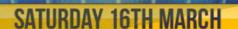
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Welcome To Burroughs Park

Good afternoon and welcome to Burroughs Park for today's Bostik North match between Great Wakering Rovers and Soham Town Rangers.

We would like to wish our visiting players, Management, Committee Members and Supporters a very warm welcome and hope they enjoy the facilities on offer.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials visiting us this today. In the middle we are pleased to have Luke Donaldson and his Assistants David Moreno-Rojas and Remi Olopade. we hope you enjoy your short stay with us.

Rovers come into today's game knowing it's a must win game for both teams, we are both 9 points from the bottom 2 with 30 points each and the same goal difference.

Let's hope today Rovers can pick up a much-needed win and that it's a great game of football.

Again, we hope you enjoy the programme and if there is something you think is missing or would like to see please drop me an email on danielellis@hotmail.co.uk

Hope you Enjoy the game.

Dan Ellis Club Secretary



Last Weekends Round Up In The Bostik North

By Ian Townsend

North Division

North Division leaders Bowers & Pitsea started the day with a nine point gap between them and second place Maldon & Tiptree, and they took only ten minutes to go ahead against Brentwood Town, Jamie Dicks scoring the goal. David Knight gave them a two goal cushion from the spot only eight minutes later, and by half time each of the two scorers had a second, as Bowers went in four goals ahead at the break. Lewis Manor made it five soon after the restart, and four minutes from time Fahad Nyanja made it six.

The Jammers had also made a positive start. Tilbury has become a difficult place to go and win, but Jack Cawley gave his side the best possible chance of three points when he put them ahead after eight minutes. They couldn't hold that lead, however, Lewis Smith equalising from the spot twelve minutes before the break, and it got worse after the interval, George Sykes putting the hosts ahead- but the Jammers still had time to bounce back, Eddie-Louis Dsane equalising fourteen minutes from time, and then Olu Coker scoring a last-gasp winner.

Coggeshall Town started the day eleven points clear of Bury Town in the final playoff place, and given they were taking on Bury had the chance to make the gap larger still. It was a chance they took, Conor Hubble and Nnamdi Nwachuku putting them ahead before the break, and although Ollie Hughes got a goal back the Seed Growers held on to victory. Heybridge Swifts, in fourth, were held to a goalless draw at home to Great Wakering Rovers.

Dereham Town had seen their winning run come to an end with two defeats, but they started on the front foot as Grays Athletic came to call. Adam Hipperson put them ahead from the spot after eight minutes, but the visitors were level by the break, Correy Davidson with the equaliser for Jim Cooper's side. The Magpies took the lead once more through David Hinton soon after the restart, but Jim Cooper's charges equalised through Aron Gordon four minutes from time.

Another early goal came at AFC Sudbury, Reece Harris putting the yellows ahead with only ten minutes on the clock against Canvey Island. Liam Bennett made it two six minutes before half time, and when Harris got his second twelve minutes after the restart it was game over for Canvey.

Barking headed to Soham Town Rangers buoyed by the news that they had a thirty year lease on Mayesbrook Park and plans to lay a 3G pitch in the summer, and it was good news on the pitch too, Nana Boakye-Yiadom and new signing Alex Teniola giving them a two-nil lead. Soham weren't about to lie down, and Lewis Clayton got one back in the 53rd minute, but that was all the home side could manage.

In a relegation battle Ayo Olukoga gave Romford a first half lead at home to Mildenhall Town, only for Stuart Zanone to equalise after the break- but Boro gave themselves hope with a winner five minutes from time, George Woodward with it. Both sides now have twenty one points, eight behind third bottom Witham Town who lost 3-1 at third place Aveley last night.

Felixstowe and Walton United moved up to eighth with a last minute winner over Basildon United, Josh Kerridge finding the net.

Last time out for the Rovers

Heybridge Swifts Vs GW Rovers

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On Saturday afternoon Great Wakering Rovers played out there first goalless game of the season when they were held by high flying Heybridge Swifts.

The first forty five minutes were a tight affair, with possession toing and froing between the two sides but neither team could manage a decent chance on goal, Rovers probably the happiest to go into the break goalless.

Half time Heybridge Swifts 0 Great Wakering Rovers 0

Rovers started the second half brightly and should have taken the lead when striker Shomari Barnwell found himself five yards out with only the keeper to beat however he couldn't quite get the shot away and Heybridge cleared the ball up field.

The second forty five saw more chances than the first half with Heybridge hitting the bar, but the Rovers defence were solid and defended gallantly every time Heybridge attacked.

Manager Stephen Butterworth could see that the game was winnable and made attacking substitutions bringing on Matthew Rush and Tony Martin to freshen up the forward line and it nearly paid dividends when in the last few minutes Rush found himself with space in the box but his well hit strike was tipped on to the cross bar by Heybridge stopper Chris Haigh. In the end both teams settled for a point a piece and these could be imperative come the end of the season at both ends of the table.



Sports Quiz 4

- 1, What is the most watched sporting event in the history of British television?
- 2, Where were the 1998 Winter Olympics held?
- 3, What dose NHL stand for?
- 4, What nationality is former Formula 1 World Champion Mika Hakkinen?
- 5, Which Italian footbal club bought David Platt for £5.5 million?
- 6, By 2010, which country had won the most FIFA World Cup Finals?
- 7, In poker, which hand is more valuable, a flush or a full house?
- 8, Which snooker player is nicknamed The Whirlwind?
- 9, Which fottball player was the captain of the England team after Martin Keown?
- 10, What is the name of the annual nine-ball pool tournament between Europe and the USA?



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Soham Town Rangers A Brief History

Soham Town Rangers were formed in 1947 as a result of a merger between Soham Rangers (Formed 1919) and Soham Town (Formed 1920). The Julius Martin Lane ground, which at the time was the home of Soham Town, is still the home of the club today, after it was purchased in 1952. The new club started life in the Cambs League, also running a Reserve team. In 1956, they joined the Peterborough League where they were to remain until 1963. During their time there, they won the league and the league cup on three separate occasions. A measure of the level of support enjoyed by non-league clubs in those days was the fact that on their first home game of the season, on August 22nd 1956, a local derby against near neighbours Ely City, over 500 match day programmes were sold - Unfortunately, the 6-2 drubbing for the hosts took the shine off the day. The club joined the Eastern Counties League in 1963, and remained there until 2008.

During this time, considerable ground development has taken place - The social club was built in 1968,

new dressing rooms and showers were erected in 1979, along with a grandstand extension. In 1981, a lounge bar extension was added to the social club. Floodlights were erected in 1983, and were inaugurated by the visit of an Arsenal XI in front of 1200 spectators. A new grandstand eventually replaced the original wooden structure at the beginning of the 1990's, whilst various other developments have taken place in order to qualify the club to compete at step four in the non-league pyramid. Soham enjoyed considerable success in the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup during the 1990's, winning it on three separate occasions, including for the first time in their history in 1991 defeating March Town United, before repeating the feat again in 1998 and 1999 against Wisbech Town and Newmarket Town respectively. The Greens were also the first winners of the Eastern Counties Millennium League Cup, when they defeated Diss Town on penalties in the final in 2001. The 2007-08 season was to be the clubs most successful season to date winning the Eastern Counties Premier Division for the first time, beating

nearest challengers Needham Market 4-0 on the final day of the season to clinch the title in front of 680 spectators at the Lane, and with it promotion to the Southern League for the first time in their history. In the first three seasons in the #Southern League, Soham recorded finishes of 15th, 11th and 17th. At the end of the 2010-11 campaign, Ian Benjamin, who had been at the club for six seasons and was in charge of the 2008 title winning side, stepped down from his position as 1st Team Manager.

Soham transferred to the Isthmian League Division One North for the 2011/12 season with former striker Andrew Furnell returning to take over as Player/Manager. However with the Greens languishing near the foot of the table, Furnell was replaced by former Histon Managers Steve Fallon and Ian Hart in March, with the club finishing the season fourth from bottom. It was a successful campaign for the club's other sides though, with the Reserves returning to the Kershaw Premier Division after finishing as runners-up in Cambs Senior A, whilst the Under 18s progressed to the 1st round of the FA Youth Cup, where they were beaten by Charlton Athletic in front of a crowd of over 500 people at the Lane.

The 2012/13 season saw Soham record their highest ever League position, finishing seventh in the Isthmian League North Division, five

points outside the play-offs. Soham won the Cambs Invitation Cup for the fifth time in their history in 2014 beating CRC 6-1 at the Abbey Stadium, but were unable to retain the trophy the following season, narrowly losing 2-1 to Cambridge City in the final.

Soham did finish the season with an accolade though, winning the Isthmian League Respect award for the second consecutive year having gone through the season having not collected any dissent points, which saw the club commended in the end of season FA Respect and Fair Play awards.

Following a difficult start to the 2015/16 campaign, Steve Fallon stepped down as Manager at the start of October to be replaced by senior players Robbie Nightingale and David Theobald, who eventually guided the Greens to seventeenth position before leaving to take over at Cambridge City in December 2016. Rob Mason was appointed player/manager, and following a difficult start, finished the season seven games unbeaten, with the Greens securing their League survival on the final day of the campaign with a 4-3 home win against Maldon and Tiptree, with two goals in the final five minutes, to finish four places above the drop-zone, before finishing thirteenth last season in his first full campaign in charge.



Meet the Soham Town Players players

RYAN AUGER

Midfielder that returned to Soham at the start of the season from Bedford Town, having previously had two loan spells with the club in 2012 from Southend United, where he progressed from the youth academy to play in the Football League, prior to having spells with Bishop Stortford, Histon and Cambridge City.

MICHAEL BAULK

Attacking midfielder that joined Soham on dual registration from Royston Town in September.

LEE CHAFFEY

Club captain. Experienced defender that joined Soham in October 2017 from St Ives Town, having previously played over 650 games for Cambridge City.

LEWIS CLAYTON

Midfielder that returned to Soham in February after relocating back to the area from Wales, where he had been playing for Conwy Borough. Originally joined the Greens at the beginning of the 2017/18 season from Histon having previously also played for St Ives Town.

ALFIE CONNOR

Midfielder that joined Soham in September 2017 from Kettering Town having left Peterborough United at the end of previous season.

ALLY CONWAY

Attacking midfielder that joined Soham from Newmarket Town at the start of last season having previously been with Cambridge United Youth.

JOSH DAWKIN

Attacking midfielder that signed for Soham in February from St Ives Town after nearly two years out following a serious leg injury. Started his career at Norwich City before spells with Braintree Town, Lowestoft Town, Cambridge City, Dunstable Town, Biggleswade Town and St Neots Town.

LEWIS ENDACOTT

Versatile defender or midfielder that signed for Soham in October 2016 from Welwyn Garden City, who he joined from Royston Town at the beginning of that season.

CRAIG FOXALL

Keeper that signed for Soham on loan from Cambridge United in February, where he is a member of their U18's squad. Had a similar loan spell with the club last season, as well as Histon.

WILL GARDNER

Left sided full back that signed for Soham at the start of the 2016 season from Bury Town, having previously played for Haverhill Rovers and represented Suffolk U18s.

LLOYD GROVES

Defender that returned to the Lane at the start of the season on dual registration from St Ives Town. Previously played for the club during the 2016/17 season, scoring a late winner on the final day of the season as the club escaped relegation. Also played for Newmarket Town and Great Shelford.

MARCUS HALL

Versatile midfielder or attacker that joined Soham at the start of the 2014 season from Great Shelford. Also had a spell with Histon.

JON KAYE

Midfielder that joined Soham in January 2017 from Cambridge City, where he was a former captain and player of the year. Also played for St Neots Town, having started his career at Yeovil.

MARK LOVELL

Striker that signed for Soham in February in February from Haverhill Rovers having previously played for West Wratting.

JACK MOCHALSKI

Versatile defender that joined the club in January 2017, having previously played for Barkingside and Great Wakering Rovers.

SAM MULREADY

Striker that re-joined Soham in February 2018 from Corby Town, having finished the previous season with the Greens. Started his career at Grimsby Town before going on to have spells with Gainsborough Trinity, Brigg Town, Boston United, Kings Lynn Town, Stamford and St Neots Town.

JOSH POPE

Keeper who joined the club at the start of last season from neighbours Mildenhall Town, having played over 500 games. Last season's player of the year and older brother to England international keeper Nick.

CALLUM RUSSELL

Versatile player that has played in every position for the club. Made a scoring debut for the 1st Team in April 2015, having progressed up from the U18s and Reserves.

PHIL TURNER

Defender that progressed up to the 1st Team at the start of the season through the club's youth teams and Reserves. Had loan spells with Haverhill Borough and Lakenheath.

Meet The Management

ROB MASON (Player/Manager)
Re-joined Soham at the start of the 2016
season from Royston Town for his third spell
with the club, having also played for Ely
City, Sawston United and Cambridge City.
Appointed player/manager in December 2016
following the departure of previous managers
Robbie Nightingale and David Theobald to
Cambridge City.

ERKAN OKAY (Player/Assistant Manager) Experienced midfielder who arrived at Soham as Rob Mason's assistant at the beginning of last season from AFC Sudbury. Started his career with Ipswich Town Academy before spells with Histon, Chelmsford City, Lowestoft Town, Royston Town and Cambridge City, whilst also representing England C.

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The FA Cup was Born On This Day In 1872



The 1872 FA Cup Final was a football match between Wanderers and Royal Engineers on 16 March 1872 at Kennington Oval in London. It was the final of the first staging of the Football Association Challenge Cup (known in the modern era as the FA Cup), which became the primary cup competition in English football and the oldest football competition in the world. Fifteen teams entered the competition in its first season and, due to the rules in place at the time, Wanderers reached the final having won only one match in the four preceding rounds. In the semi-finals, they drew with the Scottish club Queen's Park, but reached the final when

the Scots withdrew from the competition as they could not afford to return to London for a replay.

The final was decided by a single goal, scored after fifteen minutes by Morton Betts of Wanderers, who was playing under the pseudonym "A.H. Chequer". The Engineers were praised for their innovative use of passing, then referred to as the "Combination Game", at a time when most teams relied almost solely on dribbling tactics. Despite this they could not manage to score a goal. The winning Wanderers team did not receive the trophy until the following month, when it was presented to them at a special reception at the Pall Mall Restaurant.



As was common at the time, both teams focused mainly on attack rather than defence, the Engineers lining up with seven forwards and Wanderers with eight. Wanderers forward Morton Betts played under the pseudonym "A. H. Chequer", derived from his membership of the Harrow Chequers club. Some sources state that he played under an assumed name to disguise the fact that he was cup-tied, having been a registered player of the Chequers club at the start of the competition and therefore ineligible to play for another club in that season's cup. This, however, is unlikely to be true, as in the early amateur era of football players were not required to be formally registered with clubs. Cuthbert Ottaway, a future captain of the England national team, played for two different clubs in consecutive rounds of the 1871–72 FA Cup without incident. Wanderers captain C. W. Alcock won the coin toss and chose to defend the Harleyford Road end of the ground, meaning that the Engineers, who were considered the favourites at the start of play, initially had the sun and wind in their faces. Early in the game, Edmund Creswell of the Royal Engineers suffered a broken collar bone in a melee. He refused to leave the pitch but due to his injury was forced to spend the remainder of the match as a "passenger" on the wing. Wanderers' tactics centred on the dribbling skills of individual players, while the Engineers favoured passing the ball, a style then known as the "Combination Game" and considered innovative, of which they were leading exponents.

Wanderers took the lead fifteen minutes into the game when Betts opened the scoring from an acute angle after Robert Vidal's long dribble. Under the rules in use at the time, the teams changed ends after each goal, but the Engineers were unable to take advantage of the fact that the sun and wind were now behind them, and the Wanderers players remained dominant. After twenty minutes Alcock put the ball past the Engineers' goalkeeper, William Merriman, but the goal was disallowed because Charles Wollaston had handled the ball. Wanderers continued to exert further pressure on the Engineers' goal and only Merriman's skill was able to prevent them from increasing their lead. One newspaper later described his performance as "perfect". Despite a late rally from the Engineers, Wanderers were able to hold on to their lead and the game ended in a 1–0 victory. Newspaper The Field called the final "the fastest and hardest match that has ever been seen at The Oval" and said that the Wanderers displayed "some of the best play, individually and collectively, that has ever been shown in an Association game".



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Hugo Varley

I recently caught up with Stockport County's Jim Gannon to discuss his side's superb run of form of late.

League affairs and the Hatters' outstanding run of late had to be discussed; the small matter of an unbeaten 16-game charge that had seen Gannon's side march from mid-table to the summit of National North before last weekend's 1-0 defeat at Brackley Town (that was always going to happen once I chose to write this column on how 'great' they have been).

But putting last Saturday's result aside against another side who have hit form at the right time, winning often becomes a habit.

In County's case, Gannon claimed there was a combination of factors: the club, which is still part-time, has added an extra day of training to get the very best out of the squad; they have been fortunate with injuries; and the players brought in have gelled quickly. Meanwhile, old-fashioned hard work has been the garnish to these chief ingredients.

But while the Hatters punch away at the top of one table, it is another which they are rooted to the foot of that may well have had the most positive bearing on their season as they prop up the rest in the disciplinary charts.

Before last weekend, Gannon's side had received just 33 yellow cards with only one dismissal from their 33 games. And this is no one-off; last year Stockport were awarded this newspaper's award for Fair Play, and Gannon spoke then of the need to maintain standards on the pitch because eventually it will have a positive effect.

They didn't receive one red card last season, an astonishing achievement in a league as full-blooded as the National North.

Of course, the good behaviour doesn't always reap rewards; table-topping Chorley are working towards mediocrity when it comes to their disciplinary record this season. But Stockport, along with the side that beat them on Saturday, Brackley, are streets ahead when it comes to keeping players away from the headmaster's office.

We all love a good tackle and the blood and thunder of this game, but the days of Billy Bremner kicking players for fun are long gone. Good behaviour brings its rewards, and there is something to be said for clubs that leave a lasting and positive mark on you, rather than on opposing players.



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North Division

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#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Adj	Recent Form
1.	Bowers & Pitsea	30	12	3	0	11	2	2	23	5	2	69	19	50	74	0	w w w w
2.	Maldon & Tiptree	30	8	2	5	12	3	0	20	5	5	65	32	33	65	0	w w w u
3.	Aveley	30	9	4	2	9	3	3	18	7	5	60	40	20	61	0	W W D D L
4.	Heybridge Swifts	30	11	3	1	8	1	6	19	4	7	55	37	18	61	0	D W W D
5.	Coggeshall Town	29	8	4	2	9	3	3	17	7	5	57	30	27	58	0	w w w w
6.	AFC Sudbury	30	7	2	6	7	2	6	14	4	12	61	49	12	46	0	W L W W L
7.	Bury Town	30	8	3	4	4	5	6	12	8	10	54	46	8	44	0	L D D W W
8.	Felixstowe & Walton United	30	7	4	4	4	3	8	11	7	12	46	51	-5	40	0	W D D D L
9.	Tilbury	30	6	3	6	4	6	5	10	9	11	49	46	3	39	0	L D D W D
10.	Barking	30	8	0	7	3	6	6	11	6	13	40	39	1	39	0	W W L D W
11.	Grays Athletic	30	5	5	5	5	4	6	10	9	11	48	51	-3	39	0	D D D W D
12.	Canvey Island	30	5	2	8	6	3	6	11	5	14	37	39	-2	38	0	L L W L L
13.	Brentwood Town	29	7	4	4	3	3	8	10	7	12	55	53	2	37	0	L W W W L
14.	Basildon United	30	5	2	8	4	4	7	9	6	15	31	56	-25	33	0	L L L D L
15.	Great Wakering Rovers	30	7	4	4	1	2	12	8	6	16	42	58	-16	30	0	D L L L L
16.	Soham Town Rangers	30	4	2	9	5	1	9	9	3	18	34	50	-16	30	0	L W L L D
17.	Dereham Town	30	5	2	8	4	3	8	9	5	16	49	67	-18	29	-3	D L L W W
18.	Witham Town	30	4	4	7	4	1	10	8	5	17	29	53	-24	29	0	L L L W L
19.	Mildenhall Town	30	3	5	7	1	4	10	4	9	17	37	65	-28	21	0	L L L D D
20.	Romford	30	6	2	7	0	1	14	6	3	21	29	66	-37	21	0	W L L L L

Last Weeks Results In The North

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FT	AFC Sudbury	(2)	3	0	(0)	Canvey Island
FT	Bowers & Pitsea	(4)	6	0	(0)	Brentwood Town
FT	Coggeshall Town	(2)	2	1	(0)	Bury Town
FT	Dereham Town	(1)	2	2	(1)	Grays Athletic
FT	Felixstowe & Walton United	(0)	1	0	(0)	Basildon United
FT	Heybridge Swifts	(0)	0	0	(0)	Great Wakering Rovers
FT	Romford	(1)	2	1	(0)	Mildenhall Town
FT	Soham Town Rangers	(0)	1	2	(2)	Barking \blacksquare

Today In The North

G	Saturday 16th	ı N	March 2019
3pm	Barking	v	Heybridge Swifts
3pm	Basildon United	V	Romford
3pm	Brentwood Town	v	Aveley
3pm	Bury Town	V	Bowers & Pitsea
3pm	Canvey Island	v	Dereham Town
3pm	Grays Athletic	v	AFC Sudbury
3pm	Great Wakering Rovers	v	Soham Town Rangers
3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	V	Coggeshall Town
3pm	Mildenhall Town	V	Tilbury
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Quiz Answers

1, The 1966 World Cup, 2, Calgary, Canada, 3, National Hockey League, 4, Finnish 5, Bari, 6, Brazil, 7, Full House, 8, Jimmy White 9, David Beckham, 10, The Mosconi Cup



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Soham Town Rangers

Manager Rob Mason

Craig Foxall Josh Pope Ryan Auger Michael Baulk Lee Chaffey Lewis Clayton Alfie Connor Ally Conway Josh Dawkin **Lewis Endacott** Will Gardner Lloyd Groves Jon Kaye Mark Lovell Jack Mochalski Sam Mulready Erkan Okay Callum Russell

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Vs Coggeshall Town FC
Saturday 30th March 3pm