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Grant McLellan Youth Cup

Saturday 18th May 2019

Hanworth Villa vs Walton & Hershham



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A word from the Combined Counties League Secretary



Good Afternoon All

We have at last reached the Final stage of this year's Grant-McLellan Cup and from the 25 entrants to this season's competition, the two finalists that have emerged are Hanworth Villa U18 and Walton & Hersham U18. Both are fine young sides and we welcome the players, officials and supporters of both clubs to the Final at Abbey Rangers FC. If the scores are level at 90 minutes, we go straight to penalties. Member in charge this evening from the League is Paul Blair, League Vice-Chairman as well as being Secretary of the Youth Section. On hand also will be Roger King, who recently took over the fixtures at short notice and has done a grand job, despite no previous experience.

Next season, Roger will be issuing an annual fixture list before the season starts. Clubs can agree to change the date of any fixture by mutual agreement but will only have so long to do so. Any matches postponed will also be re-arranged and agreed by the two clubs concerned within a set time period, the overall hope being that we will start and finish the season in good time rather than matches dragging on until almost the end of May.

To reach this stage Hanworth accounted for the U18 sides of Balham, Knaphill and Dorking Wanderers whilst Walton beat Leatherhead Youth, Camberley Town (on pens) followed by Holmesdale (also on penalties), and then, earlier this week, Loxwood, 3-2, despite the latter having won the South Division in fine style.

The Grant-McLellan Cup is named in honour of two former CCL Management Committee members, namely Peter Grant, who was also a leading figure with Surrey County FA and Norman McLellan, both sadly no longer with us, but their names live on through this competition.

It is one of two Under-18 cups that we organise. The GM Cup can be entered by U18 sides who are not members of the CCL Under-18 Division whilst the standard Youth Cup is solely for those clubs who have their U18 sides in the League's own youth divisions. The final of the latter competition is being played on Friday 24 May at Bedfont Sports FC and will be between Balham U18 and Chessington & Hook United U18, kicking off at 7.45 p.m. It had been arranged for an earlier date, at Banstead Athletic but the match was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

We are now taking applications from new clubs for the Under-18 divisions next season, with two definitely received and a number of others having asked for application forms.



Brief History— Hanworth Villa

Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions. The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships. The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985. From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation. Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'. With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006. It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division. The club were determined to ensure that the situation should no arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation. The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both. The 2011/2012 season will



live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivenham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2. In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year. In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United. Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 – 2 win over Spelthorne Sports.

Hanworth Villa (NJEC) U18's

Nigel James gains success for his players in many different formats; confirming his belief that development of the individual player is key to their success, and that each player will develop at different stage requiring different support. His knowledge of the professional system is vital in knowing how to develop each individual player to realise their fullest potential.

As Academy Director at the very successful Nigel James Elite Coaching, Nigel's decision to manage an U18's team, supported by Cecil Nyako (Assistant Director at Nigel James Elite Coaching), is based on his continued passion to help players at this older age group continue to realise their dream and find their way from non-league football into the professional game.

Nigel describes his methods and dedication to winning, and, his passion for his work cannot be more clearly stated:-

"I am a worker. I like to work and this is the road I follow to win. It is never too late for players with the right attitude, work ethic and discipline to succeed in the game. If you have a great organisation and the great talent of the players, who are fitter and run faster than other players, then you have more probability of winning. For this reason, I like to work on all aspects: tactical, technical, physical and mental. This league was tough in a physical aspect, particularly as I have a young team, so to succeed we must play good and attractive football and be in good physical condition. The boys know my demands and the expectation is that they work, work and work..."

This season Nigel partnered with Hanworth Villa FC and was confident that competing in the U18's Allied Counties Youth League and cup matches was the right challenge for both his players and for Hanworth Villa, and that together they could achieve great satisfaction at the end of the season. Hanworth Villa's first season of youth football has brought many opportunities for players in the youth team to gain experience playing 1st team football which is invaluable for their future transition into senior football.

Nigel would like to wish players, coaches and supporters a very enjoyable game and congratulate both teams on reaching the Grant McLellan Cup Final.



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Pen Pics — Hanworth Villa



Nigel James – Manager

As Academy Director of NJEC 3 years ago Nigel added a platform for players age 16 upwards who have not yet been signed by a professional club. In its first year, this U18's team gained promotion to the premier division, won the Grant McLellan Youth cup and had players scouted and put on trial at professional clubs – 2 of whom were offered contracts with Chelsea U18's.

This year's Hanworth Villa (NJEC) U18's have won the Central Division ACYL and have reached the final of the Champions Cup Final and Grant McLellan Youth Cup final.

Cecil Nyako – Assistant Manager

Cecil's expertise lies in his passion for developing players. He relishes his role as mentor to young players both at NJEC, Westminster School and as Director of Football at St Andrew's Youth Club, London.

Harry Cawdron – Goal Keeper

Great shot stopper with excellent distribution skills. Ex Crystal Palace player and gaining much interest from pro clubs

Declan Skura – Centre Back

A 1st year commanding centre back. Good in the air and good long range passing. Has developed well over the past season. Being watched by Leeds United

Tahir Carmichael– Left Back

Developed so well in the past season to gain the permanent position of left back in the team. In a year or two who knows where it will take him – one to watch!

Bryant Akono-Bilongo – Able to play in any position required of him

Fantastic attitude and work rate. Incredibly athletic. Came into the team late but has settled in well and become very popular. Ex Fulham and Wimbledon Academy

Harrison Duff– Centre Back

Experienced player who helps develop the younger players. Good reader of the game and a solid defender with a fantastic attitude in taking on responsibility.

Alexander Ficur – Centre Back

1st year with great attitude and learning all the time. This season has been good development for him.

Teo Kurtaran – Centre Midfield CAPTAIN

Player with exceptional technical and passing ability - both short and long. Been on trial at Deportivo and had several league clubs monitoring him all season. Will find his way into the pro game – one to watch!

Connor Manning – Right Back/Midfield

Hard working with fantastic attitude. Reliable on the ball, known for his tough tackles and attacking attitude. Great athlete – could run all day! One that every manager would love to have in their team

Finley Warren – Attacking Midfield

Mixture of Hazard and Messi – low centre of gravity, quick and technical with the ability to unlock all defences. Has had lots of interest from league clubs. Definitely one to watch!

Rocco Poelzlbauer– Midfield

An excellent impact player that has amazing pace and the ability to score amazing goals. Could play either flank or up front.

Pen Pics — Hanworth Villa (continued)

Nathan Claxton – Centre Midfield

Ex Reading academy. Holding player with great passing range and the energy to run box to box. Exceptional at tackling and in the air. One to watch!

Tumelo Makobe-Mabuse – Winger

Has pace and skills that make him excellent running at defences with great delivery and one that scores some fantastic goals. Fantastic energy about this lad. Ex Reading and Oxford United

Jack Amitaga – Centre Midfield

Signed towards the end of the season. Has great energy and good passing range. One I'm looking forward to working more with next year

Shaun Joash – Winger

Ex Chelsea and Brentford player. Exceptional pace and skills which cause defenders a problem. Has the ability to produce goals when the team has needed them. One to watch!

Tom Hooper – Midfield

U16 with a great attitude and fits well into the team. Great passing ability. One to watch for next season

Scott Walker – Attacking Midfield/Striker

One of the top goal scorers in the league. Scott has the ability to score right foot/left foot and his finishing is exceptional. Technical player, good on 1v1 and a senior member of the squad who the players look up to. Ex Reading and one to watch!

Qasim Khan– Striker

2nd highest goal scorer in the team. Has the ability to hold the ball up, bring players into the game and has an eye for goal. Causes defenders problems with his height

Kevin Nyarko– Striker

Broke his ankle early in the season and has come back stronger than ever. Has the ability to score goals and is a defender's nightmare with his energy and work rate. Fantastic attitude

Hassan (Kevin) Habimana– Centre Forward

6ft 2, strong athletic player with pace to burn. Has been patient during the season but has done tremendously well since getting into the team. Looking forward to working with him next season



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Brief History— Walton & Hersham

Walton-on-Thames F.C. was formed in 1895, and in 1945, following World War II, amalgamated with Hersham F.C. to form Walton & Hersham F.C., the present club.

The united club immediately joined the newly formed Corinthian League and followed a poor first season with a hat-trick of Championships and a runners-up position.

They also won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time in 1947-48, beating Isthmian League neighbours Kingstonian 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

Election to the Athenian League soon followed and in their first season, 1950-51, Swans finished runners-up and again won the Surrey Senior Cup at Palace, defeating the much vaunted Dulwich Hamlet 2-1.

Great days, big crowds

These were halcyon days for the Stompond Lane side and the FA Amateur Cup Semi-Final was reached in successive seasons, 1951-52 and 1952-53.

Two late goals by the prolific and popular Brian Jenkins beat the star-studded Wimbledon side in the Surrey Senior Cup Final of 1960-61, and the trophy was retained against Sutton United the following season.

After several years of mid-table respectability the appointment of Allen Batsford as manager in 1967 heralded the beginning of the most successful period in the club's history.

At the end of his first season, a superb victory over a powerful Wimbledon side in the two-legged Final secured the Premier Midweek Floodlit League title, the first of three, followed a year later by the winning of the Athenian League championship for the first time.

The Surrey Senior Cup came back to Stompond Lane in 1970-71, Woking being defeated 3-0 in the Final.

Election to the Isthmian ranks followed, with third place attained in the first season, 1971-72.

Wembley at last

Then followed the most memorable season in the club's history, 1972-73.

The FA Cup First Round barrier was overcome for the first time with Exeter City being defeated 2-1 amid tremendous excitement at the Lane, only for visitors Margate to win by the only goal in the Second Round.

Kingstonian were beaten 2-0 in the Surrey Senior Cup Final and the runners-up spot achieved in the League.

Then on the 14th of April 1973 the ultimate prize was gained at Wembley when 41,000 people saw a last-minute Roger Connell goal against Slough Town bring the FA Amateur Cup to Stompond Lane, the trophy being won without a goal being conceded, a record never to be equaled.

Dave Bassett, Willie Smith and Connell also had the honour of playing for the England Amateur side.

The following season Brian Clough brought his Brighton & Hove Albion side to Stompond Lane in the FA Cup First Round, and following a goalless draw, Swans pulled off a sensational result in the replay at The Goldstone Ground, a Clive Foscett hat-trick included in a 4-0 win.

In the mid 1980's the club was proud to have Sir Stanley Matthews as President, but sides flattered to deceive and only a draw in the final game of the 1986-87 season prevented relegation to Division Two.

Swans had to wait until the 2004-05 season before more success came to Stompond Lane



after long-serving player Alan Dowson took over as manager in October.

After defeat in his first match in charge, Dowson led the team to a record breaking 13 match winning sequence, fine runs in the FA Trophy and League Cup, and promotion as runners-up in the Ryman League Division One.

The Surrey Senior Cup Final was reached for the first time in 31 years, the Swans only losing a thrilling game against AFC Wimbledon 2-1 after extra-time before close to 4,000 people at Woking.

After a 45 year unbroken stay in the Isthmian League, the Swans spent two seasons in the Combined Counties Premier Division, finishing in fifth and fourth places before this season being relegated to Combined Counties Division One.

At the end of September 2017 Swans were forced to leave their home of 8 decades, Stompond Lane, when it was sold for development. They then moved to a new home at a purpose-built Sports Hub in Waterside Drive.

Under 18 History

Last season (2017/8) Marc Gorman, Danny James and Roy Welch put together a very successful squad of first year players to compete in the Allied Counties League, finishing in 2nd place to Ash United. During the season they held top spot longer than any other team along with beating Westfield in the FA Youth Cup and Hartley Wintney in the Surrey Cup.

At the end of that successful season we decided to challenge the boys by putting them in to the Combined Counties U23 Development Division with almost every player playing 6 years out of his age group. By the end of September many of the boys had featured in the Walton & Hersham first team including appearances in the FA Vase and FA Cup.

As the season progressed the players were recognised by other clubs as being ready for first team football including Marc's son Dennis. Dennis signed for CB Hounslow where he has been an ever present corner stone of their defence since. This left Marc Gorman with no choice but to continue his excellent coaching career with CB Hounslow where he would work with his son Dennis along with the exceptional talents of Luke Dunn and Wayne Ridgeley that followed him to secure regular 1st team football.

Danny James and Roy Welch took over the reins for the remainder of the season with the message of "you only leave this team for better football or to better your education".

At Christmas the management team told 7 very talented players that 2019 was the year they needed to focus on their A Levels as they look to secure a place at University next season. Some listened and duly left and some feature today.

In the New Year we recruited mates of mates to build a squad with an unquestionable team spirit and tenacity.

Despite hardly training together along the way we have beaten more established teams with our work rate and desire to reach this final today. This will be our final game together as a squad but Danny and Roy will work tirelessly over the summer to secure a home for as many of these players as possible.

Danny and Roy would like to thank the parents along with Mervyn Rees and John Crawford for their ongoing support this season.



A Little bit about your match officials today:

Referee: Karl Parker, 24, Level 4 Referee

I started refereeing when I was 17, registered back in Sheffield in June 2012, and have been doing it now for 7 seasons consecutively. I spent 3 years at Level 7 back in back home in Sheffield but pursued it more avidly when I moved down South 4 years ago. I've spent 4 seasons on the Combined Counties now, 3 as a referee and 4 as an assistant and have been recently promoted to Level 4.

Outside officiating, I work as an IT Support Administrator, I'm a passionate Sheffield United fan and like to spend free days going for walks around Surrey.

I'd like to give a massive thank you to everyone who's helped me over the years to get me to where I am, including friends, family, colleagues, club officials and many, many more.

Assistant: Gary Taylor

Age 54

Married to Tina

4 children

8 grandchildren

Level 6 referee

This is my 23rd season as a referee

And I'm delighted to be appointed to this u18 final

Assistant: Ken Murray

from Morden Surrey

Affiliated to the Surrey F A

Member of The Kingston and District Referees Association

Originally officiated on the Southern Youth League until amalgamation into the Combined Counties

4th Official: Anthony Del Maschio

I have been a Surrey referee for over twenty years, I'am looking forward to the final, hopefully it will be enjoyable day for everyone, and this will make a perfect end to my season.

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JOHN BENNETT DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

CASE STUDY COBHAM FC U23'S

Why did the club do it?



After significant effort to rebuild the facilities and infrastructure at Cobham FC, engage with the local community and gain promotion into the CCL Premier Division, we sat down in May 2017 to discuss a pathway for our youth players into Senior football. Most of our committee had experienced playing Senior football from the age of 16+ and typically starting off in Reserve teams. This had mostly

been a positive first experience, however it was not necessarily successful for our development. Typically, reserve players were made up of older players coming down rather than young blood going up. So, we liked the idea that CCL U23's would only allow 4 over age players on the team sheet, who could then pass on their experience to the next generation. We were also acutely aware that young players need to play and not sit on the 1st team bench, so the U23's gave us the opportunity to give them game time and a reason to continue their development at the club.

The FA stats tell us that the number of 16-18-year olds who drop out of football is extremely high. Academies have helped to keep some players in further education, fit and healthy and to pursue their football dreams, yet not every player wants to go down this route. Probably like your own club you have witnessed youth players with great ability, gradually slip away from football and spend more time on other pursuits that



teenagers like to do! At Cobham FC, we were very keen to keep our local players engaged in football, be part of the club, and on a pathway to achieve more from the game and for themselves.

Were we ready as a club for U23's?

Like most clubs at our level we get plenty of young players looking to break into Senior football and climb up the football ladder. We also knew we had

players of ability amongst our U16's who could progress with the right coaching and mentoring, together with the current young players in our 1st team

squad, who needed more game time. During the 2017-

18 season the U16's trained at the same time and alongside the 1st Team, so they could watch and be closer to the Senior set up, and for our 1st Team to see how our next generation were developing. Towards the end of the season we did one or two training sessions together to make both squads more familiar with each other.

As well as the Manager and Assistant Manager, we also secured match evening volunteers in advance. We needed someone to run the clubhouse, take money at the gate and help-out with the match admin. Just like your 1st Team, you will need a team of people around you on match evenings to help-out.

"For me, having been at the club for nearly 10 years as a player, committee member, Junior Manager and Men's First Team Manager, the whole club ethos and engagement with the community is very important. Creating the pathway from Junior football for our local families into Senior football is an obvious way of creating a one club link. We invest in our young players as part of the future sustainability of the club and leaping from U16 to U23 football has been a fantastic way of encouraging development. Many of our U16's from last year have enjoyed First Team action this season and have had a great year in terms of results and development in the U23's readying them for Senior football. I also know these players will have the same values and playing ethos running through the club"

Sam Merison,
Cobham FC 1st Team Manager

How did our players and parents react to U23's?

We did not have an U18 team at the time and so it was a bold decision to bring our U16's into the U23's. During the membership and registration process we made it transparent to U16 parents and players what our intentions were at Cobham FC, and that we were here to offer players a pathway to Senior foot-

ball. By the end of January 2017 and having had time for our Senior coaches to assess the U16's ability and team performance, we were confident our players could progress and indicated to players and parents that we were thinking of moving to U21's or U23's the following season. This gave players and parents time to digest, ask questions and consider what they wanted to do going forward.

In March 2017 we then called a meeting with our players and parents and told them about our plans to register an U23 team in the CCL. It was a decision not taken lightly, and it required our players and parents to trust in the Cobham management and to believe in the decision. From the eighteen players we had registered in the U16's, all but three came pre-season training the following season.

What learnings can we pass on?

- ☞ Make sure every player and parent know your club policy and pathway to Senior football.
- ☞ Assess your U16-18's ability, desire and dedication throughout the season and
- ☞ engage them and their parents with your plans in advance.
- ☞ Make sure you have volunteers in place to help for match evenings.
- ☞ Have a unified approach between the Men's 1st Team and U23's. Our squads did preseason together, travelled and played friendlies together, and trained as one group throughout the entire season.
- ☞ Does your U16-U18's need to be playing Premier Elite? From our experience the answer is no. Our U16's finished runners up the SYL Premier Division and we have boys in our latest U16's playing in a lower division. Some of whom can progress should they wish. Professional coaches will be able to spot ability and potential.
- ☞ Remember you still have a care of duty and no young player should be training or playing with senior players unless you are 100% satisfied, they can benefit from the experience.

Our success to date

For some players U23's can provide up to 5-years development programme, so immediate suc-

cess is not the way to measure success. What we can say so far is that our young players belief and confidence has grown significantly in twelve months. The squad has developed a very good understanding of how we play tactically and a good understanding between players. They have a respect for our senior players and are no longer intimidated training and playing with adults. Our 1st

*"The progression in the players over the course of the season has been clear for all to see. This invaluable experience for the lads has delivered a win-win for both players and club".
Peter Doherty Cobham FC U23's Manager*

"Positive for me, it's a big jump up from U16's, but you learn a considerable amount in a short space of time". Player U23's Squad

Team have really embraced the younger players and avoided a "Them and Us" scenario, so most of the credit

must go to them.

Of the fifteen U16's that came to pre-season, ten made it into the U23's squad, and four have already played league games for the Men's 1st Team this season. Our older players (18-23yrs), have forged relationships with the younger players and taken responsibility to set an example and to lead them on match days. As for results, as of 21st April 2019, Cobham U23's is second in the John Bennett Development League, and in the Final of the League Cup. They also put in an outstanding performance away to Sutton Utd in the Quarter Final of the U21 County Cup, losing 2-0.

Written By: Mark Cornish

Committee Member and U23's Assistant Manager

Cobham Football Club

"As a parent with a son transitioning to men's football, I have found U23 football to be an excellent introduction to the senior game with good pitches and facilities and an emphasis on technique and a passing game. Our young team have taken great strides over the course of this season as they have built confidence and experience from playing at this level".

League Standings

JOHN BENNETT UNDER 23 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 2018-2019

POS	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Sutton Common Rovers U23	10	8	0	2	25	4	21	24
2	Cobham U23	10	6	2	2	14	7	7	20
3	Chessington & Hook United U23	10	4	1	5	21	23	-2	13
4	Walton Casuals U23	10	3	3	4	20	31	-11	12
5	AFC Croydon Athletic U23	10	3	1	6	15	23	-8	10
6	Walton & Hersham U23	10	2	1	7	18	25	-7	7

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TONY FORD UNDER 18 YOUTH DIVISION (North) 2018-2019

POS	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Balham U18	13	11	0	2	40	12	28	33
2	Conquest U18	10	8	0	2	50	11	39	27 *
3	Manorcroft United	11	6	2	3	25	24	1	26 *
4	Chessington & Hook United U18	14	8	0	6	41	34	7	24
5	Spelthorne Sports U18	12	3	2	7	19	33	-14	17 *
6	AFC Croydon Athletic U18	10	5	1	4	26	23	3	16
7	Godalming Town U18	14	3	0	11	18	43	-25	9
8	Sutton Common Rovers U18	12	1	1	10	13	52	-39	4

TONY FORD UNDER 18 YOUTH DIVISION (South) 2018-2019

POS	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Loxwood U18	16	14	0	2	70	18	52	42
2	Holmesdale U18	15	12	1	2	65	26	39	37
3	Cranleigh Youth U18	16	10	3	3	46	12	34	33
4	Merstham U18	15	9	0	6	57	32	25	27
5	Redhill U18	16	8	1	7	34	28	6	25
6	Lingfield U18	16	5	1	10	24	48	-24	16
7	Leatherhead Youth U18	15	3	2	10	21	54	-33	11
8	Crowborough Athletic U18	15	3	1	11	16	54	-38	10
9	Horley Town U18	14	0	1	13	13	74	-61	4 *

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOXWOOD FOR WINNING THE LEAGUE

(as at 12/05/2019)

* adjustment made

CHERTSEY TOWN FC

The road to Wembley

It took Chertsey Town 840 minutes of football in nine ties, plus a semi-final penalty shoot-out to win themselves a game in North West London! The long journey was made even lengthier in terms of miles as it involved two trips to Cheshire, and another to County Durham on the way. Combined, their ties must have generated the greatest distance than any other for, even when at home, opponent St Austell in Round Four was no local derby!



As can often occur, the early rounds for the Curfews were some of the more problematical, with Step 6 Woodley United leading before succumbing to a late goal. It was a stoppage time winner from nowhere at Tadley Calleva that gave progression to the competition proper. Comfortable wins over Flackwell Heath (6-1), Horndean (2-0), Redbridge (5-0) and St Austell (5-0) set up the fifth Round tie at Irlam, near Manchester.

Foul weather thwarted the first attempt to play but the following Saturday saw a relatively comfortable 2-0 win, with a goal scored in each half. The Gods were not with Chertsey Town as they were next required to travel to the north east, and to top it all, enter the lair of the then competition's favourites and last remaining Northern League side West Auckland Town.

The Northern league have dominated the FA Vase for many a season, but not this time! Two early Chertsey goals dampened their opponents challenge, despite a second half rally by the home side. The semi-final was also beset with weather problems. It was not snow this time but the strongest storm seen in decades that threw plans into havoc and delayed the two legged tie by one week. This also hit Chertsey Town's domestic programme of matches with games piling up all over the place.

Chertsey's away journey to Northwich Victoria, just a few miles away from their excursion conducted two rounds earlier, was their biggest challenge. In a windswept exchange, Chertsey took first half lead that was pegged back in the second. Seven days later, a similar tight contest took place, this time with no goals scored in the 120 minutes of open play. Five well placed 'penalty' kicks were despatched by the CCL side but the northerners missed their second, to create a 5-3 advantage and passage through to the final.

It is still hard for Chertsey Town fans to realise that their side will actually be there on the day. Linking the titles, Wembley Stadium and Chertsey Town, together will only become a reality when the blue and white stripes are seen striding on to the famous turf with just Cray Valley (PM) being the last barrier between them and lifting the biggest prize in the club's 129 year history.

Here are 12 interesting and bizarre facts about the FA Cup competition:

1. Spurs is the only non-league team to have won the FA Cup. They won it in 1901, and then 60 years later they became the first team to win the league and cup double.
2. The highest score line in the final is 6-0, when Derby County was beaten by Bury in 1903.
3. The longest FA Cup tie lasted five games. This incredibly long game was finally ended when Bury beat Stoke in the 4th replay in 1954. Talk about exhausting!
4. Leicester City has reached the final four times. Of those four times, none of them resulted in victory. Now they look like winning their first Premier League title.
5. The fastest goal scored in the FA Cup final was 42 seconds. This amazing goal was scored by Roberto Di Matteo, who played for Chelsea, and later managed them to a Champions League title.
6. The first player to be sent off in the FA Cup final was Kevin Moran of Manchester United in 1985 in the match against Everton.
7. Arsenal has lost 6-0 three times in the FA Cup. The first was against Sunderland in 1883, the second against Derby in 1889, and the third against West Ham in 1946.
8. West Brom was the first team to win the FA Cup with a completely English-born team in 1888.
9. Blackburn had an amazing run of 24 consecutive games in which they were undefeated during the FA Cup between the years 1884 and 1886.
10. Ashley Cole holds 7 winner's medals. No one else has previously won so many for himself before.
11. In 1990 the three semi-final matches had a total of 16 goals. The goals were scored by 16 different players, which is really quite bizarre.
12. In 1946 and 1947 the ball actually burst in both finals, something which has not occurred since. This is likely due to the poor materials used to make the balls in post-war-time Britain and the lack of back-up balls we have today.

TODAY'S SQUADS

18th May 2019

U18 Grant McLellan Youth Cup

Hanworth Villa (Red / Black)

Harry Cawdron
Declan Skura
Tahir Carmichael
Bryant Akono-Bilongo
Harrison Duff
Alexander Ficur
Teo Kurtaran
Connor Manning
Finley Warren
Rocco Poelzlbauer
Nathan Claxton
Tumelo Makobe-Mabuse
Jack Amitaga
Shaun Joash
Tom Hooper
Scott Walker
Qasim Khan
Kevin Nyarko
Hassan (Kevin) Habimana

Manager— Nigel James
Assistant Manager—Cecil Nyako

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Walton & Hershaw (all white)

Zack Basey
Seb Collins
Harry Wilkinson
Maverick Gore
Ethan May
Sami Davies
Jack Smith
Jack Appleby
Jack Stanborough
Jay Hawkins
Luke Joseph
Archie Watts
Dylan Bryant
Cameron Beglarbegi
Joel Fagan
Aaron Hunt

Management Team

Danny James
Roy Welch
Frank Nkonyama

Today's Match Officials:

Referee: Karl Parker
Assistants: Gary Taylor
Ken Murray
4th Official Anthony Del Maschio