeney!1	M11
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+	M12
Day1^	Sweeney	Humphreys1	Richards*	Cullen4	Basim1+	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife^	M13
Day	Blakeborough	+ Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim1	Larkham*Nwokebuife+	M14
Kandolo	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Barsa	Day	Cullen	R-Solanl	ki Aryan*	M15
Kandolo	Basim	Dillon*	Day	Cullen	R-Solan	ki Aryan* Blakebrough+	M16
McKay	Humphreys	R-Solanki	Cullen1	Day*	Basim+	Noyan*Nwokebuife+Blakebrough^	M17
Kandolo	Basim*	Day	N.Tajbakhsh	n Humphreys	Blakeboroug	h+ Arnold*Dillon+	M18
R-Solanki	Basim1	Humphreys	Cullen	Day*	Atkinson		M19
Poley	Basim^	Moore1	Arnold*	Humphreys!	Atkinson1		M20
Aryantaj	Basim	Humphrey+	Arnold1	Noyan	Atkinson	Manning*Day+1	M21
Vernal	Arnold	Moore	Nyarko	King*	Atkinson+	Paul*Day+	M22
Paul	Arnold1	Moore	Nyarko*	Paine	Vorster!	Noyan*King+Vernal^Humphreys!	M23
Vernal1	Arnold*	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys!		Atkinson*Noyan+Paul^King!Day=	M24
Moore	Paine	Day	Atkinson	Noyan	Basim	Arnold, Vorster, Humphreys, King, Nyarko	M25
Poley	Vorster+	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys		-	M26
Paul	Arnold*	Humphreys	Basim	Nyarko	Paine1	P-Atkinson*King+	M27
Paul Vernal*	Basim1 Basim+	Paine Paine	Day Day	Arnoldl2+ Arnold	P-Atkinso Vorster	n* Vorster*Nyarko+ 1 King*P-Atkinson+1Humphreys^	M28 M29
Humphreys		Paine	Day^ King	Arnold2		Basim*	M29
Humphreys	-	Basim <sup>1</sup>	King	Arnold <sup>2</sup>	Vorster'		M30 M31
Humphrey		Basim*	Barsa	Vorster	Arnold		M32
Poley	Arnold	Paine*	Humphrey		Vorster		M33
Poley1	Arnold	Humphreys	King+	Paul^	Nyarko		M34

#### HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Paul Merson signed for Tamworth on 23rd February 2006. He made one appearance, a 2-1 home defeat against Halifax Town before being dropped to the bench. He then retired.

2. Redbridge Forest was created as a merger of Ilford, Leytonstone and Walthamstow Avenue.

3. Derek Dougan negotiated the first football shirt sponsorship deal. This was when Kettering Town clinched sponsorship from Kettering Tyres. The FA were not happy and Dougan abbreviated the logo to Kettering T clziming the 'T' was for Town.

4. Former Tottenham Hotspur, West Bromwich Albion, Queen's Park Rangers and Brazil midfielder Sandro signed for Harborough Town so he could play in the Emirates FA Cup tie against Reading.

5. Ronnie Radford scored the winner for Hereford United against Newcastle United in the FA Cup in 1972

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH CENTRAL 2024-25 Appearances and Goalscorers									
	League			Cup			Total		
	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals
Toby Fisher	1			4			5		
Deven R-Solanki	8	5		3	3		11	8	
Archie Larkham	23	2		6	1		29	3	
James King	18	3	1	4	2		22	5	1
Prince Kandolo	20			7			27		
Callum Hope	12			5		1	17		1
Rhys Paul	5	2		2			7	2	
Ben Holder	2	2		4	1		6	3	
Aaron Mcleish	5	1		3	1		8	2	
Bradley Manning		1			1			2	
Chris Kelly				1			1		
Jack Arnold	13	3	7	5	2	2	18	5	9
Faris Khallouqi	1	1			2		1	3	
Scott Day	15	6	1	3	5	2	18	11	3
David Nyarko	8	1		1	1		9	2	
Sam Humphreys	20	2	2	3	3		23	5	2
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2	
Josh Blakebrough	5	4		2	1		7	5	
Brian Nelson		1						1	
Marcin Brzozowski	20			3			23		
Basim Mirthamasebi	19	3	9	2			21	3	9
Alexander Paine	8		1	2			10		1
Barsa Mirthamasebi	5	3					5	3	
Adam Richards	2						2		
Emmanuel Nwoke		3						3	
Aryantaj Tajbakhsh		2		1			1	2	
Nick Jupp	4						4		
Gordon Dillon	1	1					1	1	
Noyan Tajbakhsh	1	3		2	1		3	4	
Jayden P-Atkinson	6	4	3	2			8	4	3
Elliott Poley	12		1	2			14		1
Tristan Vernal	4		1	2	1		6	1	1
Liam Moore	12		2	2			14		2
George Vorster	7	3	2	1	1		8	4	2

Callum McAllister 8 (2); Brad Sweeney 8 (1) **5**;Connor Cullen 11,**5**; Kyron H-McKay 15;Mac Chisolm 2

## ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) CROWD FUNDING PITCH PROJECT



#### The last few years beyond the horrible COVID period has been highly challenging and has affected our lives in a whole host of ways.

Our amazing volunteers, supporters and players have all played their part to get Ashford Town (Middx) to where we are today. The club has just announced we've successfully secured grants worth over £1.2m for us start the transition to new beginnings as a community football club after years of effort.

We've spent a small fortune on legal and planning fees to ensure the project could get going but this has left the club in a highly challenging situation where we're unable to pay for junior winter training facilities, relying on generosity of supporters for paying for a ground-sharing arrangement to allow first team games to continue and to pay our critical utility bill debts we've acquired while prioritising getting the 3G project going.

While the long-term future looks bright for this club, in the short term the club needs a significant cash injection to maintain its role in the local community and cover the costs of keeping the lights on at our club.

We know that everyone has been hit financially, but any donation would go a long

way to helping us secure the future of the club. With over 300 junior players across our youth section, plus our senior men's and women's teams, it's imperative the club can continue to operate and set the club up for the future. All donations raised will go directly into the club for the direct benefit of everyone involved.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and kindness. If we can successfully navigate through this tough period, this club will re-assert itself as the top local community club in Spelthorne and remain so for generations to come.

#### To donate go to:

#### https://www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/atfcmiddlesex



# **GUERNSEY HISTORY**

#### The initial idea to establish Guernsey FC was developed during the 2009-10 season.

This was when Guernsey's Senior County Division One representative side enjoyed a successful run in the FA National League System Cup (for league representative sides at Step Seven on the non-league pyramid system and below, since renamed the FA Inter-League Cup), culminating in Guernsey beating the Liverpool County Premier League 5-2 in the final in May 2010.

Along the way, Guernsey defeated representative sides from the Kent County Premier League, the Northampton Premier League, the Southern Amateur League, the Hertfordshire Premier League and the Dorset Premier League.

The final was held in Guernsey in front of a crowd of over 2,500 and was the first time ever that the FA had allowed one of its competition finals to be held outside of the UK mainland.

Following a 1-0 victory over Jersey to reclaim the Muratti Vase in May 2010, the prize for winning the FA National League System Cup for this same squad of players was to represent England in the UEFA Regions Cup preliminary round in Croatia in September 2010. This was a fantastic experience for the players and coaching and medical staff.

Although Guernsey enjoyed mixed fortunes by beating Wales 3-0, drawing with hosts Croatia 1-1 and losing to group winners Turkey 3-0, it provided football at a higher standard, was very motivational and gave our players a great desire to improve further and to play more regularly at higher levels.

Over the course of the following few months, the club's founding directors, Steve Dewsnip and Mark Le Tissier, received encouragement from the Football Association, the Guernsey FA, the Combined Counties League (which we were introduced to by the FA), our former official main club sponsor Sportingbet, the island's government (the States of Guernsey) and the island's local football community to develop our plans for the new club further.

The club was delighted when the member clubs of the Combined Counties League voted by a significant majority on 20 June 2011 to allow Guernsey FC to join Division One of their league.

The 2022-23 season, t was a landmark season for one ofGuernsey's former players, young midfielder Alex Scott, who stood out in midfield for Bristol City in the Championship, winning the EFL Championship Young Player of the Season.



• Owen Wallbridge celebrates his goal in the 5-4 defeat against Moneyfields.

# **GUERNSEY PEN PIX**

Josh Addison (Goalkeeper): Goalkeeper who made his debut against Chatham Town at Footes Lane in September 2016. In Guernsey's recent game against Horndean, Addison made his 100th appearance for the club,

**Thomas Dodds (Defender):** Renowned for his ability to break up play Made his debut aged 17 in the 2016-17 campaign. His debut came in an FA Cup replay at Thamesmead Town where he played the entire match, including extra-time, and was hugely impressive.

**Charlton Gauvain (Midfielder):** The creative midfielder started training with the club on his 16th birthday and signed ahead of a match at Footes Lane soon after. Spent time at Bristol City's youth academy between the ages of eight and 15.

**Sam Murray (Forward):** Having loyally plied his trade for Northerners in the Priaulx League for several years, Murray began training with the Green Lions for the 2022-23 campaign. Netted 11 times in his debut campaign becoming the first player in a decade to hit double figures in his debut season.

**Ross Allen (Forward):** Guernsey's record goalscorer by a huge margin has an incredible goals-to-games record. His exploits with the Green Lions have earned him non-league recognition worldwide.

**Owen Wallbridge (Forward):** Young forward tipped to be an exciting player. Made his debut as a substitute at home to Badshot Lea in September 2023.

**Simon Arnold (Midfielder):** Youngster who has been scoring goals in the Priaulx League for Sylvans. Most comfortable playing off the flank.

#### David Merris (Defender/Midfielder):

Experienced midfielder Merris played and coached at Priaulx League side Belgrave Wanderers after moving to the island in the 2021-22 season. Began his career in the youth ranks of Rotherham United,

Alex Ward (Forward): Teenage forward who has played in the Priaulx League for St Martin's. Made his GFC debut as a substitute away at Marlow in February 2024.

Jacques Cauvin (Defender): The young marauding full back who broke into the team in the latter part of the 2024-25 season.

**Jacob Fallaize (Defender):** Jacob first travelled with the squad in September 2015 but made his debut as a late substitute against Carshalton Athletic on 26th October 2015.

**Finley Du Port (Midfielder):** Fin signed on for the 2024-25 season after taking part in pre-season. Made his debut at Hartley Wintney in August 2024.

**Brandon Wallage (Midfielder):** Technically gifted young winger who had a breakout season in 2022-23. Despite not finding the back of the net in his debut campaign, Brandon frequently got fans on their feet with his exciting style of play and willingness to take on and beat defenders.

**Finlay Patterson (Forward):** Teenager became one of our youngest ever players when he made his debut against Harrow Borough in August 2024.

**Frazer Maginnis (Midfielder):** Youngster who has played for St Martin's in the Priualx League and represented the island at youth level. First called up to the GFC squad in November 2024.

### **FOCUS ON GUERNSEY**

Guernsey are unbeaten in 2025 and this has helped them move out of the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central relegation zone.

The Green Lions started the year with a 4-3 victory over Sutton Common Rovers where Matt Loaring and Sam Murray both scored twice. This success was followed by a 1-1 draw against Southall where Jacob Fallaize netted in the second minute. The hosts equalised in the 56th minute through Brendan Matthew.

Charlton Gauvain was on target twice in a 2-2 home draw against bottom side Badshot Lea with all the goals coming in the last quarter of the game.

Guernsey picked up an important away win at the weekend when they clinch a 2-1 success over Westfield.

Ross Allen opened the scoring shortly after half-time but Westfield soon levelled before Sam Murray fired the winner.



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#### Tamworth's heroics aside, the most romantic story of FA Cup third round weekend was one which never actually materialised.

In 154 years of the competition, no father and son have ever played against each other, so when Premier League Everton pulled Peterborough United out of the hat, all talk was of the possibility of Everton full-back Ashley Young facing his 18-year-old son Tyler.

Tyler was named on the Posh bench but, in the end, a tight game at Goodison Park meant that Peterborough boss Darren Ferguson had to put the needs of his team before the purists and the young midfielder didn't get on.

And in another twist to the tale, Ashley's brother, and Tyler's uncle, Lewis Young took charge of only his second game as caretaker manager, leading out Dagenham & Redbridge at Millwall on Monday night.

Despite not quite etching their names in cup folklore, it proved a memorable weekend for the Young family – one to tell the grandchildren one day.

"It was fantastic to be there at Everton on Thursday 9th January," Lewis told The NLP. It was a dream for me and the whole family all dotted around.

"We probably ended up making it nearly a sell out because the amount of us went up."

Ask any footballer of a certain age and they'll tell you it's every player's dream to see their son or daughter make their own way in the game – better still playing alongside them.

And that was the case for two former full-time stalwarts who lined up alongside their sons in non-league last week. Ronnie Henry says he has fulfilled the final ambition of his 23-year playing career after playing alongside son Louie for Potters Bar.

Stevenage legend Henry, 41, joined the Scholars in June after watching 17-year-old Louie play at the Lantern on loan from his former club last season.

The centre-back even admitted that the possibility of left-back Louie returning to the Isthmian Premier division side had convinced him not to hang up his boots.

Henry was made to sweat, with talk of loan moves elsewhere, but the deal was completed last week and on Tuesday night the pair lined up in Max Mitchell's back four, helping the Scholars to a 2-1 win at Canvey Island.

"I've achieved quite a few things in my career, but playing alongside Louie is right up there with any of them," Henry, who won two FA Trophies, a Conference title and the League Two play-offs during two glittering spells at the Lamex, told The NLP.

"When I decided to play on for another year, it did depend on what Louie was going to do. And at times it looked like he would go elsewhere. So for him to come to Potters Bar and for me to play alongside him was a special, special moment.

"It's a moment that I didn't think was ever going to happen. I didn't even dream of it happening, to be honest. Even driving to the game, I thought 'This is surreal'. But when we crossed that white line, everything just felt really natural.

"It was a fantastic experience and it almost feels like 'OK, I've achieved everything I could have hoped for in football now'."

#### Jon Couch

# THE TEAMS

## **Tuesday 21st January**



## **ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)**

## **Tangerine**





## Green

MARCIN BRZOZOWSKI	1	SEBASTIAN SHEPPARD
ARCHIE LARKHAM	2	THOMAS DODDS
BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI	3	<b>CHARLTON GAUVAIN</b>
LIAM MOORE	4	SAMUEL MURRAY
PRINCE KANDOLO	5	ROSS ALLEN
ELLIOTT POLEY	6	OWEN WALLBRIDGE
JACK ARNOLD	7	FINLEY DU PORT
SAM HUMPHREYS	8	SIMON ARNOLD
JAMES KING	9	<b>BRANDON WALLACE</b>
RHYS PAUL	10	DAVID MERRIS
DAVID NYARKO	11	JACOB FALLAIZE
	SUBS	
JAYDEN P-ATKINSON	12	NIALL HAINSWORTH
SCOTT DAY	14	THOMAS VAUDIN
GEORGE VORSTER	15	ALEXANDER WARD
ALEXANDER PAINE	16	FINLAY PATTERSON
BEN HOLDER	17	JOSH ADDISON
Manager		Manager

Luke Tuffs

Referee: Derrick Laing Assistants: Reece Woodham, Jake Atkinson

## **OUR NEXT HOME GAME**

**ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)** 

Horndean

Sunday 26th January



**Tony Vance**