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ILFORD FC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST 2023
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE
KICK OFF 12:30PM



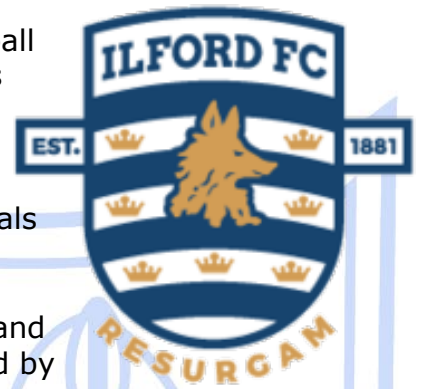
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TACKLING RACISM & DISCRIMINATION

Respect



ILFORD FC

Not only were Ilford one of the most famous names in amateur football for almost a century, but from 1904 to 1977 they played at one of its most celebrated venues. As well as being on hand to witness Ilford's many successes, the 18,000 capacity Lynn Road ground at Newbury Park staged Olympic Games matches, Amateur Internationals, an FA Amateur Cup Final, plus countless other cup finals and representatives matches.



Formed in 1881, Ilford were founder members of both the Isthmian and Southern Leagues, the latter from which they resigned to be replaced by an emergent Tottenham Hotspur.

Ilford secured four-acres of initially undeveloped land at Lynn Road in 1904 and huge crowds by today's standards necessitated developments which transformed the site into one of the best stadiums in the country.

Over the next five decades Ilford FC was comfortably one of the amateur game's most successful clubs. Captain, Joe Dines, along with Ilford teammates William Martin and Leonard Dawe returned from the Stockholm Olympics with gold medals. Dines was duly signed by Liverpool... After winning consecutive championships in 1920/21 and 1921/22, the club embarked on its famed European tours, competing against FC Barcelona on four occasions (drawing twice) and beating Ajax 3-1, in Amsterdam. Back-to-back Amateur Cup triumphs confirmed this reputation. Four and even five-figure crowds were witnessed at Lynn Road during the period.

By 1951 nearly all the banking around the ground had been concreted, giving Newbury Park an 18,000 capacity with 1,400 seats, while in 1957 the covered accommodation was extended further still when a roof was erected over the terracing at the Ley Street end. But for the installation of floodlights in 1962, the ground remained unchanged for the remainder of its existence, even retaining its splendid white wicket fencing that spanned the four sides of the ground.

Further Wembley finals in 1958 and 1972 could not disguise the declining allure of the old amateur game. With increasing overheads, the old ground was put up for sale in 1977. Fans were seduced by the promise of a new, purpose-built stadium one mile away at Fairlop. This failed to materialise, following a tax bill which to this day is shrouded in mystery. A succession of ill-conceived mergers from which only today's Dagenham and Redbridge FC emerged the winner, tragically sealed Ilford's fate.... (but not quite)!

Supporters and officials of the old club managed to reform Ilford FC against all the odds, in 1987. After a protracted 8-year campaign with Redbridge Council, agreement was reached over the use of Cricklefield Stadium in the High Road (curiously a venue coveted by the club when doubts about their tenure at Lynn Road first emerged in the 1960s).

Successive developments have seen the pitch extended, the ground fully enclosed and £1m was raised to support the building of the clubhouse in 2002. As well as being a fine stadium, Cricklefield also provides a link to the old ground in the form of the Sir Herbert Dunnico Memorial Gates -presently awaiting restoration as part of a recent Heritage Lottery Grant, awarded to enable the club to extend its work in the local community.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Woodford Town FC	14	9	4	1	19	31
2	West Essex FC	14	8	4	2	17	28
3	Sporting Bengal United First	14	8	4	2	8	28
4	Tilbury FC	14	8	3	3	19	27
5	Romford First	14	7	4	3	8	25
6	Hullbridge Sports FC	13	7	3	3	9	24
7	Athletic Newham FC	14	8	0	6	8	24
8	FC Clacton First	13	6	3	4	5	21
9	Great Waking Rovers FC	14	5	5	4	14	20
10	Halstead Town FC	14	5	4	5	0	19
11	Saffron Walden Town First	13	6	1	6	-3	19
12	White Ensign FC	14	4	5	5	-3	17
13	Buckhurst Hill FC	13	5	2	6	-8	17
14	Barking FC	13	4	3	6	-9	15
15	Little Oakley First	13	3	5	5	0	14
16	Takeley FC	12	2	3	7	-15	9
17	Ilford FC	13	2	3	8	-20	9
18	Stanway Rovers Community First	13	2	2	9	-12	8
19	Frenford FC	13	2	2	9	-18	8
20	Coggeshall Town FC	13	2	2	9	-19	8

Box2Box Football






Essex Senior League
Saturday 21 October 2023
Kick Off 12:30pm



Barking FC

Harry Girling

Kenedi Dariri

Aundre Spencer

Joe Clarke

Henry Mabassa

Harvey Brown

Jack Dickinson

Fahad Nyanja

Martin Tuohy

Kai Haysman

Luke Hirst

Gael Kileba

Bradleigh Rowland

Ciaran Burke

Ehizojie Martins

David Owiredu

Lee Benson (Manager)

Jeff Sears (Coach)

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Ilford FC

Tim Pitman

Delphin Moorat

Nathaniel Brown

Conner Jones

Jack Griggs

Jake Chadwick

Frederick Mattock

Harry Watkins

Zayshaun Asamoah

Joe Lilly

David Ejakita

Mohamud Kaudeer

Joshua Boxall

Walker Shabazz-Edwards

Romario Gittens

Brady Landu

Richard Ponsford (Manager)



Ben Kelly



Adekunle Jide Fawunmi
Ilgar Huseynli

NEXT UP AT LAWTECH STADIUM
SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 3PM
HALSTEAD TOWN
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE