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WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2023
FA CUP EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND



FIRST TEAM

FIXTURES 2022/23

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| Sat | Aug | 12 | Gorleston | A | |
| Sat | Aug | 19 | | | FA Cup Prem |
| Sat | Aug | 26 | Bowers & Pitsea | H | |
| Tue | Aug | 29 | Enfield | A | |
| Sat | Sep | 2 | | | FA Cup 1st Qual Rd |
| Sat | Sep | 9 | | | FA Trophy Qual 1 |
| Sat | Sep | 16 | East Thurrock United | H | FA Cup 2nd Qual Rd |
| Sat | Sep | 23 | | | FA Trophy Qual rd 2 |
| Sat | Sep | 30 | Redbridge | A | FA Cup 3rd Qual Rd |
| Sat | Oct | 7 | Heybridge Swifts | H | FA Trophy 3rd Qual Rd |
| Wed | Oct | 11 | Walthamstow | H | |
| Sat | Oct | 14 | Grays Athletic | A | FA Cup 4th Qual Rd |
| Sat | Oct | 21 | Witham Town | A | |
| Sat | Oct | 28 | Ipswich Wanderers | H | FA Trophy 1st Rd Proper |
| Sat | Nov | 4 | Brentwood Town | A | FA Cup 1st Rd Proper |
| Sat | Nov | 11 | Brightlingsea Regent | H | |
| Sat | Nov | 18 | Wroxham | A | |
| Sat | Nov | 25 | Maldon & Tiptree | H | |
| Sat | Dec | 2 | Lowestoft Town | A | FA Cup 2nd Rd Proper |
| Sat | Dec | 9 | Felixstowe & Walton | H | |
| Sat | Dec | 16 | Gorleston | H | |
| Tue | Dec | 26 | Basildon United | A | |
| Sat | Dec | 30 | East Thurrock United | A | |
| Mon | Jan | 1 | Enfield | H | |
| Sun | Jan | 7 | Bury Town | H | |
| Sat | Jan | 13 | Stowmarket Town | A | |
| Sat | Jan | 20 | Walthamstow | A | |
| Sat | Jan | 27 | Redbridge | H | |
| Sat | Feb | 3 | Heybridge Swifts | A | |
| Sun | Feb | 11 | Grays Athletic | H | |
| Sat | Feb | 17 | Witham Town | H | |
| Sat | Feb | 24 | Ipswich Wanderers | A | |
| Sat | Mar | 2 | Brentwood Town | H | |
| Sat | Mar | 9 | Brightlingsea Regent | A | |
| Sat | Mar | 16 | Bury Town | A | |
| Sat | Mar | 23 | Stowmarket Town | H | |
| Sat | Mar | 30 | Bowers & Pitsea | A | |
| Mon | Apr | 1 | Basildon United | H | |
| Sun | Apr | 7 | Wroxham | H | |
| Sat | Apr | 13 | Maldon & Tiptree | A | |
| Sat | Apr | 20 | Lowestoft Town | H | |
| Sat | Apr | 27 | Felixstowe & Walton | A | |



THE OPPOSITION:

REDBRIDGE



FORMATION, MERGERS AND NAMES

The Club's roots lie in the car industry which has long been a staple of the economy in this corner of East London and Essex, and give us several 'sister' clubs both locally and nationally. Previously known as Ford United F.C. which dated from a 1958 or '59 merger between two older clubs, Ford Sports F.C. (Dagenham) and Briggs Sports F.C., both of which were founded in 1934. Up until WW2, the latter actually began life as Briggs Motor Bodies F.C. and entered a team in the London League under that name between 1935 and '51. The Ford United Club was in serious problems at the start of 1995/6 season, however, as sponsorship was lost and disbanding seemed a real danger, until Vice-Chairman George Adams enlisted Sky Sports as sponsors, rescuing the Club. Nicknamed 'The Motormen', they play in Blue Shirts and White Shorts. The name of Ford United was to end forever when the club was changed at the start of the 2004/05 season to Redbridge Football Club in a bid to gain more local support and become firmly established as the highest placed football club in the London Borough of Redbridge.

GROUNDS

Briggs Sports played at the Victoria Road ground, now famous as home of Dagenham & Redbridge. Ford United's old ground was the Ford Sports & Social Club in Rush Green. Romford F.C. shared the ground in 1995/6, providing valuable funds at a difficult time. Sadly, this pleasant ground was ruled unacceptable to the Isthmian League in summer of 2000 since its owners, Ford Motor Company, would grant only a yearly lease, so some 40 years of history there came to an end. A new home was leased at Oakside Stadium the home of Barkingside F.C. who became tenants at the ground until they moved out at the end of the 2013/14 season.

LEAGUES

Briggs Motor Bodies won the London League in 1937 & '39, actually pipping Ford Sports to the title in '37 - the first of two successive runners-up spots. The London League Park Royal Cup (for lower division clubs) was won by Briggs Sports in '37 and their reserves in '50. Ford Sports' membership of this league ran from 1935 to '53, winning Div 2 East in 1939. Briggs played in the Spartan League from 1945, winning East Div 1 in 1947, and the League Cup in '57, '58, and '59. They enjoyed unparalleled success in the Premier Division, as their positions from '49/50 to 58/59 read; 1st,2nd,1st,2nd,2nd,2nd,1st,1st,1st,1st: following the merger on the back of 4 titles, the next Spartan winners were Staines Town. Ford Sports also played in the Spartan League during 1938, 1945 and 1952-58.

The newly merged club joined the new Aetolian League in 1959/60, and became the first Champions, a feat they repeated in 1962: in between, they were runners-up in '61 when they also won the League Cup. Fortunes of both the club and the League began to wane in the 60's, whereupon we switched to the Greater London League in 1964. This was won in 1971, a year after being runners-up and capturing the League Cup then between 71-74 we played in the Metropolitan London League.

In 1974 we moved to the Essex Senior League, and here we were champions in 1992, runners-up in '94, and remained until earning promotion to the Isthmian (Ryman) League in 1997, on the back of another Essex Senior League title (and League Cup final appearance) and a much improved ground. We finished in 5th spot in our first season, and with Jeff Wood contributing a league's best 35 goals, Ford United won Division 3 in

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Ford United started season 2004-05 in the newly formed Nationwide Conference South under the new name of Redbridge FC in an attempt to gain more support and become recognised as the highest placed football side in the London Borough of Redbridge. Unfortunately this proved to be a bridge too far for the club both on and off the pitch and we suffered relegation and a bottom place finish whilst also losing manager Craig Edwards halfway through the season as he was to be replaced with Ex Ford United and Fulham goalkeeper Jim Stannard. One success to come out of this season was the excellent Redbridge FC Under 18's side who as well as winning the Eastern Junior Alliance League and Cup also captured the Essex Pelly Cup and made it through to the 3rd round of the FA Youth Cup only to be beaten by previous winners Middlesbrough. The following season saw the club back in the Ryman Premier League but a second successive relegation was soon to follow which saw the club playing in the newly formed Ryman Division One North.

A change in management halfway through the season saw Ilford manager and ex Ford United player Allan Fenn join the club but was unable to stop the side from a bottom place finish. The following season was disappointing with a 16th place finish and resulted in Fenn being replaced in the summer break by ex Wimbledon and Bolton striker Dean Holdsworth. Dean led us to a 3rd place finish and a play off final only to see us lose out in a dramatic penalty shoot-out against Canvey Island.

Unfortunately after only one season Dean moved on to become the new manager of Conference South side Newport County and this resulted in most of the squad breaking up. Ex Ford United player Jay Devereux took over and his first task was to rebuild the squad from scratch after the majority of the team moved on during the summer break. His first season finished with a respectable 9th place finish after a season which was hampered with floodlight problems at the Oakside and after the side got off to a slow start the next campaign and without a financial budget he decided it best to leave the club.

First team coach Dave Ross took over as manager for the remainder of the season. Poor winter weather affected the side at the start of 2010 and the team initially struggled with a fixture pile up but Ross managed to keep the side in the league avoiding relegation.

The following season Kris Taylor joined up with Ross to form a dual management team however after a bad start to the season which saw the club sitting bottom of the league Ross was asked to step down. Kris Taylor was confirmed as first team manager after talks broke down with Kevin Durrant who looked all set to join the club. Taylor's tenure ended in Dec 2010 when his work commitments affected the amount of time

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demanding to run a club of this stature meant he was unable to give 100% to the management of the team. First team coach Jody Brown was appointed manager on a short-term basis just before Christmas 2010 and he was able to bring some stability and stave off relegation with three games of the season still remaining.

Chairman Dan Holloway moved quickly at the end of the season to make the changes that will bring the structure and stability needed at a football club at this level. Terry Spillane was appointed first team manager after a highly successful spell with Stansted with Jody Brown reverting to a coaching role.

The team ended the season well finishing 6th place just 4 points off the play off positions. However, soon after the season finished, Chairman Dan Holloway resigned from the club due to personal reasons and, with the playing budget due to be cut, manager Terry Spillane felt it was not possible to take the team any further and he and his footballing staff left to join fellow Ryman One North side Maldon & Tiptree.

A new joint management team made up of Del Robinson and ex Gravesend and Northfleet legend Steve Portway took charge for the 2012/13 season. After a poor start to the season, the team improved in the second-half of the season and fought off survival on the last-day to finish 20th and secure another season at Ryman Level. During pre season Jim Chapman stepped down as chairman stepping aside for Imran Merchant who joined from London Bari. He brought in Ricky Eaton who joint up with the returning Dave Ross to form a dual management team.

After just one season Imran stepped down as Chairman due to personal reasons and ex Chairman Jim Chapman took control in the boardroom once again. The management team of Ricky and Dave stayed on becoming directors of the club and started to make improvements around the ground.

On the pitch however with no playing budget the team found the going tough and ended the season in 23rd place but were able to escape relegation when handed a reprieve due to Southern League side Clevedon Town being demoted over a ground grading rule.

The 2015/16 season was one of disappointment as the club struggled on the pitch winning just 8 league matches all season seeing them finish in bottom position suffering relegation back to the Essex Senior League for the first time in 19 years. Jimmy Chapman stepped down as Chairman handing over to Ricky Eaton who combined his role alongside being joint 1st team manager with newly appointed Joey May and wasted no time in making much needed improvements around the ground such as changing rooms/refreshment bar and the club house.

In Jan 2019 Ricky Eaton stepped down from his role as manager to solely concentrate on his chairman duties and wasted no time in bringing across May & Baker manager Micky Wetherall well known to the football club and bringing in an entirely new side he managed to lead the team to a 12th place finish.

The following season Redbridge was sitting in 8th position when the season was declared null and void due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The 2020/21 season eventually started in September however Micky decided to step down due to personal reasons and was soon replaced by ex Aveley Reserves manager George Christou however his first season was also cut short as the season was curtailed early due to the ongoing pandemic.



PITCHING IN

Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

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MATCHDAY SQUADS

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN NORTH LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST, 7.45PM

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MANAGERS: FIN JOHNSON & TOMMY BOXER

ASSISTANT MANAGER: RICKY BRENNAN

(GK) REUBEN RABSETIN

(GK) SAM SOUTAR

ANDREW TAYACA

ALEX LAMBROU

KEVIN MUSTALI

TALA LO SEYE

NATHAN KPEMOU

TOMMY BOXER

TEDDY JONES

ALAA OUJDI

PETER MOKWENYE

PANNY BOXER

ALBER ADU

KYLE LYNCH

SALIU LO SEYE

FELIX AHORLU

CEM POYRAZ

ROMEY MEODED

MICAH JACKSON

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS

ALEX MICHAELIDES

WRAYNEL HERCLUES

JOSH WILLIAMS

NATHAN MANDLA

KWADWO BUGYEI

ZAYSHAUN ASAMOAH

DEREK ASAMOAH (C)

STEVEN KABUNGWE

OLAMIJI AYoola

JAMES BARLOW(C)

BRADLEY BENNETT

REUBEN CAMPBELL

JACK CHAWNER

JEROLD COBBLAH

HENRY DAY

BENJAMIN DE LACY-
TURNER

JOSEPH ELLIOTT

DEAN HALL

FLAVIO JUMO

MUSTAFA KAHIE

KARL KAYEMBE

WARREN KAYEMBE

IBRAHIM KEHINDE

GEORGE MARTIN(GK)

SOUMEN NANDI

REMI NELSON

SOLOMON OGUNWOMOJU

TEMILOLUW OLADEJO

TAYO JOSH OLUKOLO

GEORGE PURCELL

TENDAI QUAMINA

ABS THOMPSON

CONNOR WHEATLEY(GK)

KOBE YEBOAH

TODAYS OFFICIALS:

REFEREE: SAMUEL OLHAUSEN

ASSISTANT REFEREES: DANI MANSOUR &

GARY BAKER