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EDITOR'S CORNER

Barking V Takeley

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

We were warmed midweek on a cold night in Ilford as a makeshift side for the Yellows battled past Frenford by 3 goals to 1, thanks to debut goals from Saweed Djinadou and Caleb Dennis alongside a penalty from Fahad Nyanja. A full report can be found on page 4. Today's programme also contains information about other matches since our last home against Romford, when we were also victorious as well as a report from a fixture on this day 5 years ago!



We would also like to wish all fans and players of Takeley, 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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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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FRENFORD 1-3 BARKING

Tuesday 7th January – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert

On a bitterly cold evening, Barking showed their resilience to secure a 3-1 victory over Frenford, bouncing back from their weekend defeat.

With four new signings in the starting lineup and another on the bench, the refreshed squad delivered a much-needed win, with debutants Djinadou Saweed and Caleb Dennis both marking their first appearances with goals.

Barking started brightly, with Sherquan Touissant delivering a dangerous cross in the sixth minute that Frenford goalkeeper Kasey Clark did well to block with his body. However, despite Barking's early dominance, clear-cut chances were few and far between in the opening stages. The deadlock was broken in the 22nd minute when Akilijo Balliu latched onto a through ball from Teddy Stacey and squared it across the box to the waiting **Saweed Djinadou**, who calmly side-footed the ball home to open his account for Barking and put the visitors ahead.

Frenford looked to respond but found Barking goalkeeper Dan Purdue untroubled. Barking began to assert control, with Clark called into action multiple times. In the 33rd minute, Caleb Dennis was fouled just outside the box, and Billy Knott's resulting free kick was spectacularly turned away by Clark. As the first half wound down, Frenford started to press more, but Barking's defenders held firm, heading into halftime with a slender single goal lead.

Frenford emerged from the break picking up where they left off and it was no surprise that their pressure paid off in the 51st minute. A free kick from Nick Reynolds was flicked on by former Blue Warren Kayembe to Taymar Fleary, who fired home the equaliser, leaving Purdue with no chance.

Barking responded well, nearly regaining the lead six minutes later when Saweed's flick freed Balliu, but his angled shot was wide. In the 69th minute, Barking's persistence paid off. Geneiro Maragh and Balliu combined to set up Touissant, who ended a run across the area culminating with a low shot that smacked the post. **Caleb Dennis** was quickest to react, looping a follow-up shot into the net to restore Barking's lead at 2-1.

The second goal visibly deflated Frenford and their attacking threat began to wane. Barking took full advantage and secured the points in the 80th minute. Balliu chased down another Stacey through ball into the box and was fouled by Reynolds, earning the Blues a penalty. **Fahad Nyanja** stepped up confidently and smashed the spot kick into the top right corner to make it 3-1.

With a two-goal cushion, Barking comfortably saw out the remaining minutes as Frenford struggled to mount any meaningful attacks. Victory lifting the Blues back into sixth place in the league.





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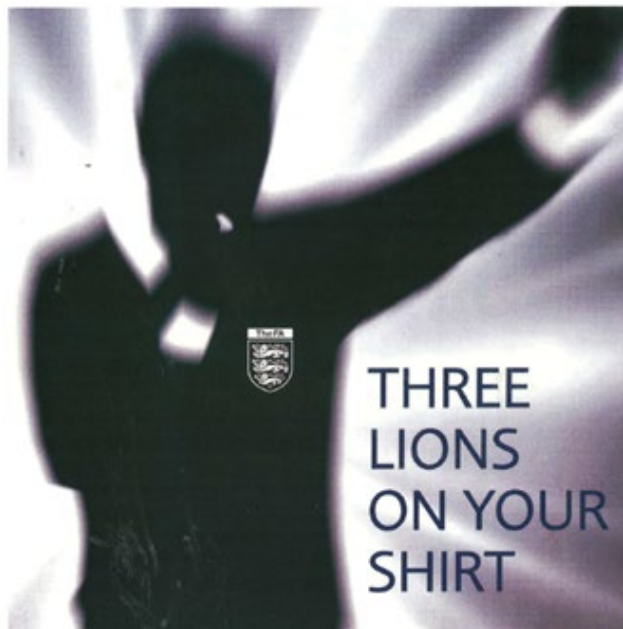
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DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	SCORE	ATT	GOAL SCORERS
27 Jul 24	FC Clacton	ESL	3-0	146	Akintunde (pen), M. McDonald, John
30 Jul 24	Stanway Rovers	ESL	1-1	102	Bademosi
03 Aug 24	Tring Athletic	FACEPR	1-1	196	Edwards
06 Aug 24	Tring Athletic	FACEPR R	1-0	108	Own Goal
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	5-2	49	M. McDonald, Akintunde, Bademosi, Anderson, Shaban
02 Oct 24	White Ensign	ESC 1R	3-3 (5-3 pens)		Wade, Shaban, Kreka
05 Oct 24	Little Oakley	ESL	2-1	64	Cobblah, Lukyamuzi
08 Oct 24	Buckhurst Hill	ESC 2R	0-1	58	
12 Oct 24	Halstead Town	ESL	5-2	229	Shaban x3, Anderson, Akintunde
19 Oct 24	FC Clacton	PBMT 1R	3-4	37	Bademosi, Akintunde (pen), Shaban
22 Oct 24	Ilford	ESL	2-2	54	Bademosi, Martin
25 Oct 24	Buckhurst Hill	ESL	2-4	86	Akintunde, Jackson
02 Nov 24	Stansted	ESL	1-0	102	Shaban
05 Nov 24	Frenford	ESL	0-2	63	
09 Nov 24	Saffron Walden Town	ESL	3-1	72	Mabassa, Akintunde x2
16 Nov 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL	2-0	135	Ahern, Akintunde
20 Nov 24	Ilford	ESL	2-2	92	Shaban, Akintunde
23 Nov 24	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL	2-0	50	Shaban, Akintunde
26 Nov 24	Haringey Borough	LSC 2R	3-0	87	Martin, Shaban x2
30 Nov 24	Hullbridge Sports	ESL	1-0	54	Ngoo
10 Dec 24	White Ensign	ESL	3-2	52	Maragh, Akintunde, Shaban
20 Dec 24	Woodford Town	ESL	1-2	74	Akintunde
28 Dec 24	Romford	ESL	3-1	117	Lawson, Shaban, Martin
04 Jan 25	White Ensign	ESL	0-2	77	
07 Jan 25	Frenford	ESL	3-1	72	Djinadou, Dennis, Nyanja (pen)
11 Jan 25	Takeley	ESL			
14 Jan 25	AFC Croydon Athletic	LSC 3R			
18 Jan 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
25 Jan 25	Little Oakley	ESL			
01 Feb 25	Halstead Town	ESL			
04 Feb 25	Benfleet	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			
21 Mar 25	West Essex	ESL			
29 Mar 25	Athletic Newham	ESL			
05 Apr 25	Stansted	ESL			
11 Apr 25	Romford	ESL			
19 Apr 25	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
26 Apr 25	Woodford Town	ESL			

TAKELEY

One theory is that the name derives from the 'Teg-Ley' of 'sheep-clearing', i.e. a part of the forest cleared for sheep rearing. Another is that it is from the name 'Taecca', a Saxon lord who owned much land in these parts and in Oxfordshire where, strangely enough, there is a village called Tackley. Current thinking is that the name Takeley should be interpreted as "settlement next to open forest". Nearby is the Roman Stane Street, joining the ancient Roman forts of Colchester and St Albans.

Takeley Football Club is believed to have been formed in 1903, but little is known about those early times. The Club became affiliated within the Bishop's Stortford, Stansted and District Football League (BSS&DFL) at the end of the First World War. The original pitches were in Hatfield Forest, moving to Station Road opposite to their present home ground. Additional pitches for the Club at the Recreation Ground just past Takeley Park have been arranged by the good offices of Takeley Parish Council. The club is well looked after by local businessmen: - Andrew Silvester, our President, Pat Curran, Chairman and Mick Rabey, Secretary together with local volunteers and active committee members. The manager of the First Team is Marc Das, supported by coach & assistant manager Andy Walker. Takeley's status in Non-League Football has risen beyond dreams over a short period. From early beginnings with the BSS&DFL Second Division, the Club has risen through the Essex Olympian League and now to the Essex Senior League, winning numerous trophies along the way. With a Reserve team in the Essex Senior Reserve League and two U18 teams in the Southern Floodlit and Royston & Crowe Leagues, Takeley goes from strength to strength.

Following a fire of the old wooden shack that served as changing facilities, volunteers and supporters rebuilt a first-class pavilion, with excellent facilities in 2001.

2007/8 1st team promoted to Essex Senior League. Reserves promoted to Essex Olympian league. The Club volunteers constructed a 125-seat stand, which followed the installation of a state-of-the-art floodlighting system.

2008/9 1st team won the Anagram Records Trophy 3-1 on penalties after extra time was level at 2-2. On 29 April 2008, Takeley hosted West Ham Utd in a match, with Lucas Neil former player with the Hammers and an Australian International Captain switching on the floodlights in front of a crowd of 500. Although West Ham won 4-1, with players including Jack Collison, Junior Stanislas and James Tomkins

2010/11 Takeley has a high capacity-seating stand and a newly completed wall and nets off the main road. A new canteen, independent toilet facility and Committee Room, with enhanced players and officials' facilities, renamed after the late Secretary Lee Borham. Brand new turnstiles fitted to the Clubs grounds. On 14th August Takeley 1st team play the first ever FA Cup game against Hertford Town and were featured on the front of the FA website, along with numerous other sports pages, including the BBC.

2011/12 History made for Takeley FC as the first ever women's football match took place at Station Road. Club website upgraded and modernized.

2016/17 U18's. Achieving success in their league cup final 2-1 against Hitchin Town Hawks, they then went on to beat BS Swifts on 30th April, 6-1 to clinch the league, achieving the double and finishing top of Division 1 Royston Crow Youth League five points clear.

2016/17 First Team achieved fourth in the league – Their aim at the start of the season was a top four finish! By this time, they had already won the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and then went on to win the league cup.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Stanway Rovers Community FC	22	16	5	1	33	53
2	Woodford Town FC	20	15	3	2	32	48
3	Takeley FC	22	14	5	3	29	47
4	Great Wakering Rovers FC	21	15	1	5	28	46
5	Saffron Walden Town FC	20	13	3	4	25	42
6	Barking FC	21	13	3	5	15	42
7	Romford FC	22	12	4	6	17	40
8	Buckhurst Hill FC	20	9	5	6	10	32
9	White Ensign First	20	9	3	8	1	30
10	Athletic Newham FC	20	7	5	8	6	26
11	Frenford FC	22	7	4	11	-2	25
12	Little Oakley FC	18	6	5	7	-3	23
13	Benfleet FC	19	7	0	12	-2	21
14	Ilford FC	21	5	6	10	-8	21
15	West Essex FC	21	5	5	11	-11	20
16	Hullbridge Sports FC	22	6	2	14	-17	20
17	Halstead Town FC	21	5	2	14	-36	17
18	Sawbridgeworth Town FC	21	3	4	14	-37	13
19	Stansted First	20	3	3	14	-30	12
20	FC Clacton FC	21	1	4	16	-50	7



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WHITE ENSIGN 2-0 BARKING FC

Saturday 4 January – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert

After last week's comeback success against Romford it was a bridge too far for a further depleted Barking side who had no answer for the low block and quick counter attacking style of White Ensign, who were in complete control during their 2-0 victory at Burroughs Park. Goals from Jon Evans and Nathan Wilson were enough to take all three points for the home side.

It was a frosty day but credit to White Ensign's landlords Great Wakering Rovers who had done an excellent job for preparing their pitch for the biting frost experienced in the evenings and it was clear that there was no question about the status of the game. Barking had as many players available as unavailable, missing Miles Smith, Jay Bacon, Sam Edwards, Izzy Bademosi, Geneiro Maragh, Sam Shaban, Juwon Akintunde, Marcel McDonald among others for a variety of reasons including the usual injuries and suspension.

Barking were forced to turn to their near empty bench just minutes into the game as Jeremy Arthur was forced off with what seemed to be an ankle injury meaning the one returning player, Henry Mabassa from suspension, was pressed into action early. Barking had the first shot of note after 17 minutes as Teddy Stacey's effort from outside of the box was comfortably collected by Whitney in the White Ensign goal. Mabassa caused panic after 22 minutes as his poor header back was latched onto by an Ensign attacker but Dan Purdue capitalised on a poor touch by the striker to smother and collect the ball. Ensign were awarded their third penalty in two league games against Barking on the half hour mark, there could be no complaint for the Yellow as Mabassa bundled down his opponent in the box after being turned and chasing him into it. For the third time, Jon Evans put the ball down and slotted the ball past Purdue to give the home side the lead. Barking managed to finally put a spell of pressure together as the first half came to an end but this produced no chances.

With his hands almost tied, Craig Edwards changed the shape at half time, with Mabassa being pushed up front to support the lonely Tony Martin, with Fahad Nyanja switching to left back. It didn't help however and the home team had their second with ten minutes on the clock for the second half: an Ensign free kick on the edge of the box was curled towards the penalty spot and it was met by Nathan Wilson who managed to bundle the ball home. Purdue did well to save a powerful effort at his near post after 66 minutes as Barking struggled to break the home side down. It was Ensign who looked more like scoring and nearly had a third after 80 minutes as Teddy Stacey was dispossessed with a strong tackle in the centre circle but the attacker slotted the ball wide of the target after being set through on goal. Barking did manage the first shot on target for the second half shortly after as a long throw fell to Charlie Thomson in the box, his powerful half volley stung the palms of Joe Whitney in the Ensign goal but he did well to pluck the ball out of the air.

That was it for the Yellow, who simply couldn't get going against a side much more used to playing with each other and took their chances while denying Barking any real efforts.

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BARKING 3-1 ROMFORD

Saturday 28 December – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert

Barking closed out 2024 in style with a resilient 3-1 comeback victory over Romford at the Lawtech Stadium, putting an end to a run of three games without a win against their local rivals.

Despite being depleted by suspensions, injuries, and absences, manager Craig Edwards' side dug deep to claim a crucial three points and leapfrog Romford into sixth place in the league.

The match marked the debut of Fahad Nazor, and while the opening exchanges were cagey, both sides sought to gain the upper hand. Barking forced three early corners, but they came to nothing, while Romford responded with set pieces of their own that equally lacked a decisive edge. Romford had the game's first clear chance in the 19th minute when Praise Ogbemor unleashed an angled shot, but Barking keeper Dan Purdue was equal to it. Barking, struggling to find their rhythm, had their only real first half opportunity from a snapshot by Sam Shaban that flew wide. Just before the break, Romford capitalised on a Barking mistake by easily losing the ball in the visitors half and from the subsequent attack Ogbemor's pass across the box found Arnold Mengi, who made no mistake in firing past the helpless Purdue to give the visitors a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Barking resumed the second half with intent but initially found themselves under pressure as Romford, buoyed by their goal, looked for a second. However, the visitors failed to create any meaningful chances and Barking gradually clawed their way back into the game. In the 61st minute, Fahad Nyanja's long throw found Akiljo Balliu, whose sharp shot forced Romford keeper Qamil Dervishaj into his first real save of the match. Edwards then made a decisive double substitution, bringing on Tony Martin and Ellis Lawson for Juwon Akintunde and Teddy Stacey. The change would prove pivotal in turning the tide. Barking's momentum grew, and in the 78th minute, substitute Martin threaded a sublime defence-splitting pass to Ellis Lawson, who broke into the box and fired a superb finish past Dervishaj to level the score at 1-1.

In the 84th minute, Shaban nearly gave the home side the lead when Purdue delivered a well-placed long ball to the Barking striker, who struck the ball cleanly, but Dervishaj made another excellent save to keep the score level. Six minutes after the first goal Barking's attacking intent paid off again. Martin's flick found Geneiro Maragh, who charged into the box and drew out Dervishaj before calmly slipping the ball to **Sam Shaban**, who finished into an empty net to register his thirteenth goal of the season and put Barking ahead for the first time. With Romford reeling, Barking sealed the victory in the 89th minute. Balliu's hard work in midfield won possession, his pass found Shaban, who squared it to the unmarked **Tony Martin**. The substitute showed composure as Dervishaj rushed off his line, finishing clinically for 3-1 and sending the Barking faithful into raptures.

The third goal effectively ended any remaining Romford resistance and Barking saw out six minutes of added time without incident.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meetings with **Takeley** compiled by Terry Gilbert

September 21st 2024 - FA Vase Second Qualifying Round

Barking 0

Takeley 3

August 10th 2024 - Essex Senior League

Takeley 3

Barking 1 (Marcel McDonald)

April 6th 2024 - Essex Senior League

Takeley 2

Barking 2 (Luke Hirst 2)

October 14th 2023 - Essex Senior League

Barking 3 (Gael Kileba, Jack Dickinson 2)

Takeley 2

April 8th 2023 - Essex Senior League

Takeley 0

Barking 2 (Dan Brock, Sam Shaban)

January 10th 2023 - Errington Challenge Cup Quarter Final

Barking 7 (Sam Shaban 2, Ahmed Abdulla Pen, Eljay Worrell, Kenedi Dariri 2, George Okoye)

Takeley 2

ON THIS DAY

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

January 11th 2020 - Isthmian League South Central Division

Barking 2 (Michael Dixon, Junior Dadson)

Northwood 1

January 11th 2000 - Essex Senior Cup Fourth Round

Harwich & Parkeston 0

Barking 1 (Lele Bajada)

January 11th 1992 - Isthmian League Division 1

Barking 0

Hitchin Town 2

January 11th 1986 - Isthmian League Premier Division

Windsor & Eton 1

Barking 0

January 11th 1977 - Isthmian League Premier Division

Barking 1 (Peter Burton)

Kingstonian 0

January 11th 1969 - FA Amateur Cup Second Round

Barking 4 (Peter Deadman, Roger Warnes, Jimmy Wilsonham 2)

Wembley 1

January 11th 1958 - Isthmian League

Oxford City 5

Barking 0

ON THIS DAY: BARKING FC 2-1 NORTHWOOD FC

Saturday 11 January 2020 – BetVictor Isthmian League South Central



Barking took all three points with a classic smash and grab against relegation-threatened Northwood. For the visitors it was a case of Deja-vu as last Saturday they were holding Tooting & Mitcham until an 87th minute goal denied them a point and this week after taking the lead through Matthew Hall on 52 minutes a goal from Junior Dadson cost them a point and it came again in the 87th minute to leave the visitors reeling.

The game was by no means a classic with little action of note in a first half which was just about edged by Barking - two half chances saw an acrobatic bicycle kick by Sherri Artmeladze and a long-range half volley by Steven Sardinha both go comfortably wide of the target.

The second half saw some action and with their first real attempt Northwood took the lead as a floated corner to the far post found Matthew Hall and his driven header found the net just past the defender on the post. Barking didn't look like getting back into the game and had Montel Joseph to thank after 77 minutes as Luke Holness found his way on goal but his shot was too close to the barking stopper who saved with his feet. With five minutes remaining Barking grabbed what looked to be a point as a long throw was cleared to the edge of the box where a shot pinged around before falling at the feet of **Michael Dixon** who had the time to take a touch and toe poke the ball home. Northwood may have thought that was a sucker punch but two minutes later another long throw to the edge of the box was nodded down by Abs Seymour to **Junior Dadson** on the right wing of the box who drilled the ball low and hard into the bottom left corner of the net.



Barking held out for the final minutes against a shell-shocked Northwood to secure the three points and keep their playoff dreams alive.





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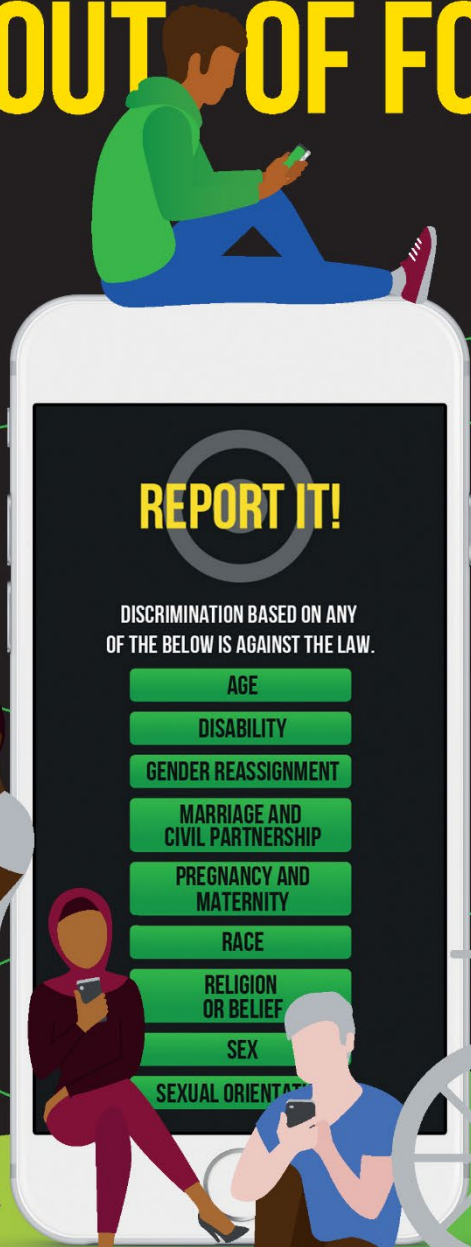
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