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BENFLEET FC

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH 2024 KICK OFF 3PM ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE







EDITOR'S CORNER Barking V Benfleet

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Lawtech Stadium for this Essex Senior League tie against Benfleet – the first ever time this fixture is taking place!

Our run of being knocked out of cups continued on Tuesday night as a much-changed side exited the Errington Challenge Cup after a late goal saw West Essex win 2-1 – our goal coming from debutant Lewis Byrne-Hewitt. A full report can be found on page 4. Today's programme is replete with historical information about this day over the years as well as some fixture changes on page 9!

We would also like to wish all fans and players of Benfleet as well as the officials and any neutrals a safe journey home from Lawtech Stadium today.



Come on you Blues!

Penned by programme editor Trevor Gilbert

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Isthmian League - Champions	1978/79
Essex Senior League - Champions	2016/17
Athenian League - Champions	1934/35
London League Premier - Champions	1920/21
London League Division One - Champions	1909-10
FA Non-League Team of the Year	1978/79
FA Cup - Second Round Proper	1978/79, 1979/80, 1981/82, 1983/84
FA Amateur Cup - Runners Up	1926/27
FA Trophy best - Second Round	1979/80
FA Vase Best - Fifth Round (Last 16)	1996/97
London Senior Cup - Winners	1911/12, 1920/21, 1926/27, 1978/79
Essex Senior Cup – Winners	1893/94, 1895/96, 1919/20, 1945/46, 1962/63,
•	1969/70, 1989/90
East Anglian Cup - Winners	1937/38, 1953/54 (Shared)
Essex Thameside Trophy – Winners	1952/53 (Shared), 1956/57, 1958/59, 1996/97
Gordon Brasted Trophy - Winners	2014/15
Errington Challenge Cup – Winners	2022/23
Dylon Shield Winners	1979/80
Essex Senior League Reserve	
Division - Champions	2011/12

The club has also been Champions in the following competitions:

Essex Elizabethan Trophy, Essex Intermediate Cup, East Anglian Cup, South Essex League, Leyton & District League, London Charity Cup/ Eastern Floodlight Cup, Essex Floodlight Cup, Mithras Cup and the Premier Midweek league.



BARKING 1-2 WEST ESSEX

Tuesday 24 September 2024 - Errington Challenge Cup Preliminary Round - Report by Terry Gilbert

Barking's week of cup heartbreak was capped off by a dramatic late 2-1 defeat to West Essex, as Oumar Ndao's fourth-minute stoppage time goal secured the visitors' victory.

This was our third cup exit in seven days, and despite a spirited performance by a much-changed side, were undone by a mistake at the end. On the balance of play by having much more of the second



half the visitors probably did enough to win.

The Barking starting eleven had ten changes from the previous match, with only Sam Shaban retaining his place from Saturday's defeat to Takeley.

As expected, Barking took some time to find their rhythm while West Essex enjoyed more possession early on. The first real chance of the game arrived after 15 minutes when Barking keeper Bradley Monks was forced to make a save, turning the ball round the post from Levi Burgin's shot. Five minutes later, Barking capitalised on their best chance of the half, with Sam Shaban playing a precise pass to **Lewis Byrne-Hewitt**, who calmly slotted a low shot past West Essex keeper Lewis Edwards to make it 1-0.

Barking grew in confidence after the goal, moving the ball more fluidly. West Essex had an opportunity to equalise in the 29th minute, but Argest Nela's effort went wide. Moments later, Barking's Andre Anderson saw his shot blocked after good work from Jalen Johnson, who refused to give up a lost cause. On 39 Barking lose the ball in midfield and West Essex push forward and have a shot from Darnell Asare-Williams which Monks turns over, Barking themselves quickly turn over the subsequent corner and Bradley McDonald plays in Shaban who shoots but Edwards blocks with his body. As the half neared its conclusion, it was Shaban again who came close to doubling Barking's lead with a free kick that clipped the top of the bar on its way over.

The second half started in a similar fashion to the first, with West Essex controlling possession but struggling to create clear chances, with Barking finding it difficult to retain the ball, leading to increased pressure from the visitors. In the 75th minute, West Essex finally found their equaliser. Joel Lamb's cross into the box was met by Balla Ndao, who had an easy finish to level the score. The equaliser came while West Essex were temporarily down to ten men due to Harry Norman being sin binned. With the game heading towards penalties, Barking tried to regain the lead. They forced a corner late on, but the ball pinged around the box without a decisive touch from a white shirt. In the second minute of added time, West Essex had a chance to win the game with a free kick from a dangerous position, but Norman's shot flew over the bar. As the match seemed destined for penalties, West Essex struck the decisive blow in the fourth minute of stoppage time, Monks, who had been very solid on his first start, made a crucial error. Instead of clearing the ball safely, he scuffed it straight to Oumar Ndao, who took full advantage and fired the ball into an empty net, securing the late victory for West Essex.



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MATCH CENTRE

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
27 Jul 24		COMP	3-0	146	
	FC Clacton	ESL	3-0 1-1	146	Akintunde (pen), M. McDonald, John Bademosi
30 Jul 24	Stanway Rovers	ESL FACEPR		102	Edwards
03 Aug 24	Tring Athletic	 	1-1	196	Own Goal
06 Aug 24	Tring Athletic	FACEPR R	1-0	108	
10 Aug 24	Takeley	ESL	1-3	82	M. McDonald
17 Aug 24	Redbridge	FAC PR	1-0	133	Akintunde
24 Aug 24	FC Baresi	FAV1QR	4-0	73	B. McDonald (x2), Akintunde (x2)
31 Aug 24	St Neots Town	FAC 1Q	2-2	338	Akintunde, Own Goal
3 Sept 24	St Neots Town	FAC 1Q R	3-2 (AET)	93	Bademosi, Stacey, Johnson
6 Sep 24	West Essex	ESL	1-0	83	Edwards
14 Sept 24	Gorleston	FAC 2Q	2-2	148	M. McDonald, Akintunde
17 Sept 24	Gorleston	FAC 2Q R	0-1	132	
21 Sept 24	Takeley	FAV 2Q	0-3	73	
24 Sept 24	West Essex	ECC PR	1-2	53	Byrne-Hewitt
28 Sep 24	Benfleet	ESL			
02 Oct 24	White Ensign	ESC 1R			
05 Oct 24	Little Oakley	ESL			
08 Oct 24	Haringey Borough	LSC 2R			
12 Oct 24	Halstead Town	ESL			
15 Oct 24	Frenford	ESL			
19 Oct 24	FC Clacton	PBMT 1R			
22 Oct 24	Ilford	ESL			
26 Oct 24	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
02 Nov 24	Stansted	ESL			
05 Nov 24	Frenford	ESL			
09 Nov 24	White Ensign	ESL			
16 Nov 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
20 Nov 24	Ilford	ESL			
23 Nov 24	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL			
26 Nov 24	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
30 Nov 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
14 Dec 24	Benfleet	ESL			
21 Dec 24	Woodford Town	ESL			
26 Dec 24	Romford	ESL			
04 Jan 25	White Ensign	ESL			
11 Jan 25	Takeley	ESL			
18 Jan 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
25 Jan 25	Little Oakley	ESL			
01 Feb 25	Halstead Town	ESL			
08 Feb 25	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
15 Feb 25	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
22 Feb 25	Stanway Rovers	ESL			
01 Mar 25	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
08 Mar 25	FC Clacton	ESL			
15 Mar 25	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL			
22 Mar 25	West Essex	ESL			
29 Mar 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
05 Apr 25	Stansted	ESL			
12 Apr 25	Romford	ESL			
19 Apr 25	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
26 Apr 25	Woodford Town	ESL			

BENFLEET

The club was formed in 1922 and known as Benfleet United until a merger with a team based in nearby <u>Thundersley</u> called Parkfields Athletic, with the merged club being known as Benfleet Rangers.

The club played in the Southend and District League before changing its name again to Benfleet and joining the Essex Olympian Football League in 1972. They remained there for 46 years before successfully applying to join the new Division One South of the Eastern Counties Football League for 2018–19.

Club Honours

- Essex Olympian League
- Division One Champions 1988–89
- Division Two Champions 2006–07
- Division Three Champions 2015–16
 - · Senior Cup winners 1983-84
- Senior Challenge Cup winners 1974–75 (shared), 1982–83, 1984–85, 1989–90 (shared)
 - Essex Premier Cup
 - Winners 2002–03
 - Essex Intermediate Cup
 - Winners 1988–89
 - . Danny King Memorial Cup
 - Winners 2001–02, 2002–03
 - Eastern Counties Thurlow Nunn League
 - First Division South Champions 2023-24



ON THIS DAY

A selection of Barking games from this day in the past by Terry Gilbert

September 28th 2013 - Essex Senior League Barking 2 (Ben O'Brien, Dumebi GB-Dumaka) Sawbridgeworth Town 1

September 28th 2010 - Essex Senior League Barking 0 Bethnal Green United 1

September 28th 2004 - Southern League Division 1 East Wivenhoe Town 0
Barking & EHU 2 (Declan Perkins, John O'Sullivan)

September 28th 2002 - FA Cup Second Qualifying Round Rothwell Town 1
Barking & EHU 0

September 28th 1999 - FA Vase Second Qualifying Round Replay Chalfont St Peter 2
Barking 5 (Paul Shaw, Lele Bajada 2, Opponent, Lee Fowler)

September 28th 1996 - Isthmian League Division 2 Metropolitan Police 4 Barking 0

September 28th 1993 - Isthmian League Division 1 Barking 3 (Alan Day, Jeff Wood, John Campbell) Staines Town 2

September 28th 1991 - Isthmian League Division 1 Molesey4 Barking 0

September 28th 1985 - FA Cup Second Qualifying Round Chalfont St Peter 2
Barking 0

September 28th 1982 - Isthmian League Cup Barking 2 (Kevin Cooper, Les Cobb) Bromley 2 - After Extra Time

September 28th 1976 - Isthmian League Hitchin Town 1 Barking 0

September 28th 1974 - London Senior Cup First Round Cray Wanderers 3 Barking 2 (Charlie Williams, Joe Fascione Pen)

September 28th 1971 - Isthmian League Barking 1 (Micky Bennett)
Bishops Stortford 2

September 28th 1968 - Isthmian League Woking 1
Barking 2 (Jimmy Wilsonham, Neville Fox)

September 28th 1965 - Isthmian League Barking 2 Corinthian-Casuals 0

PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING 1-2 WEST ESSEX

Tuesday 24 September 2024 - Errington Challenge Cup Preliminary Round - Photos by Terry Gilbert









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PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING 2-1 SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN

Saturday 28 September 2013 - Essex Senior League - Photos by Terry Gilbert

















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Max Spence	1.	Florent Gislette			
Teddy Stacey	2.	Matthew Stevens-Brown			
Jay Bacon	3.	Cameron Harris			
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NEXT UP AT LAWTECH STADIUM SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 3PM LITTLE OAKLEY ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE