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# EDITOR'S CORNER

## Barking V West Essex

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

We are delighted to be joined for our final home league game of the season by a plethora of guests! Firstly, we are delighted to welcome the Mayor of Barking and Dagenham, Cllr Donna Lumsden! Today's game is sponsored by Cllr Cameron Geddes on behalf of her chosen charity, the carers of Barking and Dagenham, and we will be hosting a bucket collection for them today and we ask all to donate if you can! Secondly, we also have a match ball sponsor for today's game – Tom Ashwood Real Estate Agents, we welcome them and thank them for their support! We are also delighted to be welcoming Ramz to the Lawtech Stadium! Ramz is a musician who became popular with his song "Barking" which has grown to be a dressing room anthem for us when we win! We are also welcoming today Glossy Flossy and ProParts Direct! More information on them can be found in today's programme and we are delighted to welcome them all to the Lawtech Stadium!



Today's programme also contains reports as to our last few fixtures, starting with our most recent, a 1-0 defeat to Saffron Walden in the Errington Challenge Cup.

We would also like to wish all fans and players of West Essex 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.



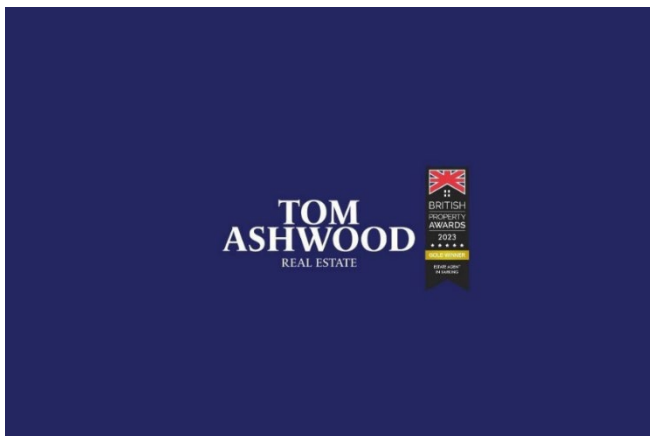
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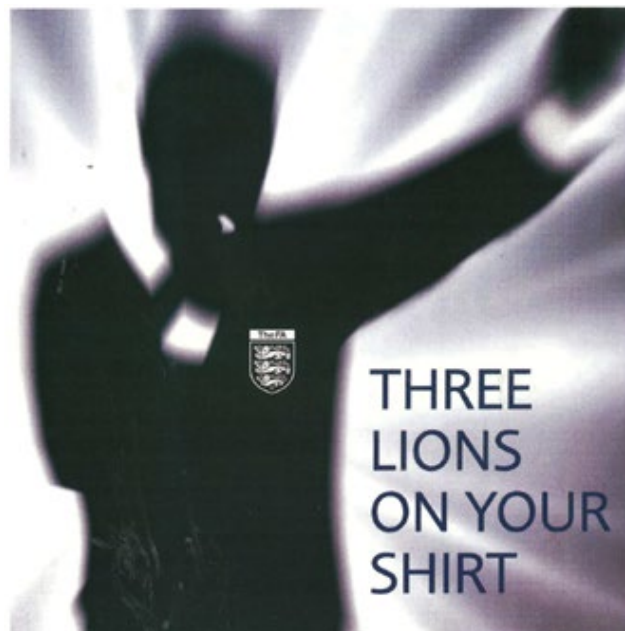
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**£750** - Two 6ft by 3ft pitch side banners and website advert.

#### 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	35	25	5	5	51	80
2	Woodford Town FC	34	21	7	6	32	70
3	Romford First	33	22	4	7	31	70
4	Barking FC	35	18	9	8	24	63
5	Sporting Bengal United First	35	18	7	10	15	61
6	Saffron Walden Town First	34	16	5	13	2	53
7	Great Wakering Rovers FC	30	15	6	9	30	51
8	Stanway Rovers Community First	34	15	6	13	13	51
9	Halstead Town FC	36	14	8	14	3	50
10	Little Oakley First	35	13	10	12	9	49
11	Hullbridge Sports FC	36	14	7	15	-4	49
12	Athletic Newham FC	33	15	2	16	6	47
13	West Essex FC	34	11	9	14	6	42
14	FC Clacton First	36	10	10	16	-23	40
15	White Ensign FC	34	10	9	15	-14	39
16	Takeley FC	33	8	11	14	-15	35
17	Buckhurst Hill FC	34	11	2	21	-22	35
18	Frenford FC	36	9	7	20	-29	34
19	Ilford FC	35	8	5	22	-53	29
20	Coggeshall Town FC	36	4	5	27	-62	17





## 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	Iford	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, Shabam
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>Iford</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>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Bademosi, K. Dariri</b>
<b>16 Mar 24</b>	<b>Saffron Walden Town</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Bademosi, Hirst x3</b>
19 Mar 24	Hullbridge Sports	PBMT QF	1-0	59	Rowland
23 Mar 24	Halstead Town	ESL	1-0	290	La-Rose
26 Mar 24	Tilbury	ESL	1-1	130	Hirst
<b>30 Mar 24</b>	<b>Frenford</b>	<b>ESL</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Dowridge (pen), Odedoyin</b>
6 Apr 24	Takeley	ESL	2-2	117	Hirst x2
9 Apr 24	Saffron Walden Town	ECC QF	0-1	101	
<b>13 Apr 24</b>	<b>West Essex</b>	<b>ESL</b>			
20 Apr 24	Athletic Newham	ESL			
27 Apr 24	FC Clacton	ESL			

# WEST ESSEX

West Essex FC are based in Highams Park, East London. We provide affordable sporting activity for everyone in the local community. At the time of writing, we run semi-professional and development sides in the Essex Senior League, an U18 side in the Southern Counties Floodlit League, 19 boy's teams, 5 girls only teams, a Kickers Soccer School and our SSE Wildcats activities. Our club coaches are also active in the LBWF wider schools' community, providing football activities in schools across the borough in the Easter and Summer Holiday Activity Programme. Our playing membership across all these sections of the club stands at circa 450.

The brainchild of former West Essex Cricket Club stalwarts John Spinks and Richard Saunders, West Essex FC formed in 1989.

After 4 seasons of considerable success in the Ilford & District League, an 'A' team was added for the 1993-94 season and the 1st & Reserve teams moved to the Essex Business Houses League.

In 2007-08, the 1st XI effectively folded, and the club ran one senior side which finished rock-bottom of the EBHFL Division 1. Towards the end of that season, Gary Lefley became involved with the side. Gary forged a strong partnership with existing player/manager Dan Reading and their first full season together proved to be a very successful one as an extraordinary turnaround in fortunes saw West Essex lift the EBHFL Division 1 title in 2008-09.

With success came an influx of new players and we were fortunate enough to reinstate the Reserve team who, under the guidance of Wesley Sotherton, won a trophy in their first season. The resulting celebrations culminated in them losing the trophy, but that's a story for another day.

At the end of the 2009-10 season, the management took the decision to withdraw the 1st XI from the Essex Business Houses League and move them to the Middlesex County Football League. The season that followed will live long in the memory as, in May 2011, it culminated with another trophy being added to the cabinet as West Essex were crowned champions of the MCFL Division 1 Central & East.

Promoted as Champions, in August 2011 West Essex had their first taste of Step 7 Football. Despite the season being blighted by injuries and suspensions, they finished it stationed safely in mid-table and took a few memorable scalps along the way. Further progress was made in 2012/13 as West Essex consolidated their MCFL Premier Division status with another mid-table finish, but with more points and a better record in all departments. Towards the end of the season new coach Kwame Kwarteng joined with a view to adding some style to our obvious substance. 2013/14 was a memorable season for the club. Injuries, poor form and some appalling luck saw us staring down the barrel of relegation at the turn of the year. A fantastic run of form saw us finish the season sitting comfortably in mid-table and emerging victorious in the Alec Smith Premier Division Cup final. In 2014/15, we continued to make progress by attaining our highest ever MCFL Premier Division finish of 6th. We also gained more points, scored more goals and conceded less than in any previous season. In 2015/16, with our ground-share agreement in place at Barking FC, we took the decision to apply for promotion from the MCFL. We didn't lose a game from August 8<sup>th</sup> until January 2<sup>nd</sup> which included a run of 11 straight wins. But we couldn't shake off our fellow title chasers and promotion candidates. Our second appearance in 3 years in the Alec Smith Cup Final, you might argue, was an unwanted distraction. We lost the Alec Smith Final on pens having been 2 nil up with less than 30 mins to go. On the coach back from the final, devastated as we were, a chorus of "WE'RE GONNA WIN THE LEAGUE!!" broke out. 14 days later, that is exactly what we did. After losing to New Hanford on April 9<sup>th</sup>, we took 23 of the 27 points available to take the title from under LPOSSA's noses and were crowned champions of the MCFL Premier Division. In doing so, we guaranteed promotion to the Essex Senior League and a taste of semi-professional football for the first time in our short history.

## **WEST ESSEX**

The summer of 2020 West Essex FC combined the senior and junior sections as a new 'through' club that gives us a structured pathway for children aged from 4 years, all the way through to our Senior 1<sup>st</sup> XI and covers all related areas of community football. Perhaps as important, is the bringing together of the key committee members of junior and senior football into one new and expanded club committee. This gives us the opportunity to leverage a vast skillset of our fully committed team, all of whom have incredible experience, knowledge and understanding of grassroots football. Mark Penfold, previously Chairman and founder of our junior football operation, now assumes the position of West Essex FC Chairman.

In April 2023 after an extraordinary stint of 10 years at the helm, the committee took the incredibly difficult and emotional decision to relieve Kwame of his duties and appointed his long-time assistant George Karsa as manager. George has tremendous pedigree, a strong network and compliments his excellent work ethic with a highly progressive footballing philosophy. We are united in our belief that George is the right man to drive the club forward on the next leg of our journey up the non-league pyramid.



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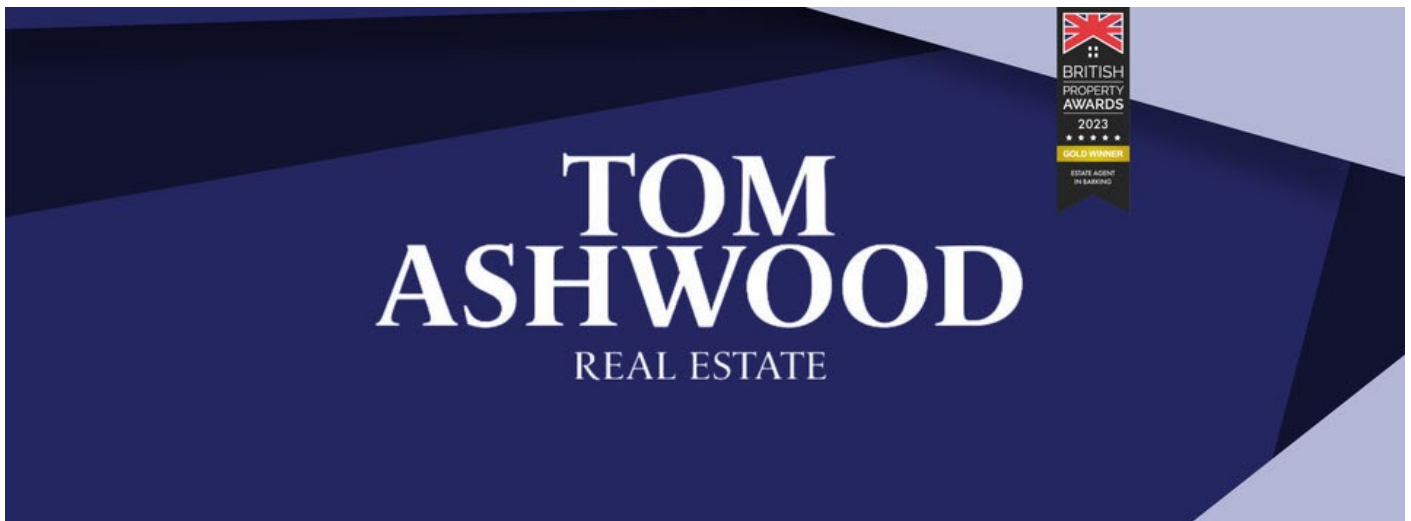
## MATCHDAY SPONSOR

Today's match is sponsored by Cllr Cameron Geddes on behalf of the Mayor's chosen charity - the Carers of Barking & Dagenham. We are therefore delighted to be hosting a bucket collection to help support them today! More information can be found at: [www.carerscentre.org.uk](http://www.carerscentre.org.uk)



## OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S MATCHBALL SPONSOR – TOM ASHWOOD REAL ESTATE!

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# SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN 1-0 BARKING FC

*Errington Challenge Cup Quarter-Final – Tuesday 9 April 2024 – Report by Mark Harris*

Defeat to a last-minute goal saw Barking relinquish their grip on the Errington Cup at saturated Saffron Walden on Tuesday evening. A heavy pre-game cloud burst left a slick surface. And Barking, playing in a 4-4-2 formation, looked to establish their passing game right from the kick-off.

It took quarter of an hour for the Blues to fashion their first real chance of the game as Kenedi Dariri's cross to the far post was played back by Sam Dowridge to Luke Hirst but the strikers shot lacked power and direction. The hosts almost opened the scoring a minute later but were denied by an acrobatic double save from young goalkeeper Max Spence, who again excelled with another mature performance.

On 20 minutes Warren Kayembe played a lovely little ball through to Dowridge but his shot from the edge of the box sailed over the crossbar. Four minutes later Farhad Nyanja became the first player to get booked for a foul on the edge of the visitors penalty area but the resultant free kick from Solomon Ofori was similarly high and wide. Towards the end of the first half Barking gained dominance in possession with Joe Clarke's long throws causing the Walden defence repeated problems. Dowridge shot wide on 40 minutes before the best move of the half from Barking saw Jack's Folan and Dickinson combine down the right-hand side and Dickinson's cross found Dowridge unmarked at the far post but his shot was blocked by James Bransgrove in the Walden goal.

The hosts started the second half on the front foot and on 47 minutes substitute Thomas Head shot wide when well placed. Six minutes later Folan ventured forward but his shot from outside the box fizzed narrowly wide. With 13 minutes left on the clock Spence was again pulled into action with a point blank save before central defender Pat Ahern stopped what seemed like the inevitable opening goal with a brave block of his own. The only goal of the game came in the final minute as Head, looking suspiciously offside popped up on the left and sent in a cross that eluded everyone before reaching Ofori who slammed the ball into the roof of the net. With 5 minutes of injury time signalled Barking threw Ahern into the forward line but the ancillary striker couldn't quite capitalize when Nyanja's cross was fumbled by Bransgrove with the big stopper collecting the loose ball. With 95 minutes on the clock Karl Kayembe's shot from outside the box was blocked and as the Blues attempted to build another attack the referee blew the final whistle.

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# HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

## Our last meetings with **West Essex**

**October 7th 2023 - Essex Senior League**  
**West Essex 2**  
**Barking 0**

**February 4th 2023 - Essex Senior League**  
**West Essex 2**  
**Barking 4** (George Okoye, Sam Shaban 2, Kenedi Dariri)

**January 24th 2023 - Essex Senior League**  
**Barking 0**  
**West Essex 1**

**April 23rd 2021 - Len Cordell Memorial Cup Group D**  
**Barking 2** (Louis Dillon, Johnny Ashman)  
**West Essex 1**

**September 27th 2018 - Essex Senior League**  
**West Essex 0**  
**Barking 5** (James Peagram, Paul Oshin, Petrit Elbi 2, Matheus Santos)

**August 9th 2016 - Essex Senior League**  
**Barking 3** (John Bricknell, Petrit Elbi 2)  
**West Essex 0**

## ON THIS DAY

### A selection of Barking games from this day in the past

**April 13th 2019 – Isthmian League North Division**  
**Barking 1** (Ola Ogunwamide)  
**Mildenhall Town 1**

**April 13th 2013 – Essex Senior League**  
**Barking 3** (Tyrone Scarlett, Ricky Mackin, Dumebi GB-Dumaka)  
**Clapton 1**

**April 13th 2001 – Isthmian League Division 1**  
**Oxford City 0**  
**Barking & EHU 1** (Richard Thomas)

**April 13th 1998 – Isthmian League Division 2**  
**Barking 0**  
**Tilbury 3**

**April 13th 1991 – Isthmian League Premier Division**  
**Barking 0**  
**Carshalton Athletic 2**

**April 13th 1987 – Isthmian League Premier Division**  
**Walthamstow Avenue 1**  
**Barking 1** (Mark Kane)

**April 13h 1979 – Isthmian League Premier Division**  
**Croydon 0**  
**Barking 4** (Micky Dingwall, Noel Ashford 3)

## TAKELEY 2-2 BARKING

*Saturday 6 April 2024 – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert*

It was a game of ups and downs for Barking as they drew 2-2 with Takeley after being 2-0 up but a red card shown to double scorer Luke Hirst no doubt changed the course of the game as Takeley fought their way back into it.

Joe Clark went close early on as he nodded over a bouncing half volley from Luke Hirst. It was **Luke Hirst** who opened the scoring after 17 minutes as a strong press forced Takeley to play the ball to Jack Folan – he then played it to Hirst who drove past a Takeley defender before shooting low and hard back across the goalkeeper and into the net. Barking doubled their lead seven minutes later, this time Shaye La-Rose won the ball back in the Takeley half, **Luke Hirst** ran onto his chipped through ball and lifted the ball over the Takeley goalkeeper Joe Wright and into the net. The game shifted however as it entered the final ten minutes of the first half, first Kieran Southgate beat Michael Aziaya to a dangerous cross and powered his header past Max Spence to halve the deficit and then moments later Barking were down to ten: Hirst was sent off for kicking out during a tussle with a defender.

Barking saw the rest of the first half out but the second half was all Takeley to start with and they scored a deserved equaliser with just over half an hour remaining as Jordan Wescott headed home. Max Spence made a strong one-handed save five minutes later and Southgate should have put Takeley in the lead after 70 minutes – a cross from the left wing found him unmarked at the penalty spot but his pea-roller of a shot was straight at Spence. Barking had a similar moment minutes later, Kenedi Dariri drove down the right before passing to Folan, who's cross deflected to Wale Odedoyin at the far post, but from yards out his air shot saw the ball go harmlessly away from goal. Takeley kept pushing forward with Spence forced into another good save with his feet. Spence nearly got into trouble with his feet with five minutes remaining, as he rushed from his box to attempt to clear the ball and ended up clearing out the opposition striker, but the referee saw fit to only award the Barking keeper with a caution. The free kick itself was just wide of the target. Both teams pushed into injury time and Barking again had Spence to thank as Takeley countered a corner, only for the striker to cut in from the left and shoot low but straight at him. In the end it was another point for the Yellows away from home as they look to achieve a playoff spot.

## BARKING 2-1 FRENFORD

*Saturday 30 March 2024 – Essex Senior League – Report by Trevor Gilbert*

Barking rode their luck but in the end took away another three points to keep their impressive run of form going with a 2-1 victory over Frenford. First half goals from Sam Dowridge and the returning Wale Odedoyin were enough despite a late fightback from Frenford.



The previously mentioned Wale Odedoyin made his first appearance and scored his first Barking goal since November 2015 and we welcomed Joe Chidyausiku who was a second half substitute. Frenford had some ex-Barking players themselves in Tom Troubridge, Kai Haysman, Osa Otote and Georgie Fairhead.

The Blues looked comfortable early on with the ball and were rewarded with a gift after five minutes as Tom Troubridge clearly handled from a Jack Folan corner – **Sam Dowridge** stepped up to take the penalty and despite the best efforts of Frenford goalkeeper Jimmy Parker the ball nestled in the bottom left corner of the net to give Barking an early lead.

Wale Odedoyin went close minutes later as he attempted to convert from Brad Rowland's low cross but his effort bounced wide. Dan Purdue was forced into his only action of the first half after 24 minutes as he did well to punch away a long range shot. The Blues doubled their lead after 29 minutes: the Frenford defenders and keeper Parker failed to deal with a long ball and it fell gratefully at the feet of **Wale Odedoyin** who passed the ball into the open net.

The last 15 minutes of the first half passed without much incident and Barking had a chance for their third just after the restart: a counterattack saw Odedoyin drive forward and the ball fell to Luke Hirst but his deflected half volley went just wide of the post. There was one chance for Frenford just before the hour mark but the shot was dragged comfortably wide of the goal. Their task was made harder after 73 minutes – a case of handbags before a throw-in was taken saw a red card for Mohammed Diaby for slapping Karl Kayembe, while cautions were handed out to Barking's Chidyausiku and Purdue. The reduction to ten men for Frenford handed Barking some openings and they should have had the game out of sight minutes after the dismissal, a cross from Brad Rowland was palmed out to Warren Kayembe who saw his effort cleared off the line before he headed the rebound against the crossbar. Barking was made to sweat in injury time as far too much time was given to Georgie Fairhead and his inch-perfect cross was nodded home by Nick Reynolds. However, the home side managed to squeeze their way through some nervy added minutes for another three points that consolidated their playoff position.



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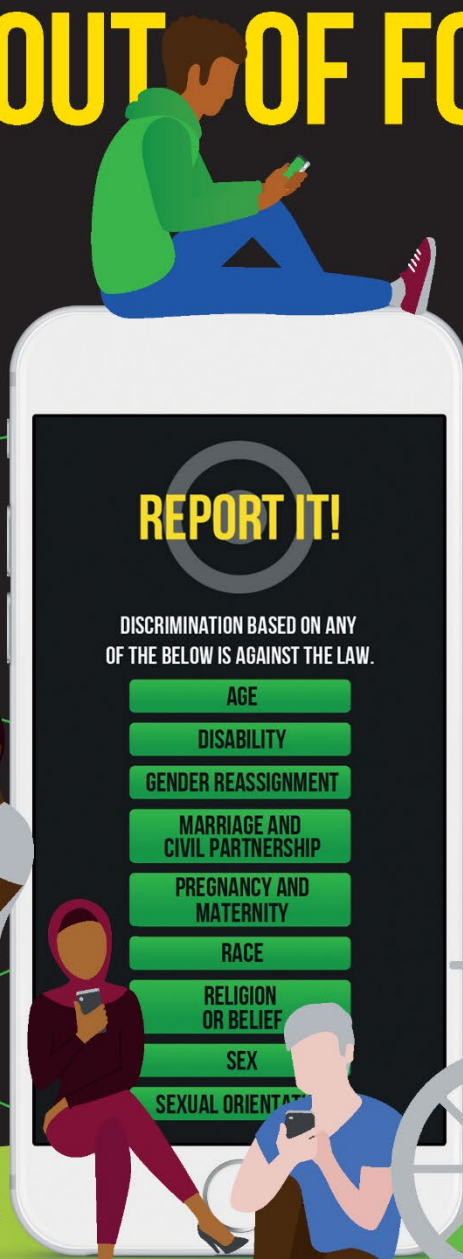
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Shaye La-Rose

Jack Dickinson

Luke Hirst

Sam Dowridge

Karl Kayembe

Greg Akpele

Max Spence

Bleron Ademi

Warren Kayembe

Ezekiel Bademosi

Jonny Fowell (Joint-Manager)

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