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ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE



EDITOR'S CORNER

Barking V Coggeshall Town

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Lawtech Stadium for this Essex Senior League tie against Coggeshall Town!

Our midweek fixture saw an eventful fixture against Great Wakering Rovers finish 2-2, with the redebating Luke Hirst scoring for the Blues alongside Bradleigh Rowland scoring his first in a Barking shirt! A full report can be found on page 4. Today's programme also contains reports from previous fixtures against Coggeshall Town and also matches on this day.



We would also like to wish all fans and players of Coggeshall Town 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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FA Trophy best - Second Round	1979/80
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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

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BARKING FC 2-2 GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

Tuesday 12 September 2023 – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert

Luke Hirst, who had left Barking for Enfield last season made a triumphant return to his former club in his first game back by rescuing a valuable point for his “newish” side with a late equaliser against Great Waking Rovers. The encounter took an unexpected turn as Rovers, who were leading through a 70th-minute penalty found themselves in a favourable position with Barking’s keeper Harry Girling, in the sin bin. However, Barking managed to halt their slide after enduring four consecutive league and cup defeats.

Both teams started with intent, but the first clear chance came in the 2nd minute when Fahad Nynja’s header provided Martin Tuohy with an opportunity. However, Tuohy’s effort sailed over the crossbar. In the early stages, both teams seemed to be feeling each other out, with little significant action in either penalty area. The goalkeepers were at this point more like spectators than participants as the play unfolded at a rapid pace, but neither side managed to break through the resolute defences. The 21st minute brought a burst of excitement as Yassier Nazor weaved his way into the box but overhit his cross, missing his waiting teammates. Just a minute later, a period of pinball in the Barking box led to a Rovers player taking a shot, but home keeper Harry Girling was equal to the effort turning the ball behind for a corner. As the half-hour mark approached, Rovers forced a series of corners, but Barking’s defence stood firm clearing each one without incident. In the 40th minute the Blues broke forward and Luke Hirst found Nazor, who showcased some nifty footwork before passing to **Brad Rowland** and he calmly fired a low shot into the net, giving Barking a 1-0 lead.

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However, Barking’s lead lasted just three minutes as Rovers capitalised on a corner with the ball headed back across goal leaving Adam Vyse with a straightforward header to equalise.

The second half continued in a similar pattern, with Rovers winning a couple of corners and free kicks but failing to convert them into clear-cut chances and Barking responded with pressure of their own but struggled to create anything decisive in the final third. Rovers came agonisingly close to taking the lead in the 67th minute when, following a throw-in, they hit the crossbar in a moment that seemed certain to end in a goal. In the 70th minute the visitors were awarded a penalty after a foul by Girling, but the Barking goalkeeper nearly made amends by getting a hand to Vyse’s penalty deflecting it on its way to the net. Barking found it challenging to regain any degree of control and in the 85th minute our fortunes took a further hit as Girling was sin-binned for dissent after expressing his opinion a bit too vehemently to the referee. Tom Troubridge pulled on the gloves Barely a minute later from the resulting free kick Waking switched off defensively allowing Aundre Spencer’s delivery to be flicked on by Joe Clark to **Luke Hirst** who controlled the ball and found the net to make it 2-2. Hirst’s goal, his 18th in 23 appearances for Barking. After the equaliser both sides tried to score a third and decisive goal but Barking with ten men and no goalkeeper preserving the point was probably the best option and from one corner late in the game Troubridge makes a good punch and the home side held on to claim a welcome point after finishing consecutive matches with an outfield player in goal in what was a rollercoaster of a match.

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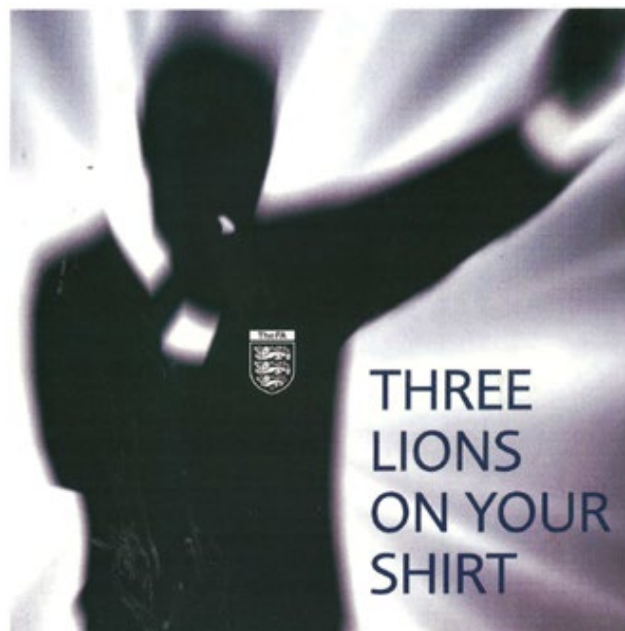
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MATCH CENTRE

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
29 Jul 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESL	1-0	136	Adu-Gyamfi
2 Aug 23	White Ensign	ESL	0-0	91	
5 Aug 23	Cockfosters	FAC EPR	1-0	170	Oloko
8 Aug 23	Tilbury	ESL	0-2	107	
12 Aug 23	Stanway Rovers	ESL	4-2	53	Dariri, Mabassa, Nyanja, Isioma
15 Aug 23	Romford	ESL	2-2	154	Okoye, Okah
19 Aug 23	Heybridge Swifts	FAC PR	0-2	214	
26 Aug 23	Potton United	FAV 1QR	0-3	114	
28 Aug 23	Sporting Bengal	ESL	1-3	79	Spencer (pen)
9 Sept 23	Little Oakley	ESL	1-2	76	Tuohy (pen)
12 Sept 23	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL	2-2	82	Rowland, Hirst
16 Sept 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL			
30 Sept 23	FC Clacton	ESL			
4 Oct 23	Ilford	ESL			
7 Oct 23	West Essex	ESL			
10 Oct 23	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
14 Oct 23	Takeley	ESL			
21 Oct 23	Frenford	ESL			
28 Oct 23	Halstead Town	ESL			
4 Nov 23	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
11 Nov 23	Athletic Newham	ESL			
18 Nov 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESL			
25 Nov 23	Stanway Rovers	ESL			
2 Dec 23	White Ensign	ESL			
9 Dec 23	Tilbury	ESL			
16 Dec 23	Little Oakley	ESL			
23 Dec 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL			
6 Jan 24	Woodford Town	ESL			
20 Jan 24	Sporting Bengal	ESL			
27 Jan 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
10 Feb 24	Romford	ESL			
17 Feb 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL			
24 Feb 24	Ilford	ESL			
9 Mar 24	Athletic Newham	ESL			
16 Mar 24	Saffron Walden Town	ESL			
23 Mar 24	Halstead Town	ESL			
30 Mar 24	Frenford	ESL			
6 Apr 24	Takeley	ESL			
13 Apr 24	West Essex	ESL			
20 Apr 24	FC Clacton	ESL			

COGGESHALL TOWN

Joint second oldest original football club in Essex, Coggeshall Town was formed at a meeting held at the White Hart Hotel, Coggeshall on September 27th 1878. The official report of that meeting was published in Coggeshall Parish Magazine in October 1878 and reads as follows:

"A meeting was held on Friday last 27th ult, at the White Hart Hotel for the purpose of forming a Football Club in this town. The chairman (Mr. G. F. Beaumont) announced that Mr. Hanbury had kindly consented to act as President to the club, and he was accordingly unanimously elected. The meeting next appointed Mr. G. F. Beaumont as Hon. Sec and the following gentlemen were chosen to form a Committee: The Rev. J. P. A. Bowers, Messrs. T. W. Haddon, A.T. Bremner, F. Beard, A. Judges, C. Poulton and J. Webster. Play is to commence on Saturday next, the 5th inst. At 3 o'clock punctually in Mynheer Park, kindly lent by Mr. T. C. Swinborne. The rules of the game may be obtained from the Secretary or any member of the Committee. It is hoped that the club may be strongly supported by players and non-players. The subscriptions for players is 1/- and for non-players 2/6d".

Records held at the Coggeshall Museum, suggest that the Football Club was founded by J. K. King & Sons, a local family seed business. The account of the inaugural meeting makes no mention of the company although its role may be acknowledged through the club's nickname, "The Seedgrowers" that remains to this day. Coggeshall provided the first opposition for both Braintree F.C., in January 1879 and Halstead, in November of the same year. In 1880, at this time the traditional colours of Scarlet and Black were adopted. Abandoning the steep slope of Myneer Park the 1880 - 81 season was played on Mr Fuller's Barnard Field in Pointwell Lane, Little Coggeshall, before spending the rest of the decade on the Highfields Farm Park. Then "Fabians" field in Colne Road was played on until 1895 when a permanent move to Highfields was made, this became the club's home for 65 years.

Coggeshall's early competitive football was in the Essex Junior Cup, in which they were losing finalists in 1898 - 99, before joining the North Essex League the following year. They won the N.E.L. four times and the Colchester & District League Division II B twice, becoming founder members of the Border League in 1911 -12. Always known as the "Town" team, after the Great War the club resumed as **Coggeshall Town**, although they played with a degree of success in the Braintree, Kelvedon and Halstead Leagues it was with the N.E.L. Division II that they really made their mark, increasing their titles to an amazing 14 times up to 1939. The post-war period became boom time for the club as they switched from the North Essex League to the Braintree and District League, before broadening their horizons in the fledgling Colchester and East Essex League, where their previous pedigree rewarded them with a Division 1 start in 1950—51. Runners up. A season later, they were promoted to the Premier Division and built up an impressive Supporter's Club with a membership in excess of 200. Long serving officials, Secretary, John Alston and Treasurer, Norman Burton, provided a sound administrative base.

The Club's ambitious committee, led by Chairman Lou Marks, then Tom Ritson were soon targeting the Border League as their next step up the football ladder, a goal they duly achieved in 1958—59. However, a shock awaited the Seedgrowers, when, in the summer of 1960, they were given notice to quit Highfields, their home for 65 years. Colonel F.t. Hill came to the rescue, first with an interim pitch at his Holfield Grange and then by offering the use of a bit of land behind the Cricket pitch at "The Crops". Complete with a new pavilion, which is now the changing rooms. "The Crops" opened with a Coggeshall Brotherhood Cup -tie against Courtaulds in August 1961. The covered stand was added in 1964. Now the Seedgrowers began to blossom, winning Division 1 in 1962-63 and under the manager ship of ex Colchester United player, Bob Dale the championship in 1966-67, Alf Marshall was in charge when they retained their title and won the Knock-Out Cup in 1968-69. Another former Colchester star, Derek Parker, led them to the Border League and Cup double, the Essex Intermediate Cup, 2- 0 v Great Wakering in 1970 -71. The clubhouse was added in 1971. From 1972 onwards, the club played in the Essex Senior League without winning any honours. The club's future was threatened again in 1981 when the landowner announced that he wished to sell the land. Once more, the club embarked on a fundraising campaign. The commitment of those involved is evident from the efforts of the club manager, Peter Barlow, who embarked on a run from "The Crops" to F.A. Headquarters at Lancaster Gate to hand in an appeal for support to save the ground. A little behind schedule, he arrived at the F.A. to find it closed. Nevertheless, he raised £500 toward the fund. With the help of Coggeshall Parish Council and the Sports Council, the club raised the funding to buy the land and for the first time, just over 100 years since they were formed, Coggeshall Town owned their own facilities. The Border League was again joined in 1990—91 followed by two spells in the Essex intermediate League which sandwiched a single season in Division IV of the Colchester and East Essex League. Since the last return to the Border League in 2000—01, the club has risen from Division III to the Premier Division and back to the first Division. Ivan Gooday was Manager when first losing 1—0 to Harwich and Parkeston in the 2011-12 League Cup Final and then winning promotion back to the Premier Division as runners up in 2012 -13.

The start of the 2013-14 season saw major changes at Coggeshall Town with the club accepting a proposal from local businessman Graeme Smith to become involved in running the club. Initially Smith's involvement was in an advisory role coupled with managing the reserve team, which he took over midway through that season, leading them on to winning the Essex and Suffolk Border League Reserve Cup and saving the team from relegation. During the remainder of that season Smith's influence at the club led to many improvements on and off the pitch. The 2014-15 season saw Graeme Smith take full control of the football club and become 1st team manager alongside his assistant and long-term friend John Pollard. During this season, significant improvements were made throughout the whole club. On the pitch, the team secured a 6th place finish in the Border League Premier Division and were runners up in the League Cup final.

The 2015-16 season again saw many improvements to the newly named "West Street " ground. It was a very successful season on the pitch also with Smith and Pollard leading the team to the league and cup double securing promotion to the Eastern Counties League division one. 2016-17 saw floodlights installed at "West Street" for the first time in the clubs history, which meant the club met all the requirements to compete in the league above. The continued ground upgrading and success of the team on the pitch led to great interest in Coggeshall Town highlighted by an attendance of 1022 against a Ipswich Town X1 in a pre-season fixture. More evidence of the growing popularity of the club followed with attendances soaring throughout the season. The opening match under the new floodlights was another big attendance when Braintree Town Reserves were the visitors to West Street with the "Seedgrowers" recording a fine 6-1 victory. .It was another tremendous season with the team again achieving promotion as runners up to take their place in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division for the start off the 2017-18 season. For the 2017-18 season, Coggeshall Town lined up in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division for the first time in the clubs history. There was another major development at the club with pop star Olly Murs becoming joint owner of the club with Graeme Smith. Further ground improvements were carried out, with Smith and Murs overseeing a total refurb of the dressing rooms and Murs himself funding a complete transformation of the clubhouse inside and out which was well overdue. The facilities at the club were now ready for the team to move up another level and again the team did not disappoint winning the league at the first attempt by 6 points with a goal difference of + 116 scoring 146 league goals in the process. The last week of the season was an exciting one, with Coggeshall gaining two wins in five days against their nearest rivals for the title, Felixstowe who were 2nd and Stowmarket who were 3rd. The Away Match at Felixstowe, which was the title deciding game, played in front of a crowd of over 1541, with Coggeshall recording a 4-2 victory. This meant that the team achieved its third promotion in a row and moved up to step 4 of the football pyramid for the first time in their 140-year history as they took their place in The Isthmian League Division One North.

The 2018 – 19 season saw further development to the clubs facility's at West Street, as well as creating new records on the pitch. We were now playing in step 4 for the first time in the clubs History, as well as making our debut's in the F.A. Cup and the F.A. Trophy . A few additions to the squad were made which enabled us to have a good run in the F.A. Cup, finally losing 1 – 0 away to Weston-Super-Mare in the 3rd Round Qualifying. The good form was carried on throughout the season with the club making the play-offs finishing in 4th place, losing 1 – 0 away to Maldon & Tiptree in the semi-final. The 2019 – 20 season was brought to an early close in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic; at this stage, the club had played eight Cup and twenty-six League games. With only four defeats in the league, Town were sitting in sixth place with games in hand over most of their closest rivals and looking in a strong position to make the play-offs for the second season running. Disappointingly, due to the unprecedented circumstances it did not happen the 2020 – 21 season. Due to the continued pandemic, the season got under way in September, which was later than usual. We had made some good summer signings and the squad was looking strong, with the hope of challenging for the play-offs again. However, after only 10 games, six League and 4 Cup on 31st October the season suspended due to the continued Coronavirus. In the hope of being able, to make restart, Clubs were allowed to keep training and at the beginning of December, we played three friendlies behind closed doors, but with the pandemic worsening the football season was cancelled. The 2021 – 22 season, saw some enforced changes due to the ill health of Chairman and Manager Graeme Smith. John Pollard took over the reins supported by Stuart Nethercott & Liam Aves. Several additions to the squad were made and some players returned to the club after having a spell away. There was a mixed bag of results at the start but after playing 11 games, due to family reasons, John Pollard stepped down from his role of manager and on the 20th October, Karl Duguid and Stuart Nethercott were appointed joint managers to lead the Club and bring some stability to the side. The results on the pitch continued in much the same vein, but a good run in the Essex Senior Cup saw us reach the Semi-Final for the first time, where we lost out to Premier division side Bowers and Pitsea. The final twelve games saw Town have their best run of season, which saw the side finish in a respectable thirteenth place in the League.

Cliff Akurang was appointed Manager for the forthcoming 2022 – 23 seasons. Cliff who has a long association with club and along with assistant Brian Sawyer will embark on a total rebuild of the side. It is going to be an interesting time at West Street and the supporters are right behind Cliff, everyone wished him the very best of luck for the season. Sadly, after a string of bad results the club decided it was time to Part Company with Cliff and on the 10th November, Jason Maher from Saffron Walden Town was appointed Manager, along with the rest of his team, Assistant Manager Mark Hawkes and Coach Kevin Hunter. They have taken on a difficult challenge, but there is no doubt that they have the experience and the determination to push Town up the League table.

Unfortunately, during the early games while rebuilding of the side was taking place results did not improve. However, after Christmas results improved and Town moved off the bottom of the table finally finishing seventeenth in the league and earning a place in the F.A.'s newly proposed Inter League play-off. Bizarrely the club was drawn at home to Northern Counties East League side Winterton Rangers from Scunthorpe. It was a close game but Town lost out in the dying minutes losing two goals to one and relegation to the Essex Senior League Premier Division followed. Town last played in this league in 1988 – 1989 season.

The 2023 -24 season is going to be another interesting season, with the loss of our main sponsor the club has formed a partnership with Chelmsford City which will bring stability back to the club and in turn to our supporters. Rob Moore has been appointed Manager along with his Assistant Gareth Cleverley and player Coach Scott Keys. Giving a fresh approach to football, he has assembled an exciting young side, which will make interesting watching as the players develop. Good luck to the Management team and the players.

PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING FC 2-2 GREAT WAKERING ROVERS

Tuesday 12 September 2023 – Essex Senior League – Photos by Terry Gilbert



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HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meetings with **Coggeshall Town** compiled by Terry Gilbert

August 9th 2022 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay

Barking 2 (Charlie Cole, George Okoye)

Coggeshall Town 1

August 6th 2022 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Coggeshall Town 0

Barking 0

February 26th 2022 – Isthmian League North Division

Barking 1 (Sam Shaban)

Coggeshall Town 4

October 30th 2021 – Isthmian League North Division

Coggeshall Town 3

Barking 2 (Sak Hassan, George Purcell)

March 2nd 2019 – Isthmian League North Division

Barking 0

Coggeshall Town 3

November 10th 2019 – Isthmian League North Division

Coggeshall Town 1

Barking 0

ON THIS DAY

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

September 16th 2017 – FA Cup Second Qualifying Round

Dartford 3

Barking 1 (Opponent)

September 16th 2008 - Essex Senior League Cup Group C

Enfield FC 2

Barking 2 (Jared Small, Dean Clark Penalty)

September 16th 2000 – FA Cup First Qualifying Round

Barking 2 (Chris Rose 2)

Berkhamsted Town 3

September 16th 1995 - Isthmian League Division 1

Wokingham Town 1

Barking 1 (Mark Brett)

September 16th 1989 - FA Cup First Qualifying Round

Barking 1 (Tony Field)

Hendon 1

September 16th 1978 – FA Cup First Qualifying Round

Ware 0

Barking 2 (Micky Dingwall 2)

September 16th 1967 - FA Cup First Qualifying Round

Huntley & Palmers 1

Barking 2 (Neville Fox 2)

LAST TIME: BARKING 2-1 COGGESHALL TOWN

August 9th 2022 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay – Report by Terry Gilbert

Following on from Saturday's stalemate we were looking for both an improved performance and a win to take us into the next round. Although it turned to be a nervy finish to the game Barking thoroughly deserved their victory and in doing so we inflicted our first defeat on Coggeshall Town after five defeats and Saturday's draw in six previous matches

There were two changes to the starting lineup: after picking up a head injury on Saturday Kenedi Dariri was replaced by Eljay Worrell. Louis Dillon made his first start of the season coming in at left back as Sa-Sean Lutumba moved to right back replacing the unavailable Harry Baker.



After an even start in which both sides tried to impose themselves on the game it is the home side who go close first after seven minutes. An Eljay Worrell free kick finds Charlie Cole whose header is saved by Town keeper Akan George and Alfie Leach is unable to get to the rebound. Neither side threaten a goal until 21 minutes when a Worrell free kick is cleared but Alessandro Wisdom does well to return the ball so Worrell can cross again and this time it is met by the head of Charlie Cole who finds the net and the Blues are a goal up. On the half hour Barking double their lead: from a Coggeshall throw the ball eventually breaks to Leach who launches a pass forward, which Cole battles for and is then able to free Wisdom who delivers a superb cross to George Okoye who has wandered into space and his header matches the cross to bury the ball for 2-0. Seven minutes later the home side nearly have a third as a Worrell corner is met by Ben O'Brien but he can't keep his header down. Right on half time there is a skirmish on the edge of the Coggeshall box from which Barking are awarded a free kick - as on Saturday tempers were always close to boiling point and as a result Josh Hughes of Coggeshall is shown a red card for his part in what occurred and for the second game running the Seed Growers finish the game with ten men. The resulting free kick unfortunately comes to nothing.

At the start of the second half it is clear that Barking need to replicate what they were doing in the first half and most importantly keep a clean sheet. After just three minutes this goes out of the window as following a spell of pressure the ball is crossed into the box by Daniel Ogunleye and it beats the outstretched hand of Laurence Whymark and finds the top corner of the net. Two minutes later yet another dangerous delivery from a free kick by Worrell leads to a shot by Leach but his effort is blocked. On the hour it is yet another Worrell dead ball delivery that is cleared but Jack Folan latches on to the clearance and his shot is only just wide of the goal. In between these efforts Coggeshall are still in the game but any threat is dealt with the home defence. With fourteen minutes left Wisdom finds Worrell in the box and with some good foot work he provides a calm pass to sub Jamie Age: but Akan George in the Coggeshall goal denies him. Two minutes later Remi Nelson replaces George Okoye as Barking try shore up at the back. Although mostly successful in their defensive efforts in the third minute of added time Whymark goes full length to turn away a shot which came through a crowd of players.

PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING 2-1 COGGESHALL TOWN

August 9th 2022 – FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay – Photos by Terry Gilbert



ON THIS DAY: DARTFORD 3-1 BARKING FC

Saturday 16 September 2017 – FA Cup Second Qualifying Round – Report by Trevor Gilbert

Barking were knocked out of the FA Cup as they fell to Vanarama South Dartford FC on a sunny day at Princes Park. The Blues took an unlikely lead early on thanks to an own goal but Elliot Bradbrook stole the show with a hat trick which consisted of two penalties which caused a degree of controversy.



Both sides were feeling each other out but it was the Blues who took an surprising early lead after 6 minutes as a Dartford defender failed to deal with a low Kreshnic Krasniqi corner and it rebounded off 'keeper Derren Ibrahim and found the net. Barking were arguably the better team until the 25th minute when Dartford found their equaliser, Ollie Bowles was adjudged to have fouled the striker as he attempted to run through onto a through ball and penalty was awarded. Elliot Bradbrook stepped up and smacked a penalty down the middle, off the underside of the bar and in. Bradbrook nearly had his second minutes later as he left Bowles panicking with a cross/shot but the ball was wide of the target. Bradbrook did have his second after 33 minutes, as a corner to the far post was headed back across goal where it found him who volleyed home despite the best effort of Bowles who attempted to claw the ball back from over the line.

Barking started the second half on the front foot with two early chances – firstly Alan Taylor saw his powerful attempt deflected into the hands of Ibrahim then Taylor turned provider for Jay Knight but his flicked header was over the bar. The 62nd minute saw another controversial penalty given, a Dartford counter found Akwasi Marfo chasing down an attacker – his tackle from the side seemed to win the ball first but the referee gave a penalty – despite the linesman who had the better angle keeping his flag down. This didn't matter to Dartford as Bradbrook stepped up to send Bowles the wrong way and double their lead. Bowles made a high diving catch from a floating header minutes later. With the match entering the final twenty minutes Barking pushed forward and were nearly punished on the counter attack but the Dartford attacker dragged his shot wide. Barking kept pushing on and had two late chances – a foul on Krasniqi saw Taylor step up to take a free kick which skimmed the bar. 5 minutes later and Dan Gilchrist crossed low from the left wing to Goldy Capela in the box but his scuffed shot was tipped over the bar by Ibrahim.

Barking pushed forward but Dartford stood tall and saw out the rest of the game. They perhaps deserved victory with the control they exerted over the game but they went through periods they looked unconvincing and had two penalties which may not have gone their way on different days.

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