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## OUR CLUB HISTORY



Eversley FC was originally formed in 1910, but returned to play in Eversley Village in 2008 after unfortunately being without a ground to call home. Eversley FC were a founder of the Surrey Elite Intermediate League, with the Boars becoming Champions in the 2008-9 season (on goal difference). The following season, Eversley joined the Combined Counties League in Division One, finishing mid-table in their first season.

California Youth Football Club was formed in 1975 when a group of parents brought together an Under 8's team based in the California area of Finchampstead, Berkshire. The Club has grown, expanding to become one of the largest youth football clubs in the area and is now providing foundation and youth football for all age groups. In the year 2000, California became the first Berks & Bucks FA affiliated club in the area to be awarded the FA Charter status, also winning the South of England FA Charter Merit Award in 2002; it is currently an FA Charter Development Club. California Youth FC established strong links with Eversley FC and in 2012 the two clubs merged to form Eversley & California Football Club moving to Fox Lane, where we play our games today. The Club is now providing football coaching and matches for all ages and abilities. The Youth section runs an annual tournament supported by teams from far afield, soccer schools for children aged 5 and under whilst also running holiday soccer camps.

Playing in the CCL in recent seasons, the 2012/13 season saw the Boars finish in second place, but due to ground grading requirements were prevented from moving up to the CCL Premier Division. Since then E&CFC have consistently finished in the top half of the division, only missing out on promotion narrowly in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 seasons.

Since 2017/18, we have developed a defined player pathway, squad structure that allows youth team players from the junior section U16s upwards to train together with Reserve and First Team players, enabling a consistent style of coaching and play throughout the club.

The Adult Section of Eversley & California FC now consists of the Mens First Team, Mens Reserves, Ladies First Team, Ladies Reserves, VETs and the Sunday Team, as of the 2021/22 season.

## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

### MARTIN'S MUTTURINGS

I would like to offer a warm welcome to everyone for our first game of the new season in the Combined Counties League Division One, especially if this is your first visit to Fox Lane. Following the re-organisation of the League structure by the FA, today we are facing a team also making their first visit to our small corner of Hampshire, so I would like to extend my welcome to the players, management and officials from London Samurai Rovers.

Having now had two seasons impact by the Coronavirus pandemic, like probably everyone else involved in football, as players, coaches, managers, administrators and most importantly supporters, I fervently hope that we can look forward to having a stable season, with no outside influences effecting progress, but we need to still take responsibility for our own discipline when it comes to taking precautions to prevent yet another disruption.



So maybe, like me, you feel that the season seems to start earlier and earlier and everyone is wondering if there has been enough preparation for the new season, not only on the playing front, but also behind the scenes, without being a proponent of crystal ball gazing only time will tell, but I firmly believe we are in a really good place.

We are fortunate that we haven't suffered too much disruption in the close season, the biggest news from inside the club has been the departure of our two First Team Assistant Managers, Scott Kemp and Suj Khera, who were offered the opportunity to move up into joint management roles at Fleet Spurs, so we wish them both well for their new endeavour and thank them for their valuable contribution to the club over the last two or three years. On the whole though we have retained all the key players from last season and we have been able to strengthen the squad as well, which I know has pleased Matt Angell, First Team manager, no end. We have also appointed Rob Webb as our new Assistant Manager and he has bedded in very successfully.

As for other events occurring in the incredibly short space of time since the end of the last campaign, we finished last season as a club with four adult sides and we start the new one with six! This is incredibly encouraging and shows that the club is moving in the right direction and attracting the right kind of people to the E&CFC family. So, in addition to our Men's and Ladies First Teams and our Men's Reserve and VETs teams, we now have a Ladies Reserve side and a new Sunday side as well,

which means we truly can now offer adult football to cater for any age and standard.

Talking about the Ladies for a moment, the good news is that following on from their success in winning the delayed 2019/2020 Hampshire Intermediate Cup at the end of May, the team has also now been promoted, and will play their football in the Southern Region Women's Football League, so both Men's and Ladies First Teams are playing at Step 6 in their respective pyramids, yet again more signs of collective success and improvement. This then opened the door for the creation of a Ladies Reserve side, which has long been an aim of the club as we look to develop players, so we now have nearly 40 female players in the club, a fantastic achievement. We welcome Thomas Cros, Bryn Anderson and Duncan Owen to the club, who are the management team for the Reserve squad.

As I have mentioned developing players, I must mention the Men's Development Squad, which has basically seen a full overhaul in the last two or three months. We tried a new approach to Development Football last season, and sadly that experiment didn't work out as we had hoped and expected! We therefore decided to revert back to the tried and tested way of establishing a Development Squad and we now effectively have a completely new Development Squad setup, with a new manager, Antonio Di-Lullo, assisted by the very experienced Bob Barnes. The good thing is that we have seen some old faces return to the fold, which has been another positive sign. This team will now play in the Hellenic League, as it was felt that the travel demands of the Suburban League didn't fit with our ambitions.

I think that covers all the from RG27, but I would like to thank everyone involved in the club in helping to get things ready for the new campaign, your support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the game.





## **MEN'S FIRST TEAM UPDATE**

### **by Matt ANGELL, First Team Manager**

Hello all and welcome to Eversley for our first game of the season vs London Samurai Rovers.

We come into this game following on from a positive pre-season against higher opposition throughout and I'm really pleased with the squad that we have put together for the coming season.

The last two seasons, for everyone involved in the game, have not been the endings we would have hoped for, but we go into the new one with a fresh sense of knowing what we are capable of achieving this year. We need to close the gap, focus, work hard and stay disciplined in our approach whilst ensuring we carry an attacking threat in every game, then we can bridge the gap and pick up points that will propel us up the division.

If this is your first visit to us and you would like a cold drink, snack or hot sausage roll whilst you enjoy your programme and the game, then please visit our 'pitch-side café'. There is a variety of both warm and cold food and drink to keep you going.

The season as we all know is frenetic once it gets underway and it takes a special team of people to help keep the club going, from the committee to the players, everyone puts so much time and effort in, on and off the field. The players don't just play, they care deeply about our club and are often at the ground carrying out maintenance tasks using many of their work skills for no cost to help build the club and create a better experience for everyone that attends. They are the reason we are all here and they represent our club with passion and pride.

I hope you enjoy the match this afternoon, and the rest of the season. Hopefully all our pre-season efforts will show on the pitch.





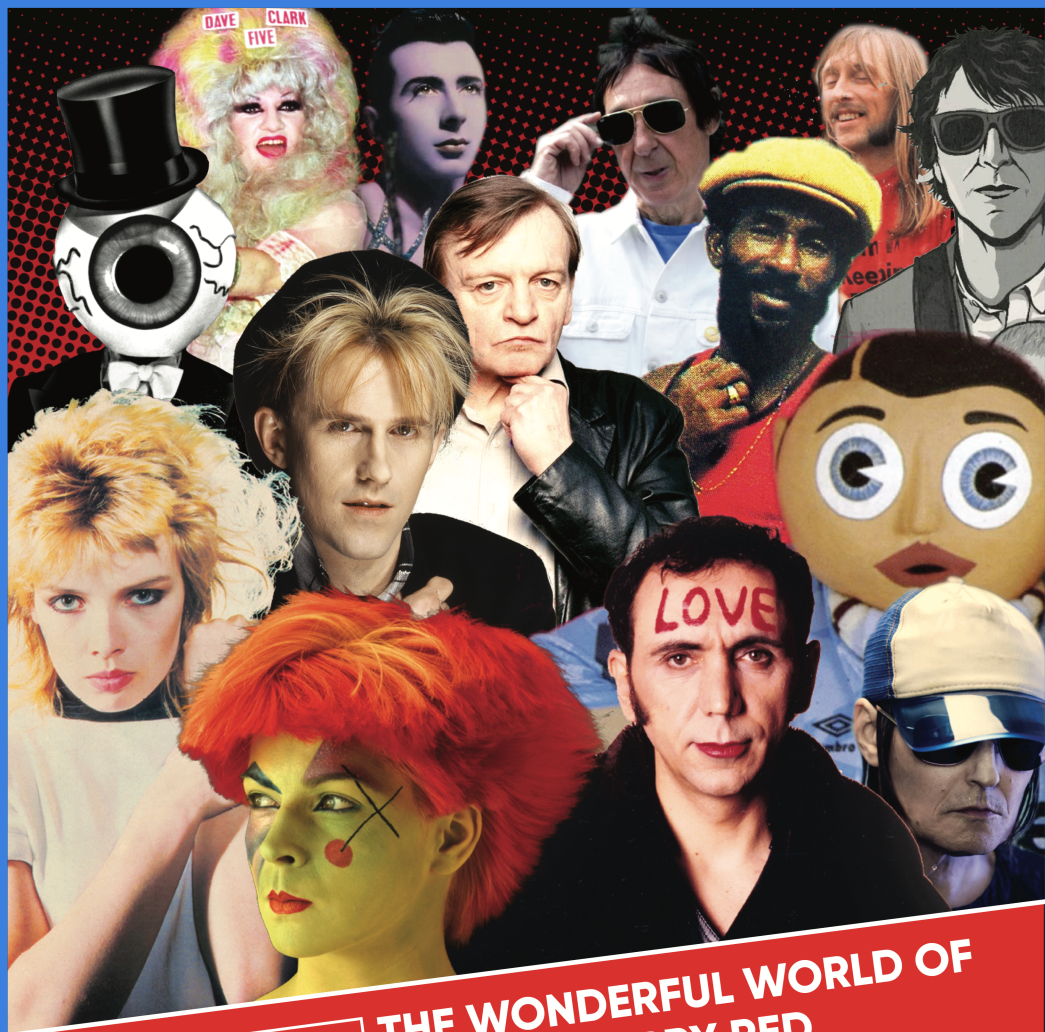
# COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE TABLE

## HOW IT STANDS

### Division One Table

[Division One ▾](#)

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4.	Bagshot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Bedfont & Feltham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Berks County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	British Airways	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Enfield Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Eversley & California	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	FC Deportivo Galicia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Hillingdon Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Hilltop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Langley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	London Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	London Samurai Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Rayners Lane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Sandhurst Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Wallingford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Woodley United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## **CAPTAIN'S UPDATE**

### **by Ali DICKIE, Club Captain**

Welcome back everyone.

Having ended the 20/21 season on a high, keeping the bulk of the squad for this campaign as well as adding some useful signings there's a feeling of positivity going into the new season. Add to that some solid displays in pre season and finishing with a good win against Camberley last Saturday we come into today's match with real momentum.

This group of players is another year stronger together and we've become a tight knit squad. Retaining Webby as coach and having Matty again as manager is a real bonus for us, two men we love playing for and who are guiding us strongly in the right direction.

A quick mention for Suj and Skempy who decided to move onto a new challenge over the summer after having a positive impact on us as coaches at Eversley. Their dedication to the club during their time here was amazing and I know I speak for all the players in wishing them the best for the future.

We're looking forward to a new challenge today against a side we're not familiar with and will be giving it our all to get off to that all important winning start.

We can't afford to get carried away but there's a real sense we can have an exciting and rewarding season this time round.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Enjoy the game.

Ali



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# LADIES FIRST TEAM UPDATE

## By Tash ELCOX, Vice Captain

Here we are again - at the beginning of another season. The Ladies team took big strides last year, playing in the FA Cup for the first time and finishing the season as Hampshire County Cup Champions from the 19/20 season!

After a successful past year, we look ahead to the new season where the ladies are looking to take on a bigger challenge. Promotion to the Southern Region Women's Football League. With the new season on the horizon the ladies pre-season is well underway and with



successful open training and trials, we have seen a lot of new faces which has helped develop our ladies section overall. So much so that we have welcomed our new Ladies Reserve Team who we are looking forward to tracking their progress and helping those players develop.

As well as new faces, we have seen some old faces return to the team which is fantastic. From those old faces, we would also like to announce our new Captain, Megan Averill, and Vice Captain, Natasha Elcox. Two long-serving players of the club who have been around since the age of 12. We wish them luck along with the coaching staff for the new season ahead!

August brings a lengthy preparation for both of our ladies teams and we look forward to seeing what we can achieve. As well as wearing the Eversley & California badge on our shirts, playing for our clubs we also look forward to supporting all of the others teams across the adult section! As a team we hope to do the club proud!

Bring on Season 2021/2022. Come on you Boars!

# THRU THE LENS

Richard Milam

Eversley & California FC's unofficial-official photographer

## Article 36 - 'Street Urban Photography'

So, it's time to take a look at some of the other photography genre's. There are many varieties of photography styles, for instance, Wildlife, Landscapes, Portraiture, Fashion, Product, Architecture, Sport, Astrological, Street/Urban and Forensic, to name a few.

This time it's Street Urban.

Street Urban photography is a unique genre.

I like taking Street/Urban images as it is a recording of where you have been and what you see. It throws up endless possibilities, locations, buildings, weather, people, inanimate objects, transport and action. You never know when you go out, what you might see. So be prepared to react to the situation. Set your camera ready to shoot. Play with the settings to achieve different images from the norm. Slower or faster shutter speeds or perhaps monochrome?

Here are a few of my recent favourites:

**Image 1:** is a skyscraper in Reading. The view looks like a diving board into an infinity pool.

**Image 2:** Loved this moving advertising hoarding, face and message with the couple passing by.

**Image 3:** This is me hanging over a wall on the second floor of a car park getting a picture of a street cleaner, All about line and angle.

**Image 4:** This image draws the eye with the covered walkway.



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

Next time, I will talk about Sea Scape Photography.

## Non-League Return On Investment - Written By @theballisround

“Sack the board, sack the board!”

We’ve all heard it in football stadiums, radio shows and social media forums up and down the country. Yet it is one of the most ludicrous statements football fans fall back on when things aren’t going in the right direction on and frequently, off the pitch. Technically, nobody but the board themselves can sack the board and there’s very little chance of that happening.

All football fans, irrespective of the level their club plays at, have felt anger and frustration at times about the performance of the club on and off the pitch. It only takes a poor performance on a Saturday afternoon and a few pints later in the evening for some of the loyalist fans to take to social media to vent their feelings about those running the club.

There are currently 383 clubs from the Premier League down to Step 4 of the National Game. At a guess less than 10% actually make a profit every year, which means the vast majority will be financially supported by one or two individuals. These people tend to be directors and will be doing so on the most part because they love the club they are involved with. Of course, there will be some exceptions to this where the owners intentions are hidden, dare I say nefarious, but on whole, football clubs exist because of illogical economic reasoning.

There are some businesses up and down the country that run at a loss but are supported by the labour of love. Some independent books stores in quaint town centres, where browsers of the books are plentiful but actual customer numbers are dwindling. Ever increasing rents, utilities and staff costs do not make up the shortfall on falling revenues and so they survive because of the loyalty of the owner. Many football clubs are the same.

For the vast majority of clubs, especially those in the Non-Leagues, volunteers fill almost every position. Volunteers who put their hands in their pocket to cover a bill, pay for some kit, replace essentials in the ground or simply ensure that players are paid on a weekly basis. Only a small proportion of fans really know or understand this, so to hear the dissent from the terraces often hurts. Many of them are only still doing the same thing that they always have because there is nobody else stepping forward and the alternative is no football club at all. Fans may want change out of the frustration but often it is better the devil you know and unless there is a solid plan to replace the resources, fans may not really want to “sack the board”.

Obviously, in the professional game, few directors feel they are obliged to continue in their roles out of sake of duty. Three years ago in protests reach an all-time high (or is it a low?) at the London Stadium as West Ham United capitulated to Burnley. The events during the game, included three separate pitch invasions and the baying mob directing their anger at the Director’s Box, were not spontaneous acts. Whilst many media outlets and respected journalists will tell you this was nearly two years in the making, the problems have been brewing at West Ham for over five years and despite changes in managers and high profile signings, the movement behind the GSBOUT (David Gold, David Sullivan and Karren Brady, West Ham’s majority shareholders) continues to grow.

But why would they, or any other owner of a Premier League club leave? They are sitting on an investment that continues to grow in value despite poor performances on the pitch. If they were to leave, pressured out by the protests, would the fans really be happy in the knowledge that the owners would walk away with a huge return on their investment, estimated to be in excess of £50m in the decade they have owned the club? Whilst nearly a decade ago the number of investors in the cash-strapped football club could be counted on one hand, the footballing world, well in England at least, has changed beyond all recognition. One look at Deloitte's Football Rich List, last published in February 2020, showed West Ham as the 18th richest club in the world with a worth of £216. They are the highest ranked club to be in the list who have never played Champions League football - that is an incredible achievement yet one of the core issues of the protestors is the lack of investment in the team.

There's no doubt that if the club was put up for sale today, there would be a queue of potential investors stretching from the Olympic Park back to Upton Park. There's certainly been no shortage of rumours about potential investors, including a rumoured £400m bid just last month from a group of US investors.

Down in the Non-Leagues the situation is a bit different. Every summer we hear of another club being taken over by someone with money. "The plan is to be playing in the Football League within five years" or the like is a phrase we have heard so many times. Only a small number of clubs have managed that journey - Forest Green Rovers, Fleetwood Town and Salford City are notable exceptions to a rule that nearly always ends in tears.

Since I have become involved with Lewes I remember conversations with a number of visiting chairmen who were sure their financial clout was all that was needed to see them rise up the leagues - "our approach is different" they would say and then try to impress me with facts and figures on their latest former Football League pedigree. There's one team playing today in the Isthmian Premier League whose chairman told me six years ago that his aim was "seven successive promotions". Pointing out that he only needed six to take their place in the as-yet (but will happen) formed European Super League.

The community, or in Germany 50+1 rule, does give power to the fans, and does allow them to "sack the board" in instances. Our model at Lewes FC means that anyone can sign up to be an owner and that one share not only means that the fans can vote (or not) for the board of directors, and stand themselves at the annual elections.

In the ideal world, fan power would carry more weight in the governance of the game but with the current moves by the professional game and more importantly, the Premier League to create a financial model that suits them, the potential for fans to have a say on how their clubs are run is rapidly disappearing. At the top end, football clubs are no longer viewed as "nice to have's" but serious investment vehicles for wealthy individuals and global organisations. At the grassroots end, where investment comes in the form of time more so than money, there is no such thing as return on time, resources or finance.



# MEET THE EVERSLEY & CALIFORNIA FC



**MATT ANGELL**  
MANAGER



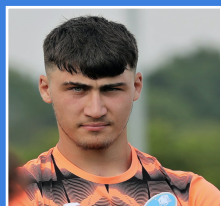
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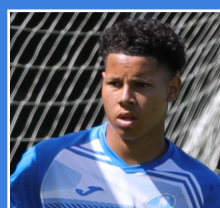
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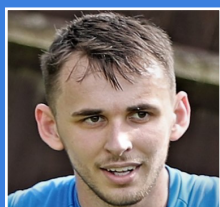
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# THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

So, here we go again! The 2021-22 season is almost upon us – for some it's already underway.

Most of Step 5 and 6 started from July 31 – July! – while this weekend (August 7) the FA Cup gets started with the Extra Preliminary Round, only nine months before the final on May 14.

For many, competitive football makes a welcome return after an enforced break from the game due to the pandemic.

At NLP HQ we have everything crossed for a 'normal' season, Covid has taken its toll on us too, but we'd like to thank our loyal readers for helping us to keep producing the paper every Sunday. We've not missed one weekend since the pandemic began or indeed for the last 21 years!

The previous 18 months in Non-League has been tough to say the least for all involved.

The 2019-20 and the 2020-21 seasons proved fruitless for many although the FA's restructure did at least provide some upward movement for clubs at Steps 4-6.

Step 3 can rightly feel hard done by having been stagnant throughout this time.

It's why the FA's Alliance Committee has been formulating contingency plans, with the feedback of clubs, to try and prevent any more 'null and void' seasons.

There are three approaches to the contingency plans:

Approach 1 – if the season successfully starts between August 14, 2021 and October 31, 2021, but it becomes clear that a division cannot complete 100 per cent of its fixtures, league tables would still be finalised providing the division has completed at least 75 per cent of its fixtures. Final league standings would be determined by using unweighted points per game and promotion and relegation would take place based on those standings.

# THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Approach 2 – if the 2021-22 season cannot commence on or before October 31, an alternate competition would be implemented, with several potential formats under consideration determining promotion and relegation.

Approach 3 – if there is insufficient time for the regular season to achieve 75 per cent of fixtures, or an alternate competition to be completed, a supplementary competition would utilise results from completed fixtures in the 2021-22 season to avoid clubs playing opponents more than twice and ensure there is sufficient data to determine league standings.

The objective is to ensure promotion/relegation but, of course, this cannot be guaranteed. Who knows which way the pandemic will turn next. Such was the extent of the disruption last season, any number of contingency plans wouldn't have prevented the curtailment of Steps 3-6.

Hopefully, these plans will never see the light of day, but at least they are there if needed.

Eventually, we will have all stopped talking about Covid! Until then, we wish you a safe return to football and a successful season following your team. One thing is for sure, win or lose, we must cherish standing on the terraces at 3pm on a Saturday!

## **LADIES RESERVE TEAM UPDATE**

### **by Thomas CROS, Ladies Reserve Team Manager**

#### **A Path Forward**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the newly formed Eversley & California Ladies Reserve Team.

This new Ladies team represents more than just a new team. First, it is the start of a new football journey for the Sandhurst Rockets U18's, it is also the start of a new project initiated by Martin Elcox who wanted to create a path forward between grassroots and Open Age football.

Sandhurst Rockets U18's team is a long-standing team which started years ago as an U10's team, and evolved last season into the U18 division of the Thames Valley County Women Football League (TVCWFL).

With one last season to play with this group before the girls leave for University, Bryn Anderson (Head Coach), Duncan Owen (Coach) and myself (Manager) wanted to accomplish our mission, to prepare the girls as best possible for Open Age football.

We had the choice between two options: either play one more year the U18's league; or take the plunge into Women's football. It didn't take long for our players to go for the bigger challenge.

Luck made it so that Martin and I met when I was looking for a pitch for one of our games, and we exchanged our plans for our teams.

Transitioning into Women's Football is not an easy task, as most players coming from grassroots need time to adapt their game because the standard is now faster and more physical.

So, when Martin offered us to join Eversley & California FC to form the Reserve Team, it quickly became obvious that this would put the girls on the path forward.



Getting to train and practice with the First Team (which has now moved up to the Southern League), sharing experiences and being part of a larger group in this reputable club is a great opportunity.

This opportunity is not just offered to the Rockets but to any, and every, girl looking to progress their football.

Eversley & California FC Ladies Reserve Team will play in the TVCWFL, Division 3, and our season should start on the 12th of September. Our squad of 16 players is back training and we are now looking forward to sharing their progress with you in the next edition.

Thomas Cros

### Volunteers Needed!



#### Gate Ticket Salesperson

This role is vital to the continued success of the club. Our current volunteer is leaving to attend university mid-September and we need someone that is a people's person and able to commit to as many home games as soon as possible on a Saturday afternoon and some Tuesday evenings.

#### Social Media Guru

We have a large local following and we are looking for someone that can help build on our success in this area. If you have sports media knowledge and are looking to gain experience in the social media field, then this could be the role for you. Attending our first team games is vital and this would suit someone passionate about grassroots football.

If you would like to join the club and help in a volunteer capacity, please contact Sarah Pyne, Club Secretary by email: [secretary@eversleycaliforniafc.net](mailto:secretary@eversleycaliforniafc.net)

# **SUNDAY TEAM UPDATE**

## **by Dan CATT, Sunday Team Manager**

I'd firstly like to thank everyone at Eversley & California Football Club for their warm welcome.

This is all started back at the end of the last lockdown when we started playing football again. We started playing 6-aside and gathered interest with people wanting to play football again as we connected with mates from school, old youth teams and players we played last season with.

We approached Eversley and they took us under their wing and gave us their trust and faith that they could make this reality. We can only thank them for the opportunity.

We have been training together since April and have now played three pre-season matches winning all three.

3-0 W Frogmore

2-1 W Yateley United

4-3 W Farnborough Athletic

We look forward to the season in September and hopefully claiming some silverware.

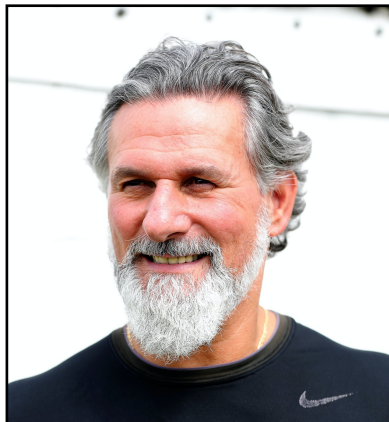


## MEN'S RESERVE TEAM UPDATE

by Antonio DI-LULLO, Reserve Team Manager

After lockdown and after the Suburban League curtailed the 2020/21 season, the reserves start afresh with myself as the new manager and my new coach/assistant, Bob Barnes, but also in a new league. We have decided to switch from the Suburban League to the Hellenic League to give us new opportunities and competition.

We like to play attractive, attacking football with the squad that is available, and are looking to hopefully have a very successful season in Division Two of the Hellenic League.



We have many young and skilful players who are willing to listen, learn, work hard and push for regular first team football.

We would love for everyone to come support us and enjoy live football again.

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## **MEET THE VOLUNTEER**

### **by Andy FREWIN, Match Day Co-Ordinator**

**How long have you been at Eversley & California FC?**

I joined the club in October 2019.

**How did you first get involved with the club and why?**

My son joined the men's senior squad in October 2019 and I started to get involved after the first Covid 19 lockdown ended in 2020.

**What is/are your roles at the club?**

I am a member of the executive committee and also the match day host and co-ordinator.

**What do you have to do for your role in an average match week during the season?**

My main role on a match day is to meet and greet the away team, committee members and match officials. I also co-ordinate the changing room allocations.

**Do you get any perks with your role, for instance, free entry?**

I get free entry to each game and I have also been known to sweet talk a black coffee from the café!

## **Why do you do the role you do, and what is the most enjoyable part for you?**

With my son being an active member of the senior squad, I feel it's a great opportunity to support the club in a voluntary role, as Eversley & California FC is a great family club to get involved with. I find that the most enjoyable part is meeting and talking to old and new friends in the football community.

## **Do you feel like your time and effort off the field makes a positive difference to the club and why?**

I feel my time and effort at the club has a positive impact because I am an encouraging, enthusiastic person and I feel teamwork is a winner every time.

## **Despite not playing, do you feel the highs and lows when the team wins or loses as a result of being a valuable member of the club?**

I have loved football all my life and I feel I kick every ball and head every header with all the games I watch. I feel part of the time whether they win or lose, as a team we win together and lose together.



# Around the Non-League Pyramid with Craig Dabbs

Hi All,

There's very little left ground wise for me to do in my home county of Shropshire so when I saw this tie and the fact that the pitch lies just a couple of hundred yards in England I enquired about programmes and on getting that green light it was a drive back home that beckoned.



Llanymynech as a village straddles the border, the main Oswestry to Welshpool road that cuts through the village is the border, there are no signs suggesting so, however needing water I left the ground after securing the programme (a sell out due to a small print run) and walked to the village shop over the main A483 and in the current climate, different country different Covid rules I was greeted by a sign to the entrance of the shop entitled 'This is Wales' and a list of the current regulations were set out below including the compulsory mask which I didn't have so trade was done over the threshold.



Back over the border and the ground itself, although in England the club were competing in a FAW competition and thus were operating Welsh rules and taking them seriously. The ground had green zones where spectators could stand without restrictions. Then there was the red zone for players only, this was on the far side of Station Road and part of the end where the village hall is, on the field it was marked out by red rope and off the field a red zone sign and a temperature check in order to us the toilet.

The ground as expected is devoid of any cover, hard standing etc. but it was roped off for the occasion, we are





talking tier six here.

The club themselves are very old and there is evidence of the club staging a game in the May of 1858 which predates Wrexham FC from 1864, despite the age of the club they billed the game on the back of their first appearance in the Welsh Cup in their

163 year existence which in itself is quite incredible.

Caersws arrived as a tier three club looking to avoid a big upset and whilst they took a while to turn the taps on they did dominate from start to finish limiting Llanymynech to a handful of half chances with very little in the way of genuine goal scoring opportunities. No upset here then.

Caersws move on, and for Llanymynech as they said later that evening on social media, 'Attention now turns to our league campaign. Strap yourselves in. Let's go and win the bloody thing!!!!'



Enjoy the pics.

Craig

**Date:** 24/07/21

**Venue:** Llanymynech King George V Playing Field

**Match:** Llanymynech vs Caersws

**Competition:** Welsh Cup Second Qualifying Round

**Score:** 0-6

**Goal Log:** 0-1 (24); 0-2 (30); 0-3 (34); 0-4 (53); 0-5 (72); 0-6 (85);

**Attendance:** 102

**Admission:** £0.00

**Programme:** £3.00 (8pgs) (75pts; average)

## LONDON SAMURAI ROVERS CLUB HISTORY

London Samurai Rovers was formed in the summer of 2018 when two Japanese heritage football clubs, London Samurai United and JL Rovers, decided to merge in order to progress to the next level. Both teams were part of the Middlesex County Football League, so the merger was easy to achieve.

London Samurai boasts a large academy system based in North Acton ranging from U8s to U17s, whose ambassador is Japanese International footballer Maya Yoshida. The Foot Samurai Academy mixes Japanese boys and girls with players from the local community aiming to create a diverse and inclusive environment. There is a proven pathway into the first team with several successful graduates in recent years still playing in the first team squad. The club also has a Sunday team, playing in the Middlesex Sunday Division Three.

After the merger, London Samurai had a great success on the pitch, going on a 14-game unbeaten run, which included a 12-game winning streak, and not conceding a goal in 10 of those games which left Samurai on top of the Middlesex Division One. However, due to a league points deduction for playing an ineligible player, the team lost 15 points and forfeited its places in the county and divisional cups. Subsequently, Samurai finished in 4th place and still managed to gain promotion to the Middlesex Premier Division, due to their form on the pitch.

London Samurai entered the 2019/2020 season with a new ground, having agreed a ground share with Northwood FC and were determined to make an impression on the league. However, due to the nature of the club, several key players returned to Japan due to their visas expiring and the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, when the season was curtailed due to the pandemic, Samurai were in the final of the Alex Smith Premier Cup after a thrilling 9-8 penalty win in the semi-final over Clapton CFC and were 6th in the league with several games in hand on those around them.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020/2021 season was a big year of transition for London Samurai, with many players now back in Japan and unable to travel to the UK, meaning a greater emphasis on British based players, as well as those graduating from the Foot Samurai Academy. This proved fruitful for Samurai as an unbeaten start to the season, that stretched to 6 games before the season was cancelled yet again. However, Samurai's form in the last two seasons earned a promotion to the Combined Counties Division One on a points per game basis.

London Samurai Rovers will mark this historic year in their short history with a new ground share, moving to Rectory Meadow, the home of Hanworth Villa FC for the foreseeable future. London Samurai aim to continue to make progress in line with the clubs' initial ambitions from the merger and further develop their legacy as the biggest Japanese heritage football club in the UK.

## FIRST FIVE FIXTURES FOR LONDON SAMURAI ROVERS

**Saturday, 7th August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Eversley Sports Association, Fox Lane, Eversley, Hampshire, RG27 0NS

Division One

Eversley & California vs London Samurai Rovers

**Wednesday, 11th August 2021** | KO: 19:45 | The Powerday Stadium, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 8TL

Division One

Kensington & Ealing Borough vs London Samurai Rovers

**Saturday, 14th August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Rectory Meadow, Park Road, Middlesex, TW13 6PN

Division One

London Samurai Rovers vs Hillingdon Borough

**Tuesday, 17th August 2021** | KO: 19:45 | The Middlesex Stadium, 3 Breakspear Road, Ruislip, HA4 7SB

Division One

Hilltop vs London Samurai Rovers

**Saturday, 21st August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Rectory Meadow, Park Road, Middlesex, TW13 6PN

Division One

London Samurai Rovers vs Cove



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1-2-1 £10

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## EVERSLEY & CALIFORNIA'S FIRST FIVE FIXTURES

**Saturday, 7th August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Eversley Sports Association, Fox Lane, Eversley, Hampshire, RG27 0NS

Division One

Eversley & California vs London Samurai Rovers

**Tuesday, 10th August 2021** | KO: 19:30 | Eversley Sports Association, Fox Lane, Eversley, Hampshire, RG27 0NS

Division One

Eversley & California vs Wallingford Town

**Saturday, 14th August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Maccabi London, Rowley Lane, Barnet, EN5 3HW

Division One

London Lions vs Eversley & California

**Tuesday, 17th August 2021** | KO: 19:45 | Westfield Lane, Wrecclesham, Farnham, GU10 4QP

Division One

Bagshot vs Eversley & California

**Saturday, 21st August 2021** | KO: 15:00 | Eversley Sports Association, Fox Lane, Eversley, Hampshire, RG27 0NS

Division One

Eversley & California vs Kensington & Ealing Borough

\*subject to Kensington & Ealing Borough's FA Cup result



# 2021/22 Law Changes Explained

Here is a simplified version of this year's key law changes to help prepare clubs, managers, players referees and spectators.

## **Law 1**

The goalposts and crossbar must be the same shape.

## **Law 7**

Stoppage time relates to 'lost' playing time.

## **Law 11**

Inclusion of the Law 13 definition of where the arm ends (bottom of the armpit) for the purposes of determining an offside/onside position.

## **Law 12**

Handball:

Not every contact of the ball with the hand/arm is an offence.

A player's hand/arm should be judged in relation to their body movement in that particular situation.

Removal from the accidental attacking handball offence of the references to a 'teammate' and 'creating a goal-scoring opportunity'.

The offence of using a 'trick' to circumvent the Law against the goal keeper handling the ball from a deliberate kick from a teammate applies at a goal kicks; the instigator is to be cautioned (Y/C).

A free kick/penalty kick can only be awarded for an offence against someone on the team lists or a match official.



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## **VEO**

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## **FIRST TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER**

Rob WEBB

## **SPORTS THERAPIST**

Hannah STEWART

## **RESERVE TEAM MANAGER**

Antonio DI-LULLO

## **RESERVE TEAM ASSISTANT MANAGER**

Bob BARNES

## **LADIES TEAM MANAGER**

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