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ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE
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EDITOR'S CORNER

Barking V Woodford Town

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

On behalf of everyone at the club, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Today we resume after our Christmas break and host Woodford Town, with the reverse fixture happening just before Christmas – a 1-1 draw. A full report can be found on page 16. Since our last home game against Little Oakley, we pulled off a London Senior Cup shock against Haringey Borough (3-1) and a comfortable Essex Senior League fixture against Coggeshall Town (3-0). Full reports on all 3 of the above fixtures can be found in today's programme.

As with every winter period, there have been some rearrangements and postponements that have affected us, and an up-to-date fixture list can be found on page 9.

We would also like to wish all fans and players of Woodford 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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London League Premier - Champions	1920/21
London League Division One - Champions	1909-10
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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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COGGESHALL TOWN 0-3 BARKING FC

Essex Senior League – Saturday 23 December 2023 – Report by Terry Gilbert

Barking secured a comprehensive victory against basement club Coggeshall Town by three clear goals as nine was the magic number: we moved up to ninth place, Luke Hirst's two strikes took his goal tally for the season to nine and the win extended our unbeaten streak in league and cup competitions to nine games.



This was also the first time we had left West Street with a victory having lost three of the four previous visits.

With Ben Lane suspended, Daniel O'Donovan took his place in goal and Warren Kayembe, brother of Karl made a debut appearance off the bench.

The first notable chance came in the third minute when Tony Martin found Sam Dowridge, whose shot narrowly missed the target. On 11 it is Dowridge again as he starts a move by finding Shaye La Rose who gets the ball across the box to Dowridge who side foots his effort off the post with the rebound failing to find a Barking player. After some home pressure Martin forces a throw in, which he takes himself and eventually the ball finds Jack Dickinson who fires wide, on 29 from a free kick George Forrest rides his luck to keep hold of the ball and his shot is just wide. Two minutes later Barking took the lead after a Coggeshall defensive blunder, following a free kick for offside home keeper Aaron Cassie kicks the ball against **Luke Hirst**, offering an easy scoring chance and Hirst duly capitalised by putting Barking ahead.

The Blues continued to control the game from that point and went in at half time with a single goal lead. The second half saw Barking content to sit back and absorb pressure, allowing Coggeshall to have more of the ball and demonstrate the solid defence we have come to expect in the last two months. The Blues do turn up the pressure but there was not a telling cross or pass that can be seized on to increase the lead. The ideal opportunity arrived on 76th minutes when Coggeshall's Theo Duffin was penalised in the box for a shirt pull on **Luke Hirst**, the Seed Grower was then shown a second yellow card followed by a subsequent red one meaning an early exit from the game. Although Cassie guessed right and saved Hirst's penalty, the ball did not travel far enough away from goal and Hirst made no mistake with the rebound to double Barking's lead.

Following the second goal Barking made four substitutions, introducing fresh legs and young blood against the ten men of the home side. On 88 Warren Kayembe gets through after some good inter play but his shot is blocked by Cassie and the ball bounces back his waiting arms. Just a minute later Henry Hart's throw-in finds Warren Kayembe who lays the ball off to brother **Karl Kayembe**, his first effort is blocked but he manages to wriggle free with the ball and his shot is buried low into the ball net for 3-0.

Three minutes into added time Warren Kayembe has the ball in the net but he is flagged offside, a few minutes later the final whistle goes to make it a satisfactory end to the calendar year.

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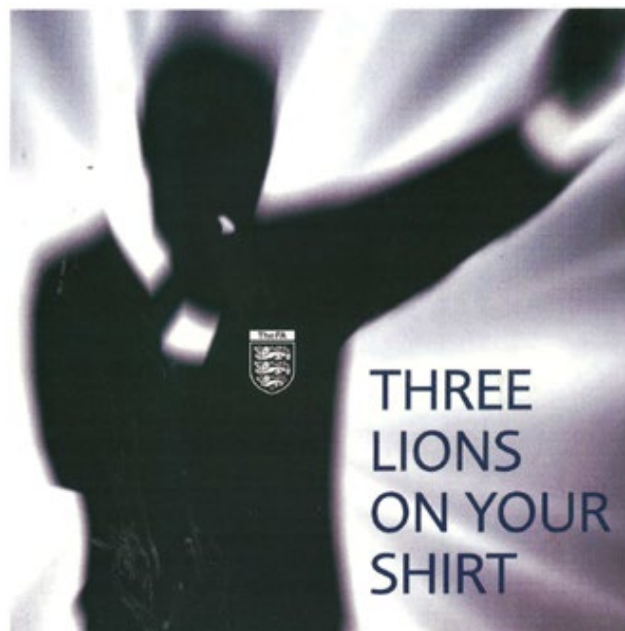
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ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tilbury FC	20	14	3	3	32	45
2	Sporting Bengal United First	23	13	5	5	12	44
3	Romford First	23	13	4	6	16	43
4	Woodford Town FC	22	11	7	4	22	40
5	Great Wakering Rovers FC	21	11	5	5	28	38
6	Halstead Town FC	23	11	5	7	6	38
7	West Essex FC	21	10	6	5	21	36
8	Athletic Newham FC	22	11	1	10	6	34
9	Barking FC	22	9	6	7	0	33
10	Hullbridge Sports FC	22	9	5	8	-1	32
11	Little Oakley First	22	8	6	8	2	30
12	Saffron Walden Town First	19	9	2	8	-2	29
13	FC Clacton First	22	7	5	10	-9	26
14	Stanway Rovers Community First	22	7	4	11	0	25
15	White Ensign FC	20	6	7	7	-2	25
16	Takeley FC	22	6	6	10	-12	24
17	Buckhurst Hill FC	22	7	2	13	-18	23
18	Frenford FC	23	6	4	13	-18	22
19	Ilford FC	24	4	4	16	-41	16
20	Coggeshall Town FC	23	2	3	18	-42	9



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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	3-2	74	Rowland, Hirst, Tuohy
28 Sept 23	Frenford	ESC 1R	2-1	82	Haysman, Kileba
30 Sept 23	FC Clacton	ESL	0-5	61	
7 Oct 23	West Essex	ESL	0-2	127	
10 Oct 23	Hullbridge Sports	ESL	1-3	64	Tuohy
14 Oct 23	Takeley	ESL	3-2	61	Kileba, Dickinson x2
21 Oct 23	Ilford	ESL	5-1	52	Troubridge, Hirst x2, Gordon, Kileba
24 Oct 23	Buckhurst Hill	ESC 2R	1-2		Dickinson
28 Oct 23	Halstead Town	ESL	0-6	47	
4 Nov 23	Saffron Walden Town	ESL	2-2	202	Hirst, Akpele (pen)
11 Nov 23	Frenford	ESL	4-0	46	Nche x3, Martin
14 Nov 23	Leyton Orient	LSC 1R	1-0	137	Folan
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
16 Dec 23	Little Oakley	ESL	1-1	62	Shaban
19 Dec 23	Haringey Borough	LSC 2R	3-1	132	Dickinson, Hirst, Shaban
23 Dec 23	Coggeshall Town	ESL	3-0	55	Hirst x2, K. Kayembe
6 Jan 24	Woodford Town	ESL			
13 Jan 24	White Ensign	ESL			
17 Jan 24	Athletic Newham	ESL			
20 Jan 24	Sporting Bengal	ESL			
27 Jan 24	Great Wakering Rovers	ESL			
30 Jan 24	Coggeshall Town	PBMT 2R			
3 Feb 24	White Ensign	ECC 1R			
10 Feb 24	Romford	ESL			
13 Feb 24	Tilbury	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			
	Welling Utd/Charlton Ath U23	LSC QF			

PHOTO REVIEW: **COGGESHALL TOWN** 0-3 **BARKING FC**

Essex Senior League – Saturday 23 December 2023 – Photos by Terry Gilbert



WOODFORD TOWN

Woodford Town Football Club was established in 1937 and were founder members of the Delphian League. In 1950 we lost 7-1 to Colchester Utd in the 4th Qualifying round of the FA Cup in front of a ground record of 7000 at Snakes Lane. The superbly named Johnny Bee stung our illustrious opponents into action with a sensational 9th minute strike before all hopes of a famous giant killing were cruelly swatted in the second half.

Amongst noticeable players to grace the white Woods shirt was a certain Johnny Haynes soon to leave an indelible mark on the game at Fulham and England and later given legendary status as Football's first £100 a week player at a time when wages regularly failed to reach the minimum wage of the time.

In 1961 we switched to the Metropolitan League, before joining Division One of the Greater London League in 1967. We left the Greater London League at the end of the 1968-69 season and re-joined the Metropolitan League in 1970.

At the end of the 1970-71 season we joined Division One South of the Southern League but left after a single season in which we finished bottom of the table. We joined the Essex Senior League in 1976, before switching to the Athenian League in 1979.

We re-joined the Southern Division of Southern League in 1982 where illustrious Tottenham Hotspur International duo Jimmy Greaves & Joe Kinnear were among a number of eye-catching signings, albeit in the twilight of their careers.

Amazingly we played in the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1986 losing 4-0 to Piacenza in the semi-final and then 3-2 to Merthyr Tydfil in the 3rd Place play-off, the former game featured on Italian TV.

After finishing third in 1986-87 and reaching the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, we dropped back into the Essex Senior League at the end of the season.

Despite the disappointment Woodford had put themselves firmly on the football map succumbing only to a very late Colin Foster goal against Leyton Orient in the aforementioned match in front of another bumper gate at Snakes Lane, a game after which star striker Paul Williams was transferred to Charlton Athletic for an undisclosed sum after an eye-catching display on a bumpy surface very much of the day.

In 1993 we lost our Snakes Lane ground, and transferred to Division One of the Spartan League, which merged into the Spartan South Midlands League in 1997, with Woodford placed in the Premier Division South.

However, we left the league in 1998 and dropped into the London Intermediate League, before returning to the Essex Senior League in 1999. We remained in the league until being voted out in 2003 after finishing bottom of the league for three seasons in a row.

In 2017 we returned to the Essex Senior League reverting back to our original name – Woodford Town Football Club.

Despite nomadic spells at Broxbourne Borough and Harlow Town 'The Woods' began to attract interest for their attacking, youth-based playing style which saw Teenagers Ryley Scott and Jaden Brissett picked up by Ipswich Town and Brentford respectively and their unique fan base establishing itself amongst the loyalist and noisiest in Non-League Football.

The link with football history didn't stop there either as Woodford Town won a thrilling FA Cup tie v London Colney in front of 375 fans at the Harlow Arena on 31st August 2020. The singular Friday night fixture goes into the record books as the only time The FA Cup has ended and started in the same month, a slice of football trivia unlikely to be repeated.

HARINGEY BOROUGH 1-3 BARKING FC

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – London Senior Cup 2nd Round – Report by Terry Gilbert

In a remarkable cup upset at Coles Park, Barking emerged victorious against Haringey Borough who play two steps above us in the Isthmian League Premier Division. The match ended 3-1, with goals from Jack Dickinson, Luke Hirst and Sam Shaban securing Barking's place in the quarter finals with Anthony Mendy replying for the home side.

This victory extends Barking's unbeaten run to eight games in league and cup since Jonny Fowell and Mike Walther took charge at the beginning of November. This was our first meeting with Haringey since October 2017 and only the second in this competition. The previous occasion was on October 25th 2011 in a home fourth round tie which was settled by a single goal from Frankie Williams in our favour. This was the first time we have beaten Haringey since that game and the first occasion we have beaten them at Coles Park since they were formed in 1973. Kymani Nelson took over the goalkeeping duties from Ben Lane, the subs bench featured three new players: Henry Hart, a part of our record-breaking FA Youth Cup run, along with Ruben Marques and Presley Evans.

The opening minutes saw limited action, but Barking's Sam Shaban nearly freed Luke Hirst with a well-timed ball. In the seventh minute, Kymani Nelson made a crucial save with his feet to deny Haringey from taking the lead. Despite Haringey dominating possession, Barking's defence held firm. The breakthrough came in the 13th minute when Luke Hirst's clever play allowed Sam Dowridge to outpace his opponent and deliver a cross, which was subsequently headed home by **Jack Dickinson**.

However, Haringey responded swiftly and a well-placed Anthony Mendy beat Nelson to find the net and level the scores just a minute later. Barking regained the lead in the 22nd minute. Shaye La Rose was fouled, and the resulting free kick caused confusion in the Haringey defence and the ball was fumbled by home keeper Alex Zamani under challenge from Dickinson, from just inside the penalty area **Luke Hirst** capitalised on the error by delicately lobbing the ball into the net for 2-1.

In the 37th minute, the ball was kept in play, just staying the right side of the line and it was played to Shaban, whose initial shot was blocked, and Dickinson's follow up attempt faced a similar fate. Six minutes later, Brad Rowland made an impressive burst down the right wing. He reached the byline and delivered a cross towards Shaban. However, the Barking striker was unable to make contact with the ball, and the promising opportunity was lost. As the first minute of added time ticked away a dangerous cross flashed across Barking's penalty area. Fortunately, there was no Haringey player in the vicinity to take advantage and Barking went into the break leading 2-1.

Five minutes into the second half there is a let off as another dangerous cross was cleared by Fahad Nynja, but in the next minute it is 3-1: the ball is played through to **Sam Shaban** who hits an unstoppable first time shot from outside of the box leaving Zamani grasping at thin air as the ball flies past him and into the net. With 26 minutes left both Hirst and Shaban are withdrawn and the template was set for the remainder of the half with Haringey enjoying a lot of possession, but Barking were happy to soak the pressure up and counter where possible. In the closing five minutes of normal time Barking started to have sporadic attacks but could not create a decisive scoring opportunity. In the third minute of added time Haringey struck the outside of the post through Matt Young but it didn't matter as shortly afterwards the Referee brought matters to a close and we advanced on to the quarter finals where we will be away to either Welling United or Charlton Athletic on a date to be confirmed, as these teams do not meet until early February it will be a couple of months before the tie is arranged.

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PHOTO REVIEW: **HARINGEY BOROUGH 1-3 BARKING FC**

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – London Senior Cup 2nd Round – Photos by Terry Gilbert



HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

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

December 6th 2022 – Essex Senior League

Woodford Town 1

Barking 1 (Karl Kayembe)

January 31st 2023 - Essex Senior League

Barking 3 (Eljay Worrell. Sam Shaban 2 (1 Penalty))

Woodford Town 2

January 31st 2023 - Peter Butcher Memorial Trophy Second Round

Barking 2 (Ayub Kadiri, Ahmed Abdulla)

Woodford Town 2 - *Won 4-2 on penalties*

November 18th 2022 – Essex Senior League

Woodford Town 1

Barking 3 (Ahmed Abdulla, Isioma Richard, Charlie Heatley)

February 4th 1986 – Eastern Floodlight Competition

Woodford Town 0

Barking 1 (Jon Bolle)

January 21st 1986 – London Senior Cup First Round

Barking 0

Woodford Town 1

ON THIS DAY

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

January 6th 2023 – Essex Senior League

Barking 3 (Kenedi Dariri, Sam Shaban, Charlie Heatley)

Athletic Newham FC 2

January 6th 2018 – Isthmian League North Division

Barking 1 (Kiernan Hughes-Mason)

Hertford Town 2

January 6th 2001– Isthmian League Division 2

Barking 1 (Chris Rose)

Berkhamsted Town 6

January 6th 1996 – Isthmian League Division 1

Leyton Pennant 3

Barking 0

January 6th 1987 – Knight Floodlight Competition

Heybridge Swifts 1

Barking 1 (Alan Hull)

January 6th 1976 – Isthmian League

Barking 3 (Bobby Makin Penalty, Bryn Key 2)

Clapton 0

January 6th 1974 – Premier Midweek League

Erith & Belvedere 0

Barking 2 (Malcom Crissell, Steve Oliver)

BARKING FC 1-1 LITTLE OAKLEY

Essex Senior League – Saturday 16 December – Report by Trevor Gilbert

It was heartbreak for the Blues as they conceded another late equaliser against Little Oakley as Barking played out their second 1-1 in a row. Sam Shaban headed the Blues in front early in the first half, with goalkeeper Ben Lane seeing red shortly after. Barking held firm but Little Oakley eventually broke through our defences with the final kick of the game.

Oakley went close after three minutes from a header at the far post but it was Barking who took the lead five minutes later as **Sam Shaban** showed everyone how it was done: Jack Folan's pinpoint corner was met by the head of Shaban and the ball nestled in the bottom left corner of the net. The task was made a lot harder for the Blues as after 15 minutes, Ahmed Mohammed's long ball back towards Ben Lane was too close to an onrushing Oakley striker, with Lane fouling the striker as he attempted to go past him. As the foul occurred outside the penalty box and with no one between the striker and the goal, the referee had little alternative but to give the Barking keeper his marching orders, even if there was little Ben could have done, he was replaced by striker Luke Hirst. Barking were not deterred however and Oakley could not break the Blues down, it was actually Barking who were the next to go close, and probably should have scored, as Jack Folan's pressure saw an errant back pass set Shaban through on goal, but the ball took an awkward spin and bounce and Sam could only half-volley it over the bar.

The second half continued where the first left off, Barking comfortably despite the numerical deficit and having the better of the chances. It took 15 minutes of the second half for the first shot on target, early substitute Jack Dickinson was put through on goal down the right wing of the box and saw his effort from a narrow angle saved by the feet of Billy Lawlor in the Oakley goal. five minutes later it was Oakley who went close as header looped over the bar but it was Barking who missed another golden chance moments later: Shaban turned provider as his low ball across the box from the right wing found Karl Kayembe in space but he ended up with an air shot as he missed the ball. While the numerical deficit wasn't making a difference on the goal statistic the extra effort exerted by the Blues was starting to take its toll. Little Oakley while not testing Hirst had more time on the ball and found themselves putting pressure on the Barking goal, with Hirst tipping the ball over directly from a corner. The Blues were still a danger on the counter and new signing Sam Dowridge went close with five minutes to go but in a similar position to where Dickinson was Lawlor just kept the ball from going under him with wrist. Oakley found themselves camped in the Barking half as the moments ticked down and we entered a minimum four minutes of injury time. The Blues kept managing to scramble the ball away but after an extra minute over the four it was one corner too many for the Blues – the ball was floated to the far post and was eventually scrambled over the line by Harry Mann for the Oakley equaliser. As the Blues kicked off the final whistle was blown to compound Barking's disappointment however the side can take the positives from how they played for the entirety of the game.

WOODFORD TOWN 1-1 BARKING

Wednesday 6 December 2023 – Essex Senior League – Report by Terry Gilbert

In a closely contested match at a cold Ashton's Stadium Barking secured a 1-1 draw against Woodford, maintaining tenth position in the league table. Our recent run of wins with clean sheets came to an end but the Blues stretched their unbeaten run to six league and cup games. Sam Shaban and Darnell Baxter-Alleyne: two players who featured for us last season returned and were on the subs bench.

The game saw early pressure from Barking, but Woodford fought back with attacks of their own. The action kicked off with promise for Barking in the fifth minute as a cross from Brad Rowland found Tony Martin's head, but former Barking keeper, Eddie Allan collected the ball. In the 12th minute, a long throw from Fahad Nyanja was headed on by Martin and required a tip-over save from Allan. Barking broke the deadlock in the 19th minute when another Fahad throw was recycled to **Karl Kayembe**, who fired home from the edge of the box to take the lead and mark his second goal in as many games.

Woodford sought to get back in the game and Barking goalkeeper Ben Lane had to be quick off his line on multiple occasions to nullify the danger. In the 34th minute, Shaye La Rose played in Luke Hirst and his shot was cleared off the line. However, Woodford quickly countered down the left side, resulting in a ball into the box which was fired home to level the score at 1-1. Barking came close again in the 38th minute when Martin's shot was cleared off the line and this time it seemed closer than the Hirst effort to crossing the line. Declan Nche's follow-up shot was saved by Allan, leading to a corner. Woodford had a good chance from a free kick in the 41st minute, but the shot went well wide. Before the break, Barking appealed for a penalty for a foul on Hirst, but the referee refused to be convinced.

At half time, there were changes as Sam Shaban and George Forrest replaced Tony Martin and Bleron Ademi. In the second half, Woodford had an early chance with a dangerous cross into the box headed wide, ending with Kenedi Dariri putting the ball out of danger to concede a corner. Sam Shaban had the first chance for Barking in the second half, but his shot was deflected wide with the Barking supporters hoping it was going in. The game entered a flat period where both teams struggled to make an impression. In the 67th minute, Hirst nearly made the breakthrough, but his close-range shot was saved by Allan and the follow-up efforts were blocked. In the last ten minutes, Barking pushed for a second goal, but it proved elusive. As the clock ticked down a draw seemed the likely outcome and both teams had to settle for a point.

After this draw, Barking remained in tenth place but is only three points behind sixth-placed Halstead Town with a game in hand, keeping the door open for a push up the league table.



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Essex Senior League
Saturday 9 January 2023
Kick Off 3:00pm



Barking FC

Ben Lane

Bradleigh Rowland

Fahad Nyanja

Kenedi Dariri

George Forrest

Jack Folan

Shaye La-Rose

Jack Dickinson

Luke Hirst

Anthony Martin

Declan Nche

Greg Akpele

Darnell Baxter-Alleyne

Bleron Ademi

Tim Monsheju

Karl Kayembe

Jonny Fowell (Joint-Manager)

Michael Walther (Joint-Manager)

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Woodford Town

Eddie Allan

Kalil Kirwan-Mead

Jack Hilaire

Myles John

Eli Benoit

James Jewers

David Gokou

Alex Bolovan

Emmanuel Robe

Dimitri Christou

Nathan Sollosi

Luke Steele

Georges Kebi

Samraj Gill

Jayden Silcott-Brown

Yemi Adelani

Shane Baptiste (Manager)

Dee Safer (Assistant Manager)

Julian Charles (Coach)



Robert Davies



Trevor Williams
Abdel Touileb

NEXT UP AT LAWTECH STADIUM
SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 3PM
WHITE ENSIGN
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE