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MATCH DAY PROGRAMME OF **BARKING FC**



**BARKING FC V SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN FC**

**ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16TH 2024**

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# EDITOR'S CORNER

## Barking V Saffron Walden Town

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

We are back in league action today after a mid-week victory in our attempt to retain the Errington Challenge Cup as a depleted Barking waltzed past Tilbury with a 2-0 scoreline with Izzy Bademosi getting his first goal in his second spell for the Blues and Kenedi Dariri with a second half thunderbolt. A full report can be found on page 4. Also in today's programme is a look at the 2-2 draw against today's opponents earlier in the league season as well as a look at other fixtures to have occurred on this day.



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

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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 2-0 TILBURY

*Errington Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Tuesday 12 March 2024 – Report by Terry Gilbert*

Barking kept alive their hopes of retaining the Errington Challenge cup by inflicting a rare defeat on runaway league leaders Tilbury. A goal in each half, a general sound defensive display and with Tilbury's task being made all that bit harder when Jack McQueen saw red in the 64th minute.



There were a number of changes with players absent through injury, suspension and unavailability with three Under 23 players on the bench: Oumar Ndao, Charlie Thomson and Nelly Mallek all of whom made second half appearances and we welcomed Michael Aziaya who helped shore up our defensive line.

Both sides exhibited early intent, with Tilbury's fluid ball movement highlighted why they are at the top of the league. Nevertheless, Barking maintained their defensive shape and refused to be unsettled. In the 11th minute, Barking showed promise from a free kick, but Warren Kayembe couldn't find the target. Despite a couple more attempts from Barking, the score remained level. In the 22nd minute, Warren Kayembe capitalised on slack defending to unleash a shot, but it sailed wide. Tilbury mounted a threatening attack down our left on 32, the resulting shot from Roman Campbell was turned round the post by Max Spence for a corner. Four minutes later Barking broke the deadlock: Sam Dowridge found **Izzy Bademosi** in the box, who made no mistake in firing past Tilbury's keeper Christian North, who despite getting part of his body to the ball could not prevent it entering the net. After that both sides tried to push on but really neither team threatened either keeper.

Entering the second half with a one-goal advantage, Barking continued to press forward. In the 49th minute, Warren Kayembe won the ball and set up **Kenedi Dariri**, who cut inside and unleashed a thunderous shot that left North helpless and extended Barking's lead to 2-0.

Despite further attempts from both sides, notably on 58 when Luke Hirst won the ball and sets up Bademosi, who has a shot but cannot get enough power on his effort and North easily gathers it in. With 26 minutes left former Blue Jack McQueen loses his head and raises his hands following an incident with Joe Clark, he is given a straight red card leaving Tilbury with ten men and making their task so much more difficult. Following the dismissal Barking were content to sit back and absorb any pressure from Tilbury, while looking to break forward whenever possible. But despite some shots and corners they were unable to create any significant scoring opportunities, until the third minute of added time when sub Nelly Mallek breaks forward and slips the ball to Jack Dickinson whose shot is turned behind by North for a corner. But that was the last real scoring opportunity and it is now onto the quarter finals where we will be away to either FC Clacton or Saffron Walden Town.

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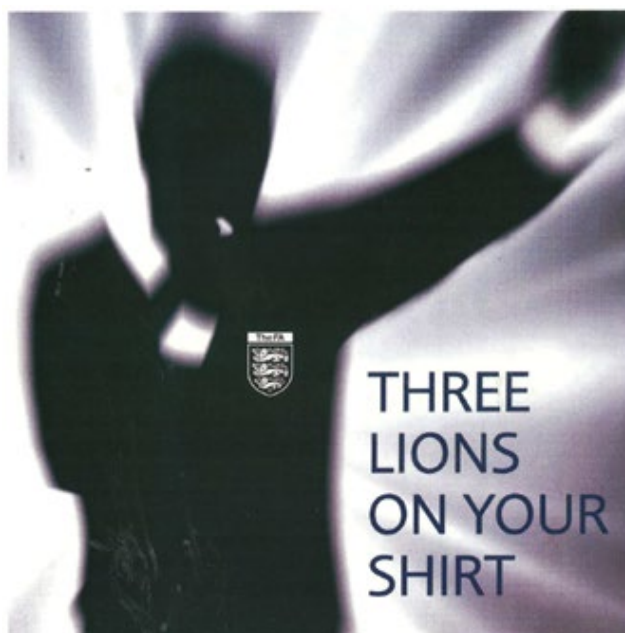
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#### BRONZE ★ PACKAGE

**£500** - One 6ft by 3ft pitch side banner and company logo entry in our match day magazine

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# ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tilbury FC	29	23	3	3	50	72
2	Woodford Town FC	30	18	7	5	28	61
3	Romford First	29	18	4	7	26	58
4	Barking FC	30	15	7	8	18	52
5	Sporting Bengal United First	30	15	5	10	11	50
6	Hullbridge Sports FC	31	14	7	10	4	49
7	Athletic Newham FC	30	15	2	13	10	47
8	Saffron Walden Town First	28	14	3	11	2	45
9	Halstead Town FC	32	13	6	13	0	45
10	Great Wakering Rovers FC	24	12	6	6	28	42
11	Stanway Rovers Community First	30	12	6	12	8	42
12	Little Oakley First	32	10	10	12	1	40
13	West Essex FC	29	11	6	12	12	39
14	FC Clacton First	31	10	9	12	-9	39
15	Buckhurst Hill FC	29	10	2	17	-21	32
16	White Ensign FC	30	7	9	14	-18	30
17	Frenford FC	30	8	6	16	-22	30
18	Takeley FC	28	7	8	13	-16	29
19	Ilford FC	31	6	4	21	-54	22
20	Coggeshall Town FC	31	2	4	25	-58	10





# MATCH CENTRE

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
<b>29 Jul 23</b>	<b>Buckhurst Hill</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Adu-Gyamfi</b>
2 Aug 23	White Ensign	ESL	0-0	91	
5 Aug 23	Cockfosters	FAC EPR	<b>1-0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Oloko</b>
<b>8 Aug 23</b>	<b>Tilbury</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>107</b>	
<b>12 Aug 23</b>	<b>Stanway Rovers</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Dariri, Mabassa, Nyanja, Isioma</b>
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	
<b>28 Aug 23</b>	<b>Sporting Bengal</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Spencer (pen)</b>
9 Sept 23	Little Oakley	ESL	1-2	76	Tuohy (pen)
<b>12 Sept 23</b>	<b>Great Wakering Rovers</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>Rowland, Hirst</b>
<b>16 Sept 23</b>	<b>Coggeshall Town</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Rowland, Hirst, Tuohy</b>
28 Sept 23	Frenford	ESC 1R	2-1	82	Haysman, Kileba
<b>30 Sept 23</b>	<b>FC Clacton</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>61</b>	
7 Oct 23	West Essex	ESL	0-2	127	
<b>10 Oct 23</b>	<b>Hullbridge Sports</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Tuohy</b>
<b>14 Oct 23</b>	<b>Takeley</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Kileba, Dickinson x2</b>
21 Oct 23	Ilford	ESL	5-1	52	Troubridge, Hirst x2, Gordon, Kileba
24 Oct 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESC 2R	1-2		Dickinson
<b>28 Oct 23</b>	<b>Halstead Town</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>0-6</b>	<b>47</b>	
4 Nov 23	Saffron Walden Town	ESL	2-2	202	Hirst, Akpele (pen)
11 Nov 23	Frenford	ESL	4-0	46	Nche x3, Martin
<b>14 Nov 23</b>	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>LSC 1R</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>Folan</b>
17 Nov 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESL	2-0	106	Martin, Hirst
25 Nov 23	Stanway Rovers	ESL	2-0	100	K. Kayembe, Akpele
6 Dec 23	Woodford Town	ESL	1-1	89	K. Kayembe
<b>16 Dec 23</b>	<b>Little Oakley</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Shaban</b>
19 Dec 23	Haringey Borough	LSC 2R	3-1	132	Dickinson, Hirst, Shaban
23 Dec 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL	3-0	<b>55</b>	Hirst x2, K. Kayembe
<b>6 Jan 24</b>	<b>Woodford Town</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Hirst, K.Kayembe, W.Kayembe (pen)</b>
<b>13 Jan 24</b>	<b>White Ensign</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Hirst x2, Dickinson, Martin x3</b>
20 Jan 24	Sporting Bengal	ESL	2-1	45	Martin (pen), Hirst
27 Jan 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL	0-0	131	
30 Jan 24	Coggeshall Town	PBMT 2R	1-0	44	Dowridge
3 Feb 24	White Ensign	ECC 1R	4-0	63	Hirst, Martin x3 (1 pen)
17 Feb 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL	4-0	56	Martin x2, Rowland, Hirst
<b>24 Feb 24</b>	<b>Ilford</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>Martin x2, Hirst, Dickinson, Ademi</b>
<b>2 Mar 24</b>	<b>Romford</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>147</b>	
5 Mar 24	Charlton Athletic U23	LSC QF	3-4		Martin, K.Kayembe, Forrest
<b>9 Mar 24</b>	<b>Athletic Newham</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Rowland, Dowridge (pen)</b>
<b>12 Mar 24</b>	<b>Tilbury</b>	<b>ECC 2R</b>	2-0	67	Bademosi, K. Dariri
<b>16 Mar 24</b>	<b>Saffron Walden Town</b>	<b>ESL</b>			
19 Mar 24	Hullbridge Sports	PBMT QF			
23 Mar 24	Halstead Town	ESL			
26 Mar 24	Tilbury	ESL			
<b>30 Mar 24</b>	<b>Frenford</b>	<b>ESL</b>			
6 Apr 24	Takeley	ESL			
10 Apr 24	Athletic Newham	ESL			
<b>13 Apr 24</b>	<b>West Essex</b>	<b>ESL</b>			
20 Apr 24	FC Clacton	ESL			

# SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN

The club was established as Saffron Walden in 1872 and are the oldest senior football club in Essex still in existence, and the 19th oldest in the world. They entered the FA Cup in 1876-77, but withdrew after being drawn against holders Wanderers, as they could not afford to travel. Two years later they made their first appearance, losing 5-0 to Upton Park in the first round.



In 1882 the club were founder members of the Essex County Football Association.

In 1890 club secretary Arthur Smith, the headmaster of the local Boys' National School, negotiated an annual fee of £3 with Lord Braybrooke for the use of a piece of land in Catons Lane which became known as The Meadow; previously the club had played on the town common, but had been unable to charge spectators an entrance fee.

"The Bloods", as they are known because of the red in the club colours, reached the final of the Essex Junior Cup in 1894-95, but lost 3-0 to Barking Excelsior. In 1896-97 they reached the final again, beating Leytonstone 6-1 in a replay.

In 1899 they entered the Haverhill and District League and played their first ever league match at Halstead Town. They won this league in 1908-09, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1928-29, 1929-30 and 1933-34. The club also entered the Stansted and District League, the Cambridgeshire League and the Hertfordshire and Essex Border League during the same era, winning the Stansted and District League on seven occasions and the Border League once. In 1926 the club reached the final of the Essex Junior Cup, where a record crowd of 6,000 saw them lose 2-1 to Rainham Athletic.

The club moved to the Essex and Suffolk Border League and the North Essex League, before joining the Spartan League in 1933. In 1936-37 they won Division Two.

After World War Two, the club moved to the Parthenon League in 1953, and after a single season, left to join the Hertfordshire County League. They had no success in this period until finishing runners-up in the Premier Division of the Herts County League in 1969.

In 1971, with nine other clubs, Saffron Walden Town were founder members of the Essex Senior League. After winning the league in 1973-74, they switched to the Eastern Counties League. In October 1979 they were able to pay for a set of floodlights. Norwich City were the visitors for the first match played under the new lights.

They won the Eastern Counties League in 1982-83, under manager John Ryan. After finishing sixth the following season, the club were elected to Division Two North of the Isthmian League, a new division formed as part of the reorganised "pyramid" system. After several strong pushes for promotion to Division One of the Isthmian League, a bombshell was delivered in 1996, when the Isthmian League introduced a rule change regarding the sloping pitch at Catons Lane, deeming it to have "excessive undulations". After twelve years in the competition, Walden had to resign from the League or face massive fines and were effectively demoted two divisions in the pyramid when they were accepted into the Essex Senior League.

With the loss of the manager and almost the entire playing squad, it took the return of local player Stuart Wardley from Bishops Stortford FC in 1998 to help turn things around. That season they came third in the league and won the Harry Fisher Trophy and Uttlesford Charity Cup.

Stuart Wardley was sold to QPR at the end of the season, where he went on to become their top scorer and Supporters' Player of the Year in his first season. The Bloods had their best season ever in 1999-2000, winning five trophies including the league title. But despite the great success, the club was unable to progress in the pyramid because of their sloping pitch. In August 2000 work began on reducing the slope.

In 2000-01, the club finished second in the league, despite having to play away from home for almost the whole season, and although qualifying for promotion, were unable to do so as the groundwork was incomplete.

By 2001 the loss of income and massive debts meant the club were in financial trouble, and tough measures were needed to get the club back on a sound footing.

# SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN

The 2003-04 season saw no competitive league football for the Bloods, just friendlies, as they had to sit out a year before being granted their wish for a transfer from the Essex Senior League to the Ridgeons (Eastern Counties) League.

The 2004-05 season saw SWTFC back in Division One of the Ridgeons competition after an absence of 20 years, and after a slow start, the club finished in 15th place. They improved on this in 2005-06, finishing 12th. The following season saw success in the South Midlands Floodlight Cup, as well as reaching the final of the Ridgeons League Division One Cup.

2011 was an eventful year for Saffron Walden Town FC. Following a decision to withdraw from the Eastern Counties League for financial reasons, football activities at the club in 2011-12 focused on the youth teams. In March 2012 a public meeting in the town, which saw around a hundred people attend, agreed to form a new committee, and set in motion a huge amount of activity to bring senior football back to Saffron Walden. The new committee was chaired by Cliff Treadwell, with Paul Daw appointed as club president.

With advice and support from the Essex FA, representatives from the new SWTFC committee delivered a solid case for a return to senior football at a meeting with the Football Association at their Wembley headquarters. This culminated in a return to Division One of the Eastern Counties League for 2012-13, where the team had a solid season and were in promotion contention for much of the season.

In July 2012, members voted to convert the club into a Community Benefit Society. This change in legal status was completed in August 2013 and means that the club is owned by its members.

The return of some familiar faces strengthened the squad for 2014-15, and with Stuart Wardley in the manager's seat, it was a memorable season, reaching the last 32 of the FA Vase, and winning promotion to the Premier Division on the last day of the season.

Despite the poor start to the 2015-16 season which saw the Bloods fail to win at home in the league before Christmas, solid results in the latter part of the season saw them finish in the top half of the table. 2016-17 saw another season of solid performances and good attendances. The team once more finished in the top half of the table, while off the field the club sadly lost their president and historian Paul Daw, who passed away in 2017 and is sorely missed.

The club were in the Eastern Counties Premier for three seasons, before a lateral move to the Essex Senior League for the 2018-19 season, where they have remained since.

Jason Maher has been first team manager since autumn 2018, having previously been assistant manager. The 2018-19 season saw the club negotiate a 100-year lease with the town council for the use of the Catons Lane pitch, securing its future for the long term. In addition, the club shop and museum were set up. Stuart Vant was elected as chairman in June 2019. During his tenure the clubhouse franchise was taken back in-house, and this generated funds for improvements, such as refurbishment of the home dressing room, and the state-of-the-art pitch sprinklers installed in summer 2021.

Last season, the Bloods had a good run in the FA Vase, reaching the last 32 before losing on penalties to Loughborough Students, who went on to reach the semi-finals. In the league, a superb finish to the season (11 wins and a draw from the last 12 games) saw them claim the runners-up spot on the last day, in front of a club record league attendance of 857. This earned them a play-off against Witham Town of the Isthmian North, but a 3-0 defeat meant that the long-awaited return to Step 4 is delayed for at least one more year.

Stuart Vant stood down in July due to work commitments, and Jamie Sharp has been elected as the new chairman.



# PHOTO REVIEW: BARKING 2-0 TILBURY

*Errington Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Tuesday 12 March 2024 – Photos by Terry Gilbert*



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# HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meetings with **Saffron Walden Town** compiled by Terry Gilbert

**November 17th 2023 – Essex Senior League**

**Saffron Walden Town 2**

**Barking 2** (Luke Hirst, Greg Akpele Penalty)

**October 7th 2022 – Essex Senior League**

**Barking 1** (Luke Hirst)

**Saffron Walden Town 2**

**September 17th 2022 – Essex Senior League**

**Saffron Walden Town 3**

**Barking 4** (Sa-Sean Lutumba, Georgie Fairhead, Luke Hirst, Eljay Worrell Penalty)

**August 22nd 2017 – FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay**

**Saffron Walden Town 3**

**Barking 4** (Dan Gilchrist, Abs Seymour 2, Billy Jones)

**August 19th 2017 – FA Cup Preliminary Round**

**Barking 0**

**Saffron Walden Town 0**

**September 9th 2014 – Essex Senior Cup First Round**

**Saffron Walden Town 0**

**Barking 1** (James Barlow)

## ON THIS DAY

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

**March 16th 2022 - London Senior Cup Quarter Final**

**Erith Town 1**

**Barking 2** (James Folkes, Kieran Jones)

**March 16th 2019 - Isthmian League North Division**

**Barking 4** (Ryan Cosson, Tobi Joseph, Nana Boakye-Yiadom, Billy Reynolds)

**Heybridge Swifts 1**

**March 16th 2004 - Essex Thameside Trophy Third Round**

**Barking & EHU 2** (Robert Carter, Bradley Woodards)

**Chelmsford City 1 - After Extra Time**

**March 16th 1999 - Isthmian League Division 2**

**Barking 1** (Paul Rogan)

**Windsor & Eton 1**

**March 16th 1985 - Isthmian League Premier Division**

**Barking 2** (John Harrison, Jim Sheringham)

**Epsom & Ewell 0**

**March 16th 1974 - Isthmian League**

**Barking 1** (Dave Waite)

**Hitchin Town 1**



## LAST TIME: SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN 2-2 BARKING

*Saturday November 17 2023 – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert*

The new management team of Jonny Fowell and Mike Walther got off to a solid start in their new roles with a welcome point against Saffron Walden Town with a much improved and resilient display. The home side themselves were looking to make inroads towards the play off places.



As to be expected with the change of management there were changes to the playing staff. We welcomed back Jack Folan and Maliq Jikiemi and new faces Mo Amghar, Greg Akpele and Bleron Ademi. The match began with a sense of relief for the Barking supporters as their team managed to avoid conceding a first minute goal, unlike in their previous two league games. Just seven minutes in, keeper Miraldie Ndunzi launches a long ball forward which Greg Akpele deftly flicks on to release **Luke Hirst**. With confidence, Hirst calmly and powerfully shoots the ball high shot into the net, comfortably beating the home keeper Jarvis Monk.

The tenth minute brought a dangerous Saffron Walden corner, which Barking keeper Miraldie Ndunzi managed to keep out and despite appeals for handball from the home side, no penalty was awarded by the referee. The home side begin to apply pressure, but Barking's defensive unit comfortably deal with anything that comes their way. In the 32nd minute, Barking had their first chance in a while as a corner was recycled by Jack Dickinson. Hirst found himself clear again, but his shot went straight at Monk. Just a minute later the home side were level after forcing two corners, from the second the ball was scrambled home via a Barking player. The assistant referee signalled that the ball had crossed the line before being cleared and the scores were level at 1-1. The 38th minute brought more drama as a corner led to a tangle among a group of players. The referee pointed to the spot, and **Greg Akpele** confidently dispatched the kick into the net marking his debut with a goal and giving Barking a 2-1 lead which they managed to comfortably defend until half time.

The second half saw both teams cancelling each other out, with few chances being created. However, in the 62nd minute, Barking paid a heavy price for failing to clear the ball despite having several attempts. The ball eventually fell to Darnell Kithambo who fired it across Ndunzi and into the net, tying up the score at 2-2. Barking had a let-off four minutes later when Joni Vukaj struck the post with a firm shot that could easily have been a goal. Following the equaliser, Barking found themselves pushed back towards their own goal, weathering a storm of attacks. Eventually, they regrouped and began moving forward. Two minutes from time, the home side were temporarily reduced to ten men due for a sin bin offence. In added time, Barking pressed for a winner but couldn't create the golden chance they needed. However, they held on for a deserved draw in a closely contested and well fought match.

## ON THIS DAY: ERITH TOWN 1-2 BARKING FC

*Wednesday March 16 2022 - London Senior Cup Quarter Final – Report by Terry Gilbert*

This was a chance to forget the troubles of our league position for one evening and grab the opportunity to meet the B team of Brentford in the semi-final of the London Senior cup. Thankfully we did manage to achieve this despite the continual battling right to the final whistle of our opponents from the Southern Counties East



league, another factor was the continual rain which did nobody any favours.

Both sides were quick out of the blocks and on four minutes we have our first chance as Kieran Jones has the right idea and shoots from distance: Erith keeper Jack Moore palms the ball away and is able to recover. Just a minute later Barking are ahead as Markos Touroukis sets James Folkes in and he manages to dribble through and finish past Moore. Erith have a couple of chances of their own but they are unable to retaliate - however, on 17 minutes a poor clearance is seized upon by Steadman Callender who from distance fires over Finley Thackway and into the net for one all. Barking try to assert themselves and on 19 a shot from Touroukis is saved by the legs of keeper Moore. Thackway dives full length to save from Harry Gamble and then from a header from a cross is comfortably gathered in. After 32 the visitors have their first chance in a while when George Okoye does well down the wing and crosses to Jones whose header is gathered at the second attempt by Moore. That is the last chance of note and half time brings the welcome chance to dry out a bit.

Barking switch things around at the start of the second period as Kyle Eam replaces Tom Salter: Eam goes to right back; Folkes moves to centre half and Flavio Jumo transfer to his more accustomed midfield role. The ball pings from end to end but there is not much doing in terms of goalmouth action or chances - around the hour the pattern has emerged with the home side doing the pushing but the blue defensive line is holding firm. The first real chance of the half occurs on 64 when a long ball puts Joe Chalker in with only Thackway to beat, the Barking keeper doesn't quite do enough and the Erith player recovers to fire wide of a gaping goal. The winner arrives on 68 when an Eam long throw is headed on by Folkes to Kieran Jones who slots home for 2-1. The home side come again and on 76 have the ball in the Barking net but it is a clear offside and the strike is disallowed. The closing stages are Erith attacking and Barking defending and looking to catch their opponents on the counter. Even with three added minutes Barking retain their shape and composure and to manage out the game to clinch a spot in the semifinals.

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