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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 Romford FC.

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 Aaron Conn alongside Charlie Roberts & Adam Miller.

We hope you enjoy your short stay with us.

Rovers come in to today's game after off narrow loss to fellow strugglers Heybridge Swifts, on the bright side we won the second half 2-1 with goals from Tuohy and LEWIS JAGGS.

Today's game will be a close one and hopefully Rovers will come out on top and with all 3 points and other results going their way, fingers crossed we could be out the bottom 3.

We hope they can turn things round soon.

Hope you Enjoy the game.

Dan Ellis Club Secretary THIS week, I watched this rather bizarre post-match interview with Manchester United Women's head coach Marc Skinner.

In it, he analyses his team's performance in the 1-1 draw with Tottenham Hotspur and the need to lift chins off the ground after having conceded a 95th-minute equaliser.

All pretty run-of-the-mill stuff you'd think, but there was something about Skinner's response which resonated with me more than any other manager's comment of similar ilk.

"Direct play is becoming a real key part of the game again," he said using string hand animation. "The game flips in cycles. It flips to open, where you block with two sixes because there's ten pocket, it goes from the zone 14 to wide play again, back to crosses direct because that would then be something you don't train."

Now, I'm know I'm no qualified coach, and the wrong side of 40, but is there something I'm missing here?

Has the game evolved so much before our very eyes that the 40-pluses no longer recognise it? I must be a dinosaur already!

Skinner is one of football's 'new-age' coaches where the use of data analysis and sports science appears to have taken over from the more traditional ethics of the game.

As the great Bill Shankly said: "Football is a simple game based on the taking and giving of passes, of controlling the ball and making yourself available for a pass. It is terribly simple." Skinner's philosophy would have left him turning in his grave.

Yes, I understand the game has moved on from Shankly's era but is it possible that Skinner and his new age brigade are over-complicating something that really doesn't need complicating.

You couldn't imagine old-schoolers such as Harry Redknapp, Neil Warnock or Mick McCarthy explaining 'ten pocket' or 'zone 14' in their pre-match team talk. I mean, you are dealing with young men here (or women in Skinner's case) after all.

It's for this reason that I remain convinced that a young talent would be far better off learning his trade amid Non-League surroundings, rather than get lost in the academy system of the higher reaches. It makes a man of you.

In The NLP a fortnight ago, we ran a feature on the past, present and future of the England C team, highlighting the vast number of top-level players that have come through that system to carve out successful professional careers for themselves.

Andre Gray, the QPR striker, said: "I loved my time with England C. The support from the coaching staff was really hands on and they were very good at the diet and psychology side of things. People might be surprised by how professional the England C set-up is."

Well, not me Andre, I was lucky enough to join Paul Fairclough and his squad on a trip to Slovakia four years ago this week where I experienced first-hand coaching and man-management at its finest. And not a 'zone 14' in sight.

Call me a 'has-been' or an 'old-timer' but if the likes of Marc Skinner are allowed to completely rewrite the coaching manual for the future generation then we are in danger of damaging what is a pure and simple game.





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Romford's Brief Histoy

THIS IS the third Romford Football Club, both their predecessors having competed at some point in the Southern League, and each time having been defunct for fourteen years before the name was revived.

All three versions have had their moments, although the present model has yet to emulate previous achievements on the national stage.

The original club was founded in 1876 and reached the last six of the FA Cup. After some success at local level the club folded during the First World War.

For a while there was no senior football at all in Romford, but the situation was addressed in 1929 when local figure Tom Macpherson, later to become M P for the area, took charge of re-forming the Club after a public meeting at the Corn Exchange, which was so well attended that the crowd spilled on to the street outside, to the annoyance of the police. The new Club moved into the local Brooklands stadium, which was bought by the Club when it became a limited company in the mid-1930s, possibly the first Amateur club to do so. After two seasons in the London League, Romford joined the Athenian League in 1931 and between 1935 and 1938 won two championships and twice reached the semi-finals of the F A Amateur Cup.

After the Second World War the Club competed in the Isthmian League and finished third in each of their first two seasons. The highlight of this era was reaching the Final of the FA Amateur Cup in 1949, losing 1-0 to Bromley in front of 95 000 spectators in the first Final to be held at Wembley. However fortunes then plummeted and after finishing in the bottom three five times in a row, Romford took the bold move of turning professional and joined the Southern League in 1959

Promotion was achieved at the first attempt and, after a near miss in 1963-64 when Boro finished fifth the enormous Championship shield came to Brooklands in 1967. Romford were perennial (and unsuccessful) applicants for membership of the Football League but, apart from third place in 1970-71, never looked like repeating their title success and eventually were relegated in 1975.

Boro's failure to make it into the Football League had left huge debts, but only when the ground was sold did the extent of the Clubs problems come to light. 90% of the proceeds of the sale of Brooklands were eaten up in debt repayments and tax, leaving barely £60 000 to finance a new stadium, and the 1977-78 season was spent playing home matches at borrowed grounds - indeed the last match, at home to Folkestone & Shepway, was eventually played at Folkestone. Romford Football Club closed down in 1978 and the site of the unfinished stadium in Oldchurch Park became Romford Ice Rink.

Appropriately, it was at the Ice Rink that the first meeting took place in February 1992 to gauge interest in reviving the Club. Over 150 people attended to hear the ideas of Dave Howie, and very soon the Club was formed, a ground-share arranged with Hornchurch and senior status granted from the Essex F A. To have achieved so much so soon owed much to what had gone before, and in view of the importance and significance of such a heritage to the success of the new club, it was inevitable that it would adopt the traditional blue and gold colours and Boro nickname, despite the local council having since become the London Borough of Havering.

The Club took their place in the Essex Senior League and with Lyndon Lynch at the helm, finished in ninth place. This was followed by fourth place in 1993-94 and third the season after. The highlight of this third season was the Clubs first entry into the F A Cup, when Boro made national headlines by beating Grays Athletic and Hayes, and almost took St Albans City to a replay before going down 1-0 at Clarence Park in a match that was featured on Grandstand. The summer of 1995 was all change, as Dave Howie stepped down and Lyndon Lynch chose to move on. With an almost entirely new committee and considerably improved financial backing, Boro started again from scratch, moving in with Essex Senior League rivals Ford United and appointing as joint managers the local dream ticket of Donal McGovern and Alan Marson, a partnership with a quite phenomenal record at this level and higher. They brought several of the squad with whom they had won the previous seasons Isthmian League Division Three championship at Collier Row, and proceeded to win the Essex Senior League with a record total of 91 goals from just 28 games. This was accompanied by success in the League Cup, beating Southend Manor 2-0 in the Final at Burnham Ramblers F C, and another run to the Third Qualifying Round of the F A Cup, again losing at St Albans by 3-1 after leading at half-time. There was another period of upheaval for Romford in 1996, as the agreement with Ford was terminated and Boro finished the season sharing with Collier Row at Sungate. A merger was arranged between the two clubs and the new club, known as Collier Row & Romford, took Rows place in Division Two of the Isthmian League. A run to the last sixteen of the F A Vase contributed to a fixture backlog that meant Boro fell so far behind that they had to play exactly half their league fixtures in March and April. However promotion was secured with three games to play and Boro overtook Leatherhead at the top of the table for the first time going into the final match, where a 3-0 win at home to Hungerford Town brought the championship to Sungate. Boro finished the League season unbeaten away from home, went 29 games without defeat and lost only twice. With McGovern and Marson moving on, former reserve team manager Les Whitton was promoted to become first team manager in the summer of 1997. The Club reverted to its original title and the following season the name of Romford appeared in the Fourth Qualifying Round of the F A Cup for the first time since 1975-76. Boro also reached the quarter-finals of the League Cup and won the East Anglian Cup, recovering from 2-0 down to beat Aveley 3-2 at Sungate in the Final.

Boro finished seventh in Division One, top scorers with 92 goals. The tail end of the season had been largely overshadowed by concern over the Clubs future, and the eventual defeat of a takeover bid resulted in the departure of several Club personnel and the entire first team management, leaving a committee almost entirely hand-picked from the terraces, while Dave Howie returned after three years away. Reserve team manager Steve Wheeler took over the first team and managed to keep the side in the top half of the table on a reduced

budget, but at the end of January chairman John Goodwin left to take over at Bishops Stortford, taking Wheeler and several players with him. First team coach Amin Levitt was immediately appointed manager, and plenty of fresh blood was quickly recruited with reserve and youth team players also being promoted. The response was magnificent and the team remained unbeaten in the league for several weeks, however just when things were settling down again another bombshell came when the Sungate ground was closed by the League, due to the deterioration of the pitch and other facilities. Romford's last six home games had to be played at other grounds, including Chesham and Hendon, and even had to play three nights running in the final week of the season as Boro finished a creditable tenth. Some consolation was found in the reserve and youth sides, the latter making Romford the only non-League club to reach the Third Round proper of the FA Youth Cup. The Club also won the Umbro Fair Play Award for Division One. Following a number of delays, Sungate B grading was finally re-instated on the opening day of the 1999-2000 season. The return to Sungate had a profound effect on the team as they won ten of their next thirteen games and reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the F A Cup, a 6-0 win over Congleton Town earning Non-League Team of the Week honours in The Sun. However the Club soon found itself fighting relegation and Sungate went through another period of closure while urgent electrical work was carried out, requiring another three games to be played elsewhere. The relegation threat was finally put to rest with three matches remaining, and Boro were more than happy with a final position of nineteenth. Still the summer was not without its problems as the clubhouse suffered major fire damage, and complications arising from that and the subsequent delay to the completion of other rebuilding works prevented any matches from taking place at Sungate for a long time. The constant uncertainty finally took its toll and Amin Levitt resigned in October to be replaced by John Bennett, but after a brief revival came a further shock in December as Boro were suspended by the Ryman League with no return to Sungate in sight -Bennett left and Romford were left with no option but to release the entire first team squad. The Club were finally able to return to Sungate in mid-January, and former reserve team manager Paul Withey was appointed to the first team.

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Early results were encouraging as the side posted three wins in four games, but as the fixture backlog increased with the continued wet weather the task of keeping the Club in Division One proved to be beyond everybody, with Boro having to play eighteen games in the final 33 days of the season. Sadly, despite an injection of fresh blood the poor run of form continued into the 2001-02 season and Withey was replaced as manager by Paul Joynes at the end of August. Although performances improved considerably, Boro still finished the season well adrift at the bottom of Division Two. Meanwhile several issues at Sungate were never satisfactorily resolved and the Club moved out mid-season, once again playing out the season on borrowed grounds and reluctantly forwarding its resignation from the Ryman League.

A return to familiar territory in the Essex Senior League and back at Rush Green Road saw a strong recovery after the struggles of recent years, and Boro stayed on the edge of the leading pack all season, finishing fifth with a late-season run of form breaking several Club records. Paul Joynes took up an offer to return to the Ryman League with Tilbury and popular former Boro player Mark Reed stepped in to replace him, emulating the previous season's fifth-place finish after leading the table for two months, reaching the semi-final of the Essex Thames-side Trophy and adding the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy. In season 2006-07 Mark Reed lead us to our best season since rejoining the Essex Senior League as we finished runner-up to Brentwood Town, Boro were also runners up to the same team in the League Cup when we lost on penalties. Then during the 2007-08 season Mark Reed stepped down for personal reasons and the then reserve team manager, Paul Martin was promoted to the job with Mark Lord as his assistant. Romford moved up the table to finish in 5th place. The following season Romford had to leave Rush Green when Fords sold the ground to West Ham United. A ground share agreement was drawn up with Aveley FC and Romford were able to carry on. In Paul's first full season in charge Romford took the Essex Senior League by storm, winning the title with 71 points and losing just one game, and with it promotion to the Ryman League Division 1 North.

With consolidation and avoiding the drop straight back to the Essex Senior a priority Boro got off to a good start, winning two of their opening four games. Then a lean spell came along when they found points hard to come by. Some changes to the playing staff saw a revival in fortunes and the team rose to finish in 13th place with 15 wins under their belt. Kurt Smith finished top goal scorer with 15 goals. So a satisfactory first season for Paul Martin and his squad. The start of the 2011-12 season saw Romford get off to a flying start in the league and added good runs in both national cup competitions. They stayed in the first five positions up until the freeze during that year's cold snap. When the grounds thawed out it seemed lady luck had departed for pastures new. Despite the odd good performance Romford slowly dropped down the table to finish 12th. But it was still a one place improvement on the previous season. Season 2012-13 saw a strong finish and Romford finally end up in 8th position, their best performance since gaining promotion to the Ryman League.

In the 2013-14 season Romford finished 11th with 69 points from 46 games, winning 21. Special mention must go to Chairman Steve Gardener (He's been with us since 1992) and Vice Chairman Colin Ewenson for their tireless work to try and get our dream of our own ground up and running.

The 2014-15 season started with a good F.A. Cup run which ended in a narrow defeat in extra time at Kingstonian. The rest of the season was a bit of a struggle with relegation worries that were ended when we won our last three matches. Last season proved to be a bit nerve wracking as our safety went down to the last day. We were 10 minutes from relegation in our last but one game until our relegation rivals succumbed at Heybridge Swifts. We had to win our last game and hope that Norwich United didn't. With many of the supporters following the other game on their mobiles the tension was enormous, we beat Maldon & Tiptree 4-2 and then heard that Cheshunt had won 6-3 at home to Norwich. Safe for another season. After several very enjoyable seasons at Ship Lane Thurrock we had to move on again when Tommy South decided to sell the ground and retire. So here we are at another new home ground at East Thurrock. Our dream of going home to Romford is still in the hands of various organisations. Steve Gardner and Colin Ewenson are still working hard to make that dream come true. We live in hope!

Romford-Sequences

	Home M	/latches	Away Matches		All Matches	
	Current	Season	Current	Season	Current	Season
Consecutive Wins	1	1		2		2
Consecutive Draws				1		1
Consecutive Defeats		4	1	3	1	5
Games Since a Win		4	5	5	2	5
Games Since a Draw	6	6	1	7	1	13
Games Since a Defeat	1	1		3		2
Consecutive Scoring	2	2	3	5	4	5
Consecutive Conceding		5	5	5	2	5
Games Since Not Scoring		1		2		2
Games Since Not Conceding	1	1		1		1

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	
04/12/2021	3pm	Hashtag United	Isthmian North	
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	Compotition	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	
27/11/2021	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	Isthmian North	
11/12/2021	3pm	Witham Town	Isthmian North	
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 N		
09/04/2022	3pm	Coggeshall Town Isthmian No		
18/04/2022	3pm	Barking	Isthmian North	



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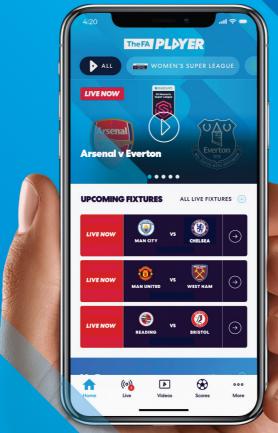












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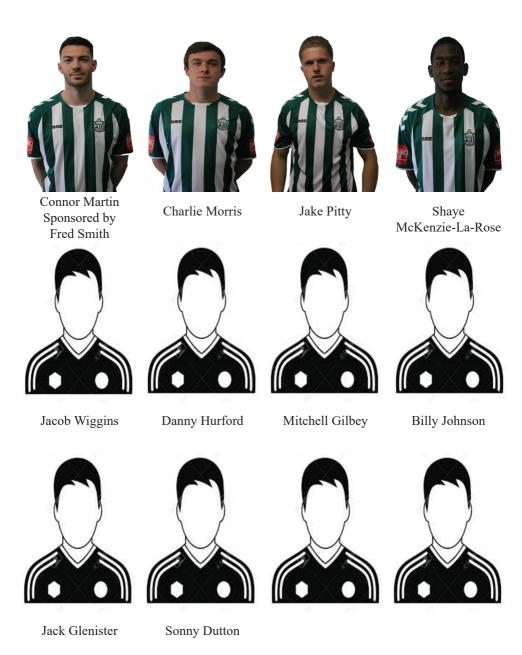
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Isthmian League - North Division

			P	w	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
3	1	Canvey Island	11	8	3	0	36	12	+24	27
	2	Grays Athletic	11	7	2	2	25	8	+17	23
*	3	Dereham Town	12	7	2	3	20	16	+4	23
	4	Aveley	12	6	3	3	29	16	+13	21
	5	Maldon & Tiptree	12	7	0	5	29	22	+7	21
۸	6	AFC Sudbury	9	6	2	1	18	7	+11	20
•	7	Stowmarket Town	11	6	2	3	21	15	+6	20
*	8	Brentwood Town	11	6	1	4	21	16	+5	19
(1)	9	Bury Town	11	6	1	4	19	21	-2	19
	10	Coggeshall Town	12	4	4	4	16	18	-2	16
	11	Barking	11	4	2	5	18	19	-1	14
*	12	Hashtag United	11	4	2	5	13	17	-4	14
	13	Tilbury	12	4	1	7	18	20	-2	13
	14	Felixstowe & Walton United	11	4	1	6	14	16	-2	13
	15	Heybridge Swifts	11	4	1	6	18	25	-7	13
	16	Witham Town	12	3	3	6	10	22	-12	12
(2)	17	Basildon United	12	2	4	6	10	22	-12	10
<u> </u>	18	Romford	11	3	1	7	13	26	-13	10
â	19	Great Wakering Rovers	11	2	1	8	15	28	-13	7
	20	Hullbridge Sports	12	0	4	8	9	26	-17	4

This weeks Fixtures in the north

Today's Games

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Coggeshall Tow	n	v Aveley
Dereham Tow	n	v Maldon & Tiptree
Grays Athleti	С	v Stowmarket Town
Great Wakering Rover	S	v Romford
Hashtag Unite	d	v Bury Town
Heybridge Swift	S	v AFC Sudbury
Tilbur	У	v Hullbridge Sports
Last we	eek	cends results
Aveley (1) 3	1	(0) Basildon United
Brentwood Town (2) 2	0	(0) Dereham Town
Bury Town (1) 2	1	(0) Romford
Heybridge Swifts (2) 3	2	(0) Great Wakering Rovers
Hullbridge Sports (1) 1	1	(0) Hashtag United
Stowmarket Town (1) 2	0	(0) Felixstowe & Walton United
Tilbury (2) 2	0	(0) Coggeshall Town



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Assistants: Charlie Roberts & Adam Miller

Up next at home Saturday 4th December 3pm Vs Hashtag United