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Good Evening

I'd like to welcome everyone to the club this evening in what is shaping up to be an exciting fixture. I hope everyone enjoys the game and contributes to a good atmosphere under the lights.

I was very pleased with our last match at home v Bearsted, I thought we were deserved winners and on another day could have got ourselves a few more goals. That's the level and standard we need to achieve on a regular basis. We dropped our standards in midweek against Croydon but picked them up again v Rochester. This weekends win away was impressive for a number of reason more so because we had 10 men for the majority of the game. So I'm really pleased with the lads coming into tonight's fixture but don't want to make a habit of playing with 10 men.

Since my arrival we have seen a number of new players and staff arrive at the club and some go the other way. This is part of the process in any transition but I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to everyone who has served this club in any capacity. On that note I'd like to introduce you to Bryan Glover who will take up the post of First Team coach and will join myself and Sweeney as the management team. We are lucky to have Bryan who works full time with West Ham United and is someone I believe can really improve us moving forward.

Enjoy the game ladies and gentlemen

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Tonight's visitors in this SCEFL Premier league match, are nearby Erith Town FC.

It's been a busy week on the Pitch with 2 excellent league victories 3-1 against Bearsted and on Saturday 5-2 against a refreshed Rochester.

We are still in a transition period as Anwar had mentioned in his notes. However things are beginning to take shape and I'm really looking forward to the second half of the season.

Last week we suffered at the hands of a few 'Joy Riders'. There were very ugly wheel marks all over Pitch 1 and 2, but our Groundsman Alex did a great job and we managed to get every one of 12 games on at the weekend. Following this episode we've reviewed our Security and more gates and fencing will be installed within a couple of weeks.

Let's get behind the Glebe lads tonight and hopefully bag another 3 points have a great evening

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Winners 2015/16 London FA Senior Trophy
Winners 2015/16 Kent Invicta League Cup
Champions 2016/17 Southern Counties Eastern Football league 1st Division
Runners-up 2016/17 London FA Senior Trophy

Glebe FC were founded in 1995 by the present Chairman & his wife, Rocky and Grace McMillan.

From humble beginnings with just 1 under 8 team, the club has progressed at various stages, today hosting 20 Junior Teams, 4 vets sides, 1 Ladies Senior Side and of course the First XI, with over 300 members.

We are based in Chislehurst Kent, with 15 acres of grounds. Glebe, in the last couple of years have moved in and built a wonderful new sports complex, comprising of 5 pitches, a new stadium pitch, floodlit training area, multi-purpose Gym and a brand new Social Hub.

It hasn't always been easy. For years Glebe were nomads, winning every Junior Trophy that could be won, including 10 London County Cups at various ages, but never seemingly able to find 'a home of its own'. However we never gave up and moved into our 'New Home' in September 2014.
Also in 2014 Glebe FC won the prestigious 'London FA Standard Charter Community Club of the Year Award', voted by the Executive Committee of the London FA.

After progressing through the age groups and becoming a regular feature in Kent Youth Leagues, it was decided by the Committee back in 2010 to form a Senior Section. We are now in our 5th Season. The initial 2 years we ground-shared at Holmesdale FC. This was only going to be a short term stay as we were desperate to find our own venue. When Old Elthamians Rugby Club experienced differences with the Landlords, we were quick off the mark and signed a 25 year lease at Foxbury Avenue. With the help of the FSIF (Football Stadia Improvement Fund), we have built a stadium which we are really proud of.

Glebe FC continues to make new friends in its venture as a Senior Club. Having narrowly missed out on promotion in 2015/16 (where the winners of Sheppey v Glebe went up), Glebe went on to win step 6 by 12 points last season 2016/17 as well as Runners up in the London Senior Trophy.

We have a brief yet exciting history as a senior Club, which follows an exceptional history as a junior Club. Hopefully more trophies will be added in the years to come, in addition to the Cups and League success.
Formed in 1956 as Woolwich Town, the Dockers attained senior status in 1995-96 upon reaching the London Spartan League Premier Division in 1995-96.

By that time the club had already changed their name to Erith Town, reflecting a move to Erith Stadium.

After one year in the Spartan Premier, the Dockers successfully applied to cross the Pyramid to the Kent League.

After struggling in the lower reaches of the League for three seasons, the Dockers celebrated the new Millennium with a then best seventh place in 1999-2000 and also reached the London Senior Cup Final, losing 5-1 to Bedfont.

In the following seven seasons Erith only once reached such heights again, finishing seventh in 2003-4.

The appointment of former Fisher Athletic player Mark Tompkins as player-manager midway through 2006-7 saw an upturn in fortunes and the following season he led the team to fifth in the Kent League. He also brought the club their first silverware as a senior club as record appearance maker Alan Hanlon lifted the Kent League Cup after a 1-0 win over much-fancied Hythe Town in the Final at Folkestone.

Tommo’s departure on the eve of 2008-9 lead to the appointment of Steve O’Boyle who took the Dockers back to the Kent League Cup Final for a second season. Despite drawing 1-1 after extra time against Croydon, the Dockers went down 3-1 on penalties.

Tony Russell took over the reins when O’Boyle departed in October 2010 guiding the club to a third successive mid table finish but bringing the Kent Senior Trophy to the club after a 3-1 win over Tunbridge Wells in the Final.
Having achieved a new best of fourth the following season, Russell departed for neighbours VCD Athletic with Erith Town top of the League in November 2012 and after a brief spell with James Collins in charge, Mark Tompkins returned to take the Dockers to new personal best of third spot.

Tommo repeated the feat in 2013-14 before departing and a turbulent 2014-15 saw three managers and a Houdini style escape from relegation under Martin and Joe Ford. Seven points adrift with three games remaining the Father and Son team saw their young side win the final three games to climb off the foot of the table.

Two further seasons of struggle followed before the summer takeover by local businessman Mark Deveney, immediately appointing former owner Albert Putnam as President for his work as player, manager and Chairman in over 50 years with the club.

Mark moved quickly to bring in Adam Woodward from SCEFL Division One Champions Glebe and has expanded the club committee as the club look forward optimistically to a new future.
Since Anwar took over the coaching of the team, Glebe has had two wins followed by two defeats on this date. So this match against a team that were so impressive on their own patch earlier in the season was going to go a long way in affecting people’s attitudes to how things were shaping up.

At Bearstead the home team had defended in an organised manner snuffing out any threat from Glebe. When Fred came on in the second half he ran them ragged but the game was beyond Glebe at that point. However, that second half comeback was enough to give confidence Glebe would improve on that defeat in deepest Kent. But could the team get the disappointments at Sheppey and against Beckenham out of their system?

Following a two minute silence the first half kicked off with Glebe playing down the slope.

2: Glebe make a bright start with a Brian Zepo effort being deflected wide.
5: Peter Sweeney almost puts in Brian again.
6: Debutant, Lauren Hamici who joins Glebe from Cray Valley and is playing up front, has his first shot. This lad does not look short of confidence.
9: Bears have their first meaningful attack but it comes to nothing.
14: Glebe having far more of the ball and keep up the pressure.
17: Glebe looking a different side to the Beckenham match. Far more pacey up front.
20: A fantastic save by the Bears keeper denies Laurent Hamici. I still don’t know how he kept it out and the Glebe bench were quick to give him credit.
25: Clash of heads sees Joe Tennent down in the Bears box. He is soon up again.
30: First negative by Glebe. Needless foul on the edge of the box puts them under pressure. It is headed clear but Bears come back. The ball is eventually cleared down field in the time honoured fashion: BIG BOOT.
32: Brian Zepo causing trouble again. He does all the hard work then fluffs his finish. Best chance so far but you have to take your chances.
33: Another chance goes begging.
37: And now we rattle the post. 4.6 on the Richter Scale.

**GOAL: Glebe 1 Bearstead 0**

43: Whhhoooooaaaaahhhh! Just when you think the Bears have relieved the pressure, Sweeney’s magic wand curls one into the top right corner from about 25 yards.
45+1: Not much additional and the ref blows “peep peep”

**Half Time: Glebe 1 Bearstead 0**

Glebe put away their most difficult chance just before the break and deserve their half time lead. Bears look a shadow of the side that dominated over at their place.
Minter, Stone, Ouani and Allen enjoy the half time kick about. Not a bad set of lads to have on the bench.

**Second Half**

47: An audacious 30 yard floater by Sweeney is just wide with a scrambling keeper having given up hope.
50: A zipping Zepo effort is tipped over.
52: Bear’s goalie finger tips to the rescue again.
53: A Sweeney right foot shot which is something of a rarity. At least we now know why he favours his left.
55: The gaffer is happy.
58: Bears having a spell of pressure. Lovely low cross brings danger but the striker cannot get his toe to the ball. Their best effort.

**GOAL: Glebe 2 Bearstead 0**

60: Comedy of errors in the Bears area. A Boo Booby Bears and Laurent Hamici slots in his first for the club.
62: All Glebe and the action is faster than a man can Tweet.
63: Bears break forward quickly and relieve the pressure but the attack end in a wildly wasted cross.
GOAL: Glebe 2 Bearstead 1
64: Out of nowhere the Bears get one back. An accurate 25 yarder along the deck beats Nashy and rifles into the corner.

GOAL: Glebe 3 Bearstead 1
68: Laurent Hamici again. A low drive from an acute angle after Fred had pulled the defence apart.
71: Still not over. A Bears scorcher skims off the top of the bar.
75: Bears going more direct.
76: Jeff Allen replaces Ali in a like for like swap.
77: Fast, accurate quality passing football from Glebe.
80: Free kick taken by Sweeney played into the box. Ball breaks. Joe Tennent turns and shoots. Good stop by keeper. In the meantime Malik has replaced Fred. I bet the Bears defence are pleased to see the back of Fred.

85: Gaffer calls for a strong last five.
88: Yellow to Brian Zepo. The first of the match for a Glebe player. Brian goes on an amazing solo dribble that gets him one on one with the keeper albeit from a tight angle. His release of the trigger results in an air shot and the ball rolls out for a goal kick. He makes better contact after when he kicks the ball away for which he goes in the notebook. Harsh decision ref! No malice or attempt to waste time. The lad was just frustrated. This was Brian’s best game in my opinion. Lots of positive contributions and if he can just develop the composure required when it’s time to shoot he would surely score a hatful of goals.

90: Into additional and it’s a Bears corner. A shot goes out into the wild dark beyond. No trouble for Nashy but may have been to one of the horses in the next field.

95: After five minutes of additional the ref brings the match to a satisfactory conclusion for everybody involved with the Glebe family.
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Let’s Give Thanks

It is Thanksgiving Day coming up in the USA on Thursday 23rd November. Here we take the opportunity to give thanks for five contributions the USA has made to footy, or soccer.

**The 1950 World Cup in Brazil**

If England’s capitulation to Iceland in 2016 was as bad, think again and reach for the history books and check the humiliation in Belo Horizonte, Brazil back in 1950. This was England’s first outing in the FIFA World Cup. We had not condescended to take part in previous years. England was 3 to 1 favourites to lift the Jules Rimet Trophy with the Americans 500 to 1 against. England was full of outstanding household names, Finney, Mortenson, Billy Wright – the first Englishman to one hundred caps. As for the USA team, their names were unrecognisable outside their families and work places. The States won one nil and the story is on YouTube. This was probably a pre-cursor to two more England debacles in the early 50s. After the dismal display in Belo Horizonte there were shock defeats against Hungary. Sixty four years ago this week, England went down 3 – 6 at Wembley, and to show this was no fluke, the Hungarians stuffed England 7 – 1 in Budapest just six months later. It might just be that one player from the defeat against the USA had learnt not to be complacent and that football was an ever developing and dynamic game. That was Alf Ramsey who led England to their only World Cup glory in 1966.
NASL:
It was not for about another twenty years that England came across soccer American style in the shape of the NASL. The driving force behind the development of the game in the States was a Welshman who had played for the Hammers, Phil Woosnam who led the NASL and during his time some of the biggest names in world football played out their twilight years in the NASL alongside English lads who would never have made it back home. The outstanding side was the New York Cosmos boasting among their players, Pele, Giorgio and Franz Beckenbauer. Games could not end in a draw, there had to be a winner. America utilised its razzmatazz and creative thinking to bring a more attractive and exciting product to the customers. The North American Soccer League ran out of steam and footy, American style disappeared from our TV screen until 1994.

The 1994 FIFA World Cup:
What was the point of holding the FIFA World Cup in the USA? They were rubbish at the game. This was going to be a joke. On reflection, this was one of FIFA’s better decisions. Up to 1994 the competition had been played in either Europe or Latin America. Baring 1958 when Brazil won in Sweden, teams from Latin America won in Latin America, and European teams won in Europe. So 1994 became a far more open competition. The States also had large modern stadia, and any improvements were unlikely to increase the national debt to crippling proportions. Then the States had the transport infrastructure allowing people get about easily. The end result was a top quality tournament and the highest average attendances of any FIFA World Cup tournament. Almost 69,000 people on average watched the matches in 1994, the second best figure 53,00 in Brazil for 2014.

Goalkeepers:
With the USA hosting the World Cup we suddenly saw they had some half decent players and slowly their lads began to appear in Europe. In England it is goalkeepers who have had the biggest impact. Poor Brad Guzan was unfortunate to be behind a porous Aston Villa defence but he stood between the sticks some 170 times for Villa, Hull and ‘Boro before returning to the States where he now plays for Atlanta in Major League Soccer. More distinguished was Tim Howard who joined Man U in 2002 turning out 45 times in four seasons before moving to Everton where he represented the Toffees in 350 matches. Tim has played for his country over 120 times.
Probably the first American goalie to make his mark was Kasey Keller. He moved from Portland Sounders to Millwall before the 1994 World Cup and represented the Lions 176 times before playing for Leicester City, Spurs, Southampton on loan and his last English team was Fulham. Probably the finest of them all – I admit to bias – is Brad Friedel. He currently holds the Premier League record for consecutive appearances with 310 and is the second oldest player to turn out in our top league. His save double against Henry and Hoyt in the FA Cup Quarter final at the Emirates which kept Blackburn in the competition is of Banksian quality.

Women’s Football
Although men’s football in the States has yet to reach the highest height, in women’s soccer they are one of the teams to beat. Women’s football has led the world in going professional. They have been fully backed by the United States Football Federation and with that enlightened approach and support, the success has been amazing. They are the current World Champions having beat Japan 5 – 2 in the 2015 final. They were the initial champions in 1991 and again in 1999. In the seven World Cup’s so far held, they have not been out of the top three. In the Guardian’s list of the twenty greatest women footballers, eight are Americans. Although at a time when the head of FIFA suggested that to make women’s football more popular, they should wear tighter shorts! Whether it was the efforts of the Americans in 1950 that fought to overcome the arrogance of the English, Phil Woosnam who brought a refreshing perspective to NASL football, the American’s ability to put on a show in 1994, the professionalism of their keepers, or the refreshingly positive encouragement of women’s football, we have something to thanks the Americans for. The question is do we recognise that?

Thanks to Zanda Bertwistle for this article and for covering @glebefootball twitter updates on matchdays. You can also follow him on @glebefans and @meadroadallot
Rochester Utd FC v Glebe FC  
Sat 18th Nov  
Match Report from Zanda Bertwistle

Glebe’s no nonsense win at home to Bearstead the previous Saturday was followed by a swift tumbling out of the London Senior Cup at the hands of the Croydon Trams. With more changes of personnel on the pitch this match against the team second bottom of the league had that ‘banana skin’ potential.

By kick off there was constant drizzle which had turned to persistent rain by the end of the match. The first half had Glebe, in their sky blue changed kit, defending the Strood end of the Rede Court Road pitch. Andrew Griffiths was making his first appearance having joined Anwar’s evolution from Canvey. Things were looking good when after just four minutes, Fred put Laurent in with the Spartan’s defence at sixes and sevens but not near enough our 9 who leathered it past the keeper from the edge of the box. The lead lasted only three minutes. Rochester, who were content to play the ball long, caught out the Glebe defence and with Nashy having no chance, the ball was poked past him.

As the clayey pitch got slipperier and stickier it was clear that keeping ones feet was going to be difficult. And so, on 21 minutes, Jeff Allen and Spartan’s right back Dan Nash went sliding in for a fifty-fifty ball. Nash came off worst but at least he was fit enough to stay on the pitch. Unlike Jeff, who after a period of disagreement amongst the player, made his way to the showers. Credit has to go to Emily Sawyer who was in the middle of the testosterone fuelled exchange, separating the Spartans from the Glebans. This was her last contribution to the club, she will be missed. Should it have been a straight red? The pitch certainly contributed and had Dan Nash not been in the way, Jeff would have cleaned out me before continuing his sliding journey up the A2.

The match became non-descript. Rochester’s long balls came to nothing and Glebe’s passing game was not helped by the deteriorating conditions. Fred had the ball in the net after the goalie failed to fold a Laurent effort but he (Fred) was in an off-side position. The keeper again failed to hold the ball and this time Jason was first onto it but his stretching leg spooned the ball over the bar. The keeper did redeem himself tipping over a powerful Laurent drive.

On 42 minutes the Spartan’s left back was booked for a foul on the right. The ball was put into the box and nobody is sure exactly what happened but it was in the net and Joe Tennant took the credit.
(Our) Nashy had few problems at the other end until their Nash floated one into the box with our defence looking around and their striker unable to put a free header on target. The Gaffer was not amused.

**Half Time: Rochester United 1 Glebe 2**

The next fifteen minutes took the game away from Rochester with the ten men of Glebe taking control and Sweeney having the room to spray the ball around. On 48 minutes Fred was put through only to be taken out by the keeper. Yellow card seemed fair enough. Laurent got his second smashing the ball straight down the middle from the penalty spot. Pretty soon after, from the left side, Peter Sweeney curled a delightfully deft shot across and beyond the keeper and into the far corner. Fred was again offside, but after some debate between the officials he was deemed not to be interfering and the goal stood. This was followed by more magic from the Peter Sweeney wand that put Laurent Hamici in for his hat trick. That’s five in two league matches since joining Glebe. The match was now 5 – 1 in favour of Glebe.
The game was effectively over. It looked like Glebe were taking their foot off the gas pedal and saving their energy for tonight’s encounter. With additional time approaching there was time for one more goal from Rochester. A rare piece of precise football from Rochester saw a pin point cross from the right headed past Nashy in the goal. Which again asks questions about the defence being caught napping.

However it is harsh to criticise. Playing seventy minutes on a sticky pitch and coming out winners by five goals to two is some performance.

It was good to see ex-Glebe Jamie Wood as industrious as ever in the Spartan’s midfield. All the best, Woody.

**Final Score: Rochester United 2 Glebe 5**

Congratulations to Emile Smith Rowe, former Glebe FC player, on winning U17s World Cup with England

![FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017](image-url)
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## Results & Fixtures

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A personal look at the SCEFL Premier By Zanda Bertwistle

With over a third of the season behind us it is worth looking at how the rest of the SCEFL Premier is shaping up.

Our win against Rochester United sees us thirteenth in the league. It is looking sad down in the Medway Towns with Holland & Blair (2 pts) and Rochester (5) rooted in the bottom two. Chatham Town seem to have hit a touch of form having recently won at Hollands and Blair and followed that with a 1 – 4 win at Rusthall. All credit goes to Chatham who have a good following. A crowd of 219 turned out for the H&B v Chatham local derby - and that with The Gills playing a ten minute stroll down the road. Top dog in the Medway area is Lordswood, who having narrowly avoided relegation last season are looking good near the top of the table.

At the top it continues to look good for Sevenoaks despite only coming away from Canterbury City with a goalless draw. They remain two points clear of second placed Croydon but with four games in hand. There are some strong performing teams in the top seven who must all be confident of catching and overhauling Sevenoaks. But somebody needs to go on a long, strong winning run.

The people of the BR3 post code would do well to get behind Beckenham Town. They have a great little set up down there and a pitch on which you could play snooker. I saw them down at Fisher last Christmas and to describe them in just five letters I’d go for ‘inept’. Having seen them home and away this season against Glebe, Becks are a different proposition this season. Yet a local derby at home to the Trams of Croydon attracted a just fifty five punters. Give me that fixture over Palace versus Everton any day!
### Cup Fixtures & Results

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Arlie Desanges
Max Fitzgerald
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Andrew Griffiths
Laurent Hamici
Tolulope Jonah
Ali Mustafe
Dean Nash (GK)
Fred Obasa
Valentin Obretenov
MalkiOuani
George Savage
Sebastian Schoburgh
Toch Singh
Adrian Stone
Peter Sweeney
Joe Tennant
Brian Zepo

1 Adam Molloy
2 Lewis Scotter
3 Dan Palfrey
4 Jim Day (Captain)
5 Myles Keizer-Burrows
6 Ben Fitchett
7 Steadman Callender
8 Jack Duffy
9 Danny Gannon
10 Adem Ramadan
11 Osman Proni
12 Sidney Warden
13 Ryan Golding
14 Leithan Brimah
15 Andres Tobon
16 17 Jack Bray
18 Tamer Bilal
19 Jack Hooper

Manager
Anwar Uddin

Assistants / Coaches
Peter Sweeney, (Ass Manager)
Bryan Glover (1st Team Coach)
Steve Clarke (1st Team Scout)

Physio

Officials

Referee
Wally James

Assistants
Josh Smith & Mark Jenkins