

BARKING v BOWERS & PITSEA 21/01/2012

PRESS OFFICER'S NOTES

Good afternoon ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys. Today, thanks to the hard work, dedication and generosity both in time and money of the people who voluntarily keep the club going we are able to continue in our 132nd season, our third century and our sixth season in the Essex Senior League.

We are happy to welcome the players, supporters and officials of Bowers and Pitsea for our 17th meeting, the first having been on 27/8/1994 when we won an away FA Cup match 4-1.

We also welcome of course our own supporters, any uncommitted visitors and those most important people the referee and assistants, without whom we would have no game. We hope that you enjoy your visit and that we all have a safe journey home. We would also like to welcome anybody who is making a first visit and we hope that you enjoy the game and the friendly atmosphere and that you will return.

We extend a special welcome back to our former player Frankie Williams, who recently joined Bowers & Pitsea and may be in their squad today.

LADIES REACH ESSEX SEMI FINAL

We have reached the semi final of the Essex F A Women's Cup by beating Beacon Hill Rovers 7-0 and Clacton 4-0. The other semi finalists are Colchester United, West Ham United and Braintree Town or C & K Basildon and on February 19th we will be at home in our semi final to Colchester United who beat Brentwood Town 13-0 in their quarter final.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments can be obtained before the game and at half time from the boardroom window, where Maureen Debenham and her indefatigable assistants will be eagerly waiting to serve you, and also at our clubhouse, where Debbie O'Brien is in charge and Gilly will be happy to serve you. Service in the clubhouse continues after the game and affords an opportunity to meet and mingle with the players.

TODAY'S GAME

Is in the Essex Senior League Premier Division. We are currently eighth and Bowers & Pitsea are 17th. A Bowers victory could take them up two places, subject to other results, while a home victory could, in theory; take us up to sixth although this would require us to win by eight goals to overcome Barkingside's goal difference advantage. Barkingside do not play today but our advancement would also require the defeat of Burnham Ramblers at Witham

Town.

We have been as high as second this season and for a few glorious minutes we were unofficially top. We have of course finished much higher in the pyramid in previous seasons, our highest being top of the Isthmian League Premier Division in 1978/9.

This is the paragraph that any superstitious Barking supporters should read with their eyes closed as I can reveal that we have played Bowers at home seven times and have won five and only lost two and we have won our two most recent meetings. As always when accused by superstitious folk of prejudicing our chances by mentioning these results, my reply is that, while interesting, previous results have no effect on today's game and if I had any influence over our results we would win every game.

This is our second meeting this season, having won the away game 3-0 in October. Last season we won 1-0 away and lost 2-1 at home.

OUR VISITORS

Bowers & Pitsea FC, formerly known as Bowers United, was founded in 1946 and previously played in the Thurrock & Thameside Combination, which they won in 1958-59, and the Essex Olympian League. They have enjoyed a successful career in the Essex Senior League since joining in 1974, being champions in 1980/81 and 1998/99 and runners up in 1983/84. They won the League Charity Cup in 1999/00, the League Cup in 1981/82 and 1998/99 and were finalists in 1976/77, 1977/78 and 1982/83, the Division 1 Cup in 1990/91 and the Harry Fisher memorial Trophy in 1991/92 and were finalists in 1989/90 and 1998/99. In 2004/05 they changed to their current name by incorporating Pitsea FC, founded in 1970.

Last season they finished in fourteenth place. This season they have beaten Stansted 3-1 and Barkingside 1-0 and have drawn nine league games, including Southend Manor 0-0 and Witham Town 1-1. They also beat Stansted 1-0 in the Essex Senior Cup and Hertford Town 4-3 in the F A Vase. They are still in the League Cup in which they lead Eton Manor 1-0 after the first leg of the second Round and were due to play Southend Manor in the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy on Wednesday.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
	16	10	2	4	32	22
Total	16	10	2	4	32	22

Highest score for

4-1 1994/5 A FA Cup
4-1 2007/8 H Essex Senior League

Highest Score against

0-4 2008/9 H Essex Senior League

First meeting

4-1 27/08/1994 A FA Cup

Latest meeting

3-0 29/10/2010 H Essex Senior League

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We have played Bowers United and Bowers & Pitsea in the FA Cup, Essex Senior League and a friendly.

I would like to thank Gavin Ellis, Bert Pedder, Fay Pedder, Terry Gilbert, Les Wilson and Julia Eason for their valuable work in connection with these results.

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING MATCHES

We lost 1-0 to Hendon in the London Senior Cup which is not too bad considering that they are over 40 places above us in the national pyramid. We followed this by drawing 1-1 at Hullbridge Sports after trailing 1-0 at half time and were unlucky to have a certain goal apparently prevented by the hand of an opponent who was not the goalkeeper with no penalty awarded. On Tuesday we drew here 1-1 in a friendly with Harold Hill (formerly Mountnessing).

We are now eighth in the league. We are fourth highest scorers in the Premier Division with 46 goals but nine teams have conceded fewer. Next Saturday we are away to Sporting Bengal United and on Tuesday January 31st we visit Sawbridgeworth Town in the first leg of the League Cup quarter final. We then entertain Sawbridgeworth on the following Saturday in a league match.

Our complete record for the season is **P33 W15 D3 L15 F68 A53**.

We have not won any of our last six games, having lost the five fixtures which preceded our draw at Hullbridge and this is something that we hope to put right this afternoon.

SQUAD NEWS

ARRIVALS

We recently signed Sean Crossley, who was on the bench at Hullbridge and played in Tuesday's friendly but is yet to make his competitive debut for us. We would like to welcome Sean to the club.

DEPARTURES

Frankie Williams has left us to join today's opponents Bowers & Pitsea and we wish him every success, except when playing against us of course.

INJURIES

Club physiotherapist Alan Richards reports the current injury situation-

Dan Rafis - has commenced running following his lateral collateral ligament damage

Craig Greenwood - sustained ankle ligament damage at the start of December. Craig should be ready to commence light training within the next week.

Connor Halsey - has a long term knee injury which will require keyhole surgery.

Mark Doyle - Mark's injury will cause him to miss the whole season

DAN MACKIN



Our London Senior cup tie with Hendon saw the 100th appearance of Dan Mackin in Barking colours. Prior to the game club president Ron Debenham presented Dan (pictured above) with a silver salver to mark the occasion.

Dan's first appearance was as a substitute against Buckingham Town in the FA Vase on Saturday September 5th 2009 - Dan replaced his brother Garry in the

87th minute. Since then he has been a consistent performer for us

Dan's full record is:

2009/10 - Appearances 40 Goals 1

2010/11 - Appearances 28 Goals 0

2011/12 - Appearances 32 Goals 0

Total - Appearances 100 Goals 1

Dan is now the fourth member of the current squad to make a century of appearances for the Blues, Craig Greenwood, Sam Dennis and Chris Clark are the others.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan as we are very grateful for all his strenuous efforts on our behalf.

Here's to many more appearances

MATCH SUMMARY

Hullbridge Sports away 1-1

Barking stopped the rot today in near freezing conditions and on a hard pitch at Lower Road with honours and goals shared at one apiece against Hullbridge Sports. New signing Sean Crossley was on the bench and Ben O'Brien made a welcome return as a second half substitute. A slow opening twenty minutes or so cost the yellow shirted Barking players a goal. After five minutes Chris Clark was called into action twice to make excellent saves and a defensive mistake let in a home player to opening the scoring on 15. As the half progressed we got more into the game with some good approach work and Chas Liddiard slotted home only to be flagged offside. However, we were creating chances and some were not that far away.

We looked a better proposition in the second half and on 51 a short Lee Cornhill free kick found Nicky Driver in the Hullbridge area and his low shot smacked the base of the post, Liddiard's follow up effort was wide. On 76 sub Joe Turner's deft pass finds **Chas LIDDIARD** lifts the ball over home custodian Steve Brown for the equaliser and his 14th goal of the season and 38th for us. We needed to be on a guard not to let Hullbridge score again and Clark made another excellent stop to do just that. As the game entered its final stages Barking were denied a cast iron penalty when from a Liddiard cross Ben Jones headed goal wards and with Brown beaten a home defender dived full length to palm the ball over the bar. The referee gave a corner and his assistant nothing

Barking 1 Harold Hill 1 Friendly

Mountnessing are now known as Harold Hill FC and former Barking manager

Paul Downes is on the management/coaching staff. The game ended 1-1. **Chas LIDDIARD** gave us the lead and Harold Hill equalised with a superb shot in the 88th minute.

Our team was:

Dan Fowler, Max Holt, Kevin Neville, Sean Crossley, Sam Dennis, Ben O'Brien, Dan Mackin, Joe Turner, Chas Liddiard, Ben Jones, Jonathan Mogege

Second half substitutes

Scott Walsh, Ben Turner, Zak Harry, Lee Cornhill

LADIES

LADIES CONTINUE WINNING RUN

We have won our last three games with a goal difference of 10-1 and we have not conceded a goal this year, having beaten Stevenage Borough 2-0 in the league and Clacton 4-0 in the Essex Women's Cup quarter final. Our scorers were Carly Coplestone and Sian Birleson and then Carly Coplestone 3 and Hayley Piggott. Carly is our leading scorer this season with 12 so far.

Our record for the season is now **P17 W8 D4 L5 F39 A25**.

RESERVES

RESERVES SUCCESSFUL RUN AND UNBEATEN LEAGUE RECORD CONTINUES AS WE RETAIN TOP PLACE AGAIN

We continued our domination of the Reserve Division despite not playing last week, as our League Shield game was postponed. We are still well clear at the top with a five point lead and game in hand of our closest rivals. Today we are away to Forest Hill Park in the quarter final of the London Intermediate Cup. Forest Hill Park are sixth in the Kent County League Division 1. The winners are at home to Bexley Borough or Corinthian-Casuals Reserves in the semi final.

We are unbeaten in league matches with twelve wins and three draws and have scored 51 against just 13.

Our record in all matches is **P17 W12 D3 L2 F53 A19** and we are unbeaten in our last three matches and have lost just once in our last 11.

Zak Harry is the second highest scorer in the Reserve Division.

COMMUNITY TEAM

COMMUNITY TEAM CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL RUN AS DANNY COOK SCORES AGAIN

We extended our winning run to an amazing 12 games played plus a walkover by beating Havering Demo 5-1 (scorers Michael O'Brien, Ben King, Reece Stanley, Charlie SurrIDGE, David Cole) before losing 4-1 to SFC Dagenham (Danny Cook). In the Dagenham & District Sunday League Nicholls Cup semi-final we play SFC Dagenham on a date to be announced. Our overall record is **P16 W13 D0 L3 F59 A19**

Danny Cook's goal was his 20th of the season. We are top of the Bellamy Cup Group 1 with a 100% record and 2nd in the Premier Division, 9 points behind unbeaten SFC Dagenham.

Tomorrow we play Beacon Hill Rovers in the Essex Sunday Junior Trophy fourth round. The next round is the quarter final for which the draw will be made on January 27th with games to be played on February 19th.

COMMUNITY TEAM SCORERS compiled by Derek Pedder

Danny Cook	20
David Cole	10
Ben King	8
Ryan Priest	3
Reece Stanley	3
Michael O'Brien	3
Stephen Smith	2
Charlie SurrIDGE	2
Dennis Tomkins	2
Paul Rowland	1
George Elfes	1
James Cook	1
Wayne Baker	1

ACADEMY

Results as Sunday January 15th

Team	Competition	Opponents	Venue	Result
Community Team	League	S.F.C. Dagenham	Away	Lost 4-1
Under 18's		No Game		
Under 17's				TBC
Under 16's	League	Ilford	Home	Lost 0-1
U16 Girls	League	Maldon Saints	Home	Won 2-1
Under 15's		No Game		
Under 13's		No Game		
U12 Girls	ECFL Cup	Leigh Ramblers Blue	Away	Lost 1-3

KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY AT BFC



Long standing Blues supporter and taxi driver Steve Havers has started a knowledge academy at Barking FC

Steve informs us that it is a Taxi Green Badge Knowledge School which meets twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays at our clubhouse from 12 to 4pm.

For further information please contact Steve on 07984 185747.

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HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Past meetings with Bowers & Pitsea

LAST MEETING

October 29th 2011 – Essex Senior League

Bowers & Pitsea 0 Barking 3 (Liddiard, Jones, King)

Barking: Chris Clark, Craig Greenwood, Dan Mackin, Max Holt, Sam Dennis, Jonathan Mogege, Nicky Driver, Scott Walsh, Chas Liddiard, Ben Jones, Jake King

Subs: Kevin Neville, Dan Fowler, Ben O'Brien, Gary Strongman

FIRST MEETING

August 27th 1994 – FA Cup - Preliminary Round

Bowers United 1 Barking 4 (Wood, Read, Gammons, Prue)

Barking: Tony Williams, Billy Read, Tony Slatford, John Varney, Alan Day, Robbie Gammons, Dave Reilly, Jason Richards, Jeff Wood, Jamie McCabe, Jimmy Prue

Subs: Winston Richards, Michael Cole

FIRST LEAGUE MEETING

November 11th 2006 – Essex Senior League

Barking 2 (Bruce, Own Goal) Bowers & Pitsea 1

Barking: Gavin King, Jamie Murat James Hughes, Bradley Woodards, Ryan Doyle, Ben Wood, Carl Bruce, Jon Higgs, Paul Carr, Wayne Vaughan, Danny Cook

Subs: Darren Bennett, Mark Doyle, Remi Nelson, Jay Devereux, Ashley Marsh

OTHER MEETINGS

January 14th 2003 – Essex Thameside Trophy – First Round

Barking 2 (Allen, Black Pen) Bowers United 0

Barking: Lee Richards, Rene Regis, Sam Taylor, Dean Cleaver, Paul Salmon, Ben Willis, Michael Black, Richard Thomas, Jay Murray, Dean Allen, Jamie Dormer

Subs: Stuart Moody, Simon Tickner, Bubba Drame, Steve Omonua, James Gammons

January 13th 2007 – Essex Senior League Cup – Quarter Final Second Leg

Barking (Carr) Bowers & Pitsea 0

Barking: Tony Tucker, Darren Bennett, James Hughes, Bradley Woodards, Gary Waters, Jamie Murat, Ryan Doyle, Jonathan Higgs, Paul Carr, Wayne Vaughan, Remi Nelson

Subs: Fabio Jesus, Matty West, Jay Devereux, Ashley Marsh, Stuart Brown

ON THIS DAY

A selection of Barking games from this day in the past

January 21st 2006 – Southern League - Division 1 East

Aveley 0 Barking 1 (Vaughan)

Barking: Michael Wakefield, Sam Taylor, Bradley Woodards, John O'Sullivan, Gary Waters, Ben Wood, Carl Bruce, Michael Lenahan, Wayne Vaughan, Warren Haughton, Jason Henry

Subs: Jonathan Higgs, Ryan Doyle, Jamie Murat, Troy Braham, Jay Devereux

January 21st 1992 – Loctite League Cup – Second Round

Barking 1 (Portway) Dagenham 5

Barking: Steve Wallduck, Henry Hughton, Danny Benstock, Perry Coney, Chris Stanton, Craig Coney, David Jarvis, Chris Harvey, Jamie Hoy, Jon Evens, Steve Portway

Subs: Graeme Lane, Gary Crampton

January 21st 1989 – Vauxhall-Opel League – Premier Division

Kingstonian 2 Barking 0

Barking: Lee Harmsworth, Billy Goldstone, Adrian Lemoine, Steve Moseley, Steve Hatter, Perry Coney, Warren May, Mark Kane, Neil Satchell, Andy Wallace, Mick Engwell

Subs: John Campbell, George Borg

January 21st 1985 – FA Trophy – First Round

Staines Town 4 Barking 3 (Watts, Harrison, Bass)

Barking: Dave Root, John McFarlane, Andy Groom, Robert Waterfall, Paul Watts, Trevor Burke, Derek Wells, John Harrison, Tony Bass, Nigel McNeil, Jon Bolle

Sub: Glen Hardwick

January 21st 1975 – Premier Midweek Floodlit League

Rainham Town 3 Barking 2 (Burton, Williams)

Barking: Paul Kitson, Liam Joughlin, Bobby Amerikas, Mal Crissell, Bob Fowler, Charlie Williams, Joe Fascione, Ken Varney, J. Millar, Peter Burton, Dennis Francis

Subs: Steve Oliver

January 21st 1949 – Essex Senior Cup – First Round

Barking 5 (White 2, Hill 3) Aveley 0

Barking: Ernie Oliver, Alf Weeks, Fred 'Tug' Wilson, Ron Bannister, Stan Prince, Len Gardiner, Ken Regan, Len Casey, Harry Hill, J. "Nobby" White, K. Suttling