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Welcome To Burroughs Park

Good afternoon and welcome to Burroughs Park for today's Isthmian North match between Great Wakering Rovers and Aveley.

We would like to wish our visiting players, Management, Committee Members and Supporters a very warm welcome and hope they enjoy the facilities on offer.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials visiting us this afternoon. In the middle we are pleased to have Charles Martland alongside Alistair Potter and Robert Davies, we hope you enjoy your short stay with us.

Rovers come in to today's game off the back of a must win league game away to Witham Town which see the two eldest players in the squad grab both Rovers game and if not for the Witham GK they both should/could have had more.

In the last 4 meetings between Rovers & Millers, Rovers haven't done so well, Losing 3 out of the 4 meeting and drawing the other.

When we meet in Aug, Aveley showed Rovers how to play with a 4-0 win at Parkside.

Their goals come from Nzengo (twice), Agyakwa (once) and now Rovers Tom Anderson.

Let's hope today's game has a good number of goals but this time in the home sides favour.

Hope you Enjoy the game.

Dan Ellis
Club Secretary

THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

IT WAS Chris Waddle's 61st birthday on Tuesday and an old video of the maestro scoring a wondergoal in a six-a-side tournament surfaced on twitter.

Receiving the ball while facing his own goal on the edge of his own area, the former England winger flicks the ball over his and his opponent's head.

As the ball drops he shapes to pass, but dummies to keep it at his feet, before setting off up the pitch. When he reaches the halfway line, without breaking stride, he clips the ball with the outside of left foot and sends an arcing shot over the keeper into the (much smaller than usual) goal's top corner. It's a great strike that oozes the class of his professional career.

Now, there's a bit of self-promotion here because Waddle – we are reliably informed – is a regular NLP reader. In the first Lockdown of March 2020 he spoke to my colleague David Richardson about his love for all levels of the game in this country – and still playing.

Only a few weeks earlier he scored a trademark stunner for Long Bennington Veterans FC, of the East Midlands Veterans League Conference East, against Bottesford in the Olivia Hinton Trophy.

"I was talking to someone the other day about music and I asked why does Rod Stewart or Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones keep touring?" Waddle told David. "They must be so secure money-wise, why do they still do it? They said, 'Well why do you still play football?'. Because I love it and my friend said, 'well, there's your answer'."

Waddle admitted back then that he may turn to walking football instead – another fantastic way for people who don't quite have the legs for the running anymore, but still have the thirst for a competitive game and, perhaps most importantly, the social interaction and camaraderie with others.

A big shame of the Covid interrupted seasons were the young players robbed of a season in their careers.

But for players at the end of their time it was probably worse as they weren't able to hang up the boots on their own terms. Some weren't able to take that last applause of appreciation as they left the pitch.

Sprinkled around Non-League football are the Golden Oldies still turning out each Saturday. The Peter Pans who aren't giving it up while they still feel good.

Jefferson Louis is 42 but recently signed for North Leigh and getting on the scoresheet. Barry Hayles is assistant at Merstham but has his run outs, while Paul Brayson is still knocking in the goals for Newcastle Benfield aged 42.

Jamie Cureton is 46 and playing for Enfield, where he is also manager. In recent years he's talked about how looking after his body in the latter stages of his pro days has helped him enjoy more than a decade of playing long after others have to retire.

Former Ipswich Town winger Carlos Edwards, 43, can be spotted in Isthmian Division One North Bury Town's midfield.

In the National League South, Keith Emmerson is still going strong at 38. His day job as a PT for the Army probably helps!

Crusaders boss Danny Robinson recently told me about his importance to their dressing room and his leadership qualities although joked, "He's in his...what's past twilight of a career?"

Perhaps we should do a Golden Oldies Team of the Season this year.

Drop us a line if there's anyone at your club who should make the cut.

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Aveley A Brief Histoy

AVELEY FOOTBALL CLUB was formed in 1927 and played in local leagues until 1939. Club activities were then suspended during the war years 1939/45. In 1946 the club was reformed and joined the Thurrock Combination. Aveley twice won the Essex Junior Cup, firstly in 1948, then retaining it the following year.

Aveley gained Senior League status in season 1949/50 and were elected into the London League, Division One. They were Division Champions in the 1951/52 season. In the same season they moved from Lodge Meadow to their present ground, Mill Field, and were promptly nicknamed The Millers. In season 1954/55 they were Division Champions once again which was followed by election to The Delphian League in 1955/56. They competed in this league until 1962/63 with little success.

1963/64 saw Millers join the Athenian League. Full membership of the Football Association was granted in 1964/65. Season 1970/71 was probably the clubs most successful one. The first round proper of the FA Cup was reached along with the FA Amateur Cup quarter-finals, they were also Champions of the Athenian League.

Aveley were elected to the Isthmian League in season 1973/74. Here they competed without success in Division One until they were relegated to Division Two North at the end of the 1985/86 season. Millers did however achieve two cup successes during this time. The Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy was won in 1979/80 and the Hornchurch Charity Cup in 1982/83.

The 1989/90 campaign was a memorable one for The Millers. Promotion back to Division One was gained with a tremendous end of season run-in to finish second to Heybridge Swifts by two points. This was followed by a 3-0 victory over Premier Division St.Albans in the final of the AC Delco (League) Cup. This made Aveley the first team from the lowest division to win this competition. After this the club slipped down to Division Three and cup successes were limited to appearances in the finals of both the East Anglian Cup and the The Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy in 1997/98.

The 1999/2000 season started well with Aveley being un-beaten in the League at Christmas. However a turn in fortunes saw them slip and eventually finish 9th. This was followed by 6th place in season 2000/01.

A roller-coaster season 2001/02 saw the club finish third behind Hornchurch and champions Croydon Athletic and gain promotion to Division 1 North.

An excellent season for the Millers in 2002/03. Good runs in the FA Cup and Bryco Cup were capped by an appearance in the Essex Senior Cup Final. This did not go Millers way however with Chelmsford City winning 5-0. The Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was reached, eventually losing out to Canvey Island 2-0. A good run-in saw Millers finish in sixth place in the League.

The 2003/04 campaign saw the club eventually finish in 14th place. Millers matched the previous season's performance and reached the final of the Essex Senior Cup. This time a much improved display saw them go down 3-1 to local rivals Thurrock. The final game of the season was another cup final. This time in the East Anglian Cup, and a visit to Spalding United. This also finished in a 3-1 defeat for the Millers.



2004/05 was a disappointing one for Millers first season in the Southern League, the club finishing in 15th place. Compensation however, came in the form of the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy. Romford were beaten 1-0 in the final at The Mill Field. Simon Thomas scoring the only goal of the game. Another difficult season followed, on and off the pitch. Millers ended the season with their third manager, Steve Browne, steering them just clear of the relegation places.

A poor League season in 2006/07 was again compensated for by winning the Essex Thames-Side Challenge Trophy for the second time in three seasons.

After a disappointing start to the 2007/08 campaign, November saw the arrival of Rod Stringer as Manager, and fortunes turned with the Millers putting a string of impressive results together to finish the season in Mid-Table. 2008/09 saw the foundations that were laid the previous season, bare its fruit as the Ryman League Division One North Championship was won on the last day of the season in dramatic fashion at East Thurrock United. In a tense finish to the season, Millers created a club record of 11 straight away league wins, and Rod Stringer was duly judged as the Manager of the Season for the Division.

2009/10 our first in the Isthmian Premier Division saw a great finish to the season, with 12 wins from the last 14 games, taking us into 3rd position and a home semi-final play-off against Boreham Wood. Unfortunately it was one step too far, and a 1-0 defeat saw the end of a fantastic season.

During the close season Rod Stringer departed for Braintree Town, taking with him his management team, and the whole playing squad. A difficult season was endured with a last day 3-2 win at Hastings being significant as he club survived relegation by virtue of a reprieve despite finishing 4th from bottom of the table.

2011/12 was much of the same, and relegation was confirmed after a poor season. Justin Gardner took over the reins in February of 2012, and has this season assembled a strong playing squad that is currently challenging for an immediate return to the Premier Division.

2012/13 was a successful season with the team occupying a play off positions all season. Unfortunately we lost out in the semi-final at Maldon & Tiptree.

After many years of trying, the Millers were granted the green light on the 13th May 2016 allowing the club to start building as soon as possible, with Parkside due to be completed for the 2017/18 season.

In 2018/19 season, the Millers had a successful season and finished 2nd, with a month left of the season to go manager James Webster resigned and Aveley moved quickly to bring in Danny Dafter who came in with five games left and won every game to help Aveley to finish 2nd, behind Bowers & Pitsea in the Bostik North. However, that winning run ended with defeat in the Play-Off Semi Final against Heybridge Swifts, 2-0.

In preparation for the 2019/20 season Danny Dafter was appointed as full time manager. Two games in the 2019/20 season and Danny Dafter resigned as Aveley manager, and a few weeks later he was replaced by Keith Rowland, the former West Ham United defender and Northern Ireland international. Keith took The Millers to a historic 2019/20 which was cut short due to the Corona-Virus outbreak. Aveley made it to the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy and were second in the Isthmian North, although PPG would've seen Aveley promoted, they were denied promotion after the season was decided and later announced to be null and void.

Meet some of the Millers

David Hughes:

Hughes well and truly has the Number 1 spot at Parkside and has now made 74 appearances for The Millers, keeping 16 clean sheets and of course has the one goal to his name, with the last game before the forced end of the 2019/20 season.

Necati Gench:

The 21 year old Cypriot left back has featured for Ware, Crawley U23's and went on to sign for National South side Maidstone United.

The left back was on loan at East Thurrock United in the Isthmian Premier at the start of the season and made 10 appearances which included an Emirates FA Cup tie against Boston United.

Harry Gibbs:

Harry Gibbs signs up for his fourth season with The Millers and is the heart of this side at the back for Aveley. His first season with The Millers was back in 2015/16 where he made his debut away against Dereham Town. Since then in 2016/17 he made 31 appearances and won Young Player of the Season at the club which saw him play at both right back and centre half.

Jason Ring:

Jason started his career at Burnham Ramblers at the age of 16 and then had three great seasons at Great Wakering Rovers in the Isthmian North where during the 2018/19 season he had the most appearances with 41 and scored two goals.

Those performances at Great Wakering Rovers earned him a move back to East Thurrock United managed at the time by John Coventry and made 34 appearances last season in the Isthmian Premier League.

Jonathan Nzenzo:

Jonathan Nzenzo joined The Millers midway through September 2019 after departing Romford after starting the season with National South side East Thurrock. Last season Nzenzo was on dual-registration between Romford and former National South side East Thurrock United. For Romford he was involved in 9 goals in 15 appearances, scoring four and assisting five. Jonathan joined Romford at the beginning of the 2017/18 season and went on to make 54 appearances scoring 9 and assisting three times. His performances caught the eye of Jon Coventry who signed him on dual registration to play in the National South and featured heavily more and more as the season went on.

Alex Clark:

The young attacking midfielder started his career at Southend United and the midfielder appeared at Under 18 and Under 23 level before dropping into non-league football upon his release from Roots Hall in the summer of 2018. After brief spells at Harlow Town and Heybridge Swifts he joined Three Bridges in November 2018, Clark went on to play 20 times for the Isthmian South East Club, scoring on his debut. At the end of the 2018/19 season, Alex moved to Isthmian Premier League side East Thurrock United for the 2019/20 campaign where he featured 22 times scoring five times and also played alongside Steve Sheehan, Jason Ring and Mitchell Gilbey.

Harry Donovan:

Central midfielder who started his career at Arsenal making his way through the youth academy before joining Millwall. At Millwall, he was Under 23's captain and made a few substitute appearances for the Sky Bet Championship side. Harry joined Dagenham & Redbridge and Havant & Waterlooville in the National League, followed by spells at Braintree and Tonbridge Angels prior to joining The Millers in mid-September.

Connor Witherspoon:

Connor joined The Millers during the 2017/18 season for an undisclosed fee from Isthmian Premier League side Brightlingsea Regent where he helped the R's win the Isthmian North and made 68 appearances for them. Prior to joining Brightlingsea Connor was with Brentwood Town and helped them make the Isthmian North play-offs and gained promotion to the Isthmian Premier after beating Thurrock in the play-off final.

In total for the club Connor has made 103 appearances, scoring three goals, two of which came in his first season at Parkside with goals against Romford and Cheshunt. Withers also scored last season before the season was cut short, popping up with a 95th-minute equaliser against Heybridge Swifts.

Alex Akrofi:

Alex joined the Millers after leaving Tonbridge Angels at the end of the 2017/18 season in the Isthmian Premier, where he featured for the last two seasons and scored 34 goals in 68 games. He helped Maidstone United to promotion from the Conference South to the National League and also helped Brentwood Town to the Isthmian Premier League scoring a hat-trick against Thurrock in the play-Off final to get them there.

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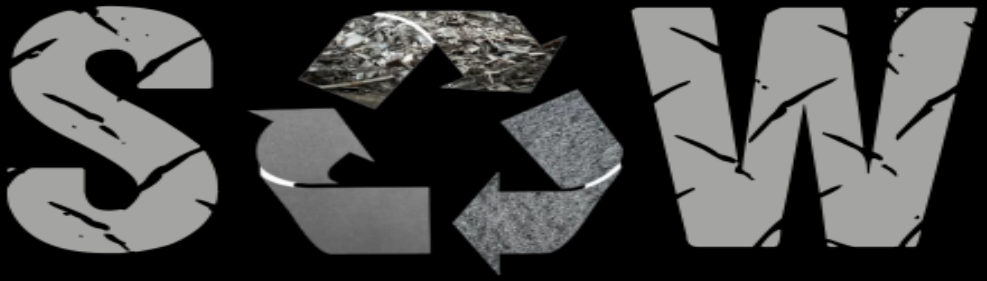
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Rovers @ Home

Date	Time	Opponents	Compotition	Score
14/08/2021	3pm	Witham Town	Isthmian North	2-3
21/08/2021	3pm	Heybridge Swifts	Emirates FA Cup	3-1
30/08/2021	3pm	Basildon United	Isthmian North	0-4
18/09/2021	3pm	Peterborough Sports	Emirates FA Cup	3-5
28/09/2021	7:45pm	Grays Athletic	Isthmian North	P-P
12/10/2021	7:45pm	Brentwood Town	Isthmian North	3-5
16/10/2021	3pm	Hullbridge Sports	Isthmian North	1-0
30/10/2021	3pm	Bury Town	Isthmian North	P-P
13/11/2021	3pm	Romford	Isthmian North	3-0
04/12/2021	3pm	Hashtag United	Isthmian North	3-4
18/12/2021	3pm	Aveley	Isthmian North	
01/01/2022	3pm	Barking	Isthmian North	
08/01/2022	3pm	Coggeshall town	Isthmian North	
22/01/2022	3pm	Tilbury	Isthmian North	
05/02/2022	3pm	AFC Sudbury	Isthmian North	
19/02/2022	3pm	Stowmarket Town	Isthmian North	
05/03/2022	3pm	Heybridge Swifts	Isthmian North	
19/03/2022	3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	Isthmian North	
02/04/2022	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	Isthmian North	
16/04/2022	3pm	Canvey Island	Isthmian North	
23/04/2022	3pm	Dereham Town	Isthmian North	

Rovers @ Away

Date	Time	Opponents	Competition	Score
27/08/2021	7:45pm	Aveley	Isthmian North	0-4
04/09/2021	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	FA Cup	3-1
11/09/2021	3pm	Dereham Town	Isthmian North	1-1
14/09/2021	7:45pm	Tilbury	Isthmian North	1-2
25/09/2021	3pm	Stowmarket Town	The FA Trophy	1-1 4-3 Pens
09/10/2021	3pm	Chichester City	The FA Trophy	2-1
23/10/2021	3pm	Stowmarket Town	Isthmian North	1-2
06/11/2021	3pm	Heybridge Swifts	Isthmian North	2-3
20/11/2021	3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	Isthmian North	2-1
27/11/2021	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	Isthmian North	P-P
11/12/2021	3pm	Witham Town	Isthmian North	2-1
27/12/2021	3pm	Basildon United	Isthmian North	
03/01/2022	3pm	Canvey Island	Isthmian North	
15/01/2022	3pm	Brentwood Town	Isthmian North	
29/01/2022	3pm	Grays Athletic	Isthmian North	
12/02/2022	3pm	Hullbridge Sports	Isthmian North	
26/02/2022	3pm	Bury Town	Isthmian North	
12/03/2022	3pm	Romford	Isthmian North	
26/03/2022	3pm	Hashtag United	Isthmian North	
09/04/2022	3pm	Coggeshall Town	Isthmian North	
18/04/2022	3pm	Barking	Isthmian North	



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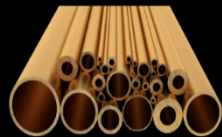
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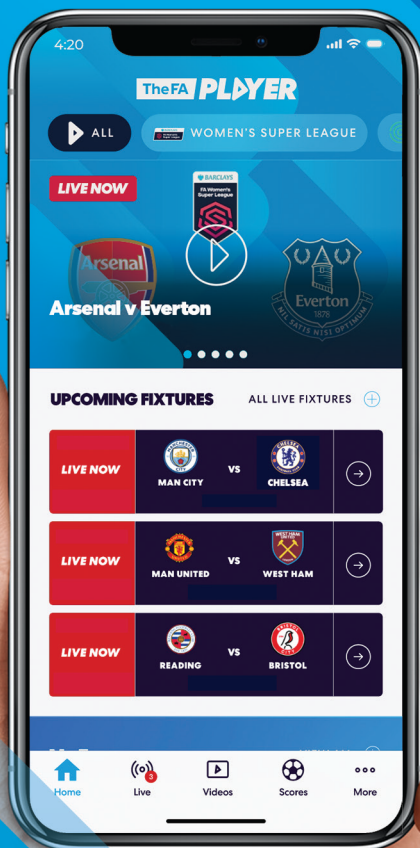
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	1 Stowmarket Town	17	11	3	3	35	17	+18	36
	2 Canvey Island	15	10	3	2	39	15	+24	33
	3 Dereham Town	17	10	3	4	32	22	+10	33
	4 Aveley	17	9	3	5	43	25	+18	30
	5 AFC Sudbury	16	9	3	4	32	18	+14	30
	6 Grays Athletic	16	8	5	3	31	15	+16	29
	7 Brentwood Town	15	8	2	5	30	21	+9	26
	8 Maldon & Tiptree	16	8	2	6	38	31	+7	26
	9 Heybridge Swifts	17	8	1	8	37	34	+3	25
	10 Bury Town	16	7	4	5	27	27	0	25
	11 Hashtag United	17	7	4	6	24	25	-1	25
	12 Tilbury	17	6	2	9	28	29	-1	20
	13 Coggeshall Town	17	5	5	7	24	30	-6	20
	14 Basildon United	16	5	4	7	17	24	-7	19
	15 Felixstowe & Walton United	14	5	2	7	17	23	-6	17
	16 Great Wakering Rovers	16	5	2	9	27	36	-9	17
	17 Barking	16	4	3	9	23	35	-12	15
	18 Witham Town	17	3	5	9	15	34	-19	14
	19 Romford	17	3	1	13	16	48	-32	10
	20 Hullbridge Sports	17	1	5	11	13	39	-26	8

This weeks Fixtures in the north

Results form the weekend

Saturday 11th December 2021

Aveley (1)	2	1	(0)	AFC Sudbury
Barking (1)	1	2	(1)	Hullbridge Sports
Brentwood Town (0)	1	2	(0)	Tilbury
Bury Town (1)	2	2	(1)	Grays Athletic
Canvey Island (0)	0	1	(0)	Stowmarket Town
Coggeshall Town (0)	2	4	(1)	Hashtag United
Heybridge Swifts (2)	3	1	(1)	Dereham Town
Maldon & Tiptree (3)	3	2	(2)	Romford
Witham Town (0)	1	2	(0)	Great Wakering Rovers

Today in the North

AFC Sudbury	v	Brentwood Town
Felixstowe & Walton United	v	Canvey Island
Grays Athletic	v	Basildon United
Great Wakering Rovers	v	Aveley
Hashtag United	v	Dereham Town
Heybridge Swifts	v	Barking
Hullbridge Sports	v	Bury Town
Romford	v	Coggeshall Town
Stowmarket Town	v	Maldon & Tiptree
Tilbury	v	Witham Town



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New Years Day
Vs Barking 3pm**