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**Camberley Town V  
Sutton Common Rovers**

**9th August 2025 1500 KO**



**Combined Counties  
Premier South**



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**Combined Counties League**

**Premier Challenge Cup winners**  
2008–09, 2014–15

**Surrey Senior League**

**Champions 1930–31, 1931–32,**  
1932–33  
**Charity Cup winners 1937–38,**  
1951–52

**West Surrey League**

**Champions 1913–14**

**Aldershot Senior Civilian**  
**League**

**Champions 1912–13**

**Ascot & District League**

**Champions 1904–05,**  
1907–08, 1908–09, 1909–10

**Surrey Senior Cup**

**Winners 1978–79**

**Surrey Junior Cup**

**Winners 1897–98,**  
1909–10

**Southern Combination**  
**Challenge Cup**

**Winners 1980–81**

**Aldershot Senior Cup**

**Winners 1996–97,**  
1997–98, 2006–07,  
2014–15, 2015–16,  
2018-19

# Abbey Rangers 1-0 Camberley Town

29th July 2025 Report by Freddie Snell

The Krooners travelled to Addlestone Moor on the opening night of the season to face Abbey Rangers.

A sunny evening in Surrey promised a great game of football between two teams who wanted to kick start their season with a win.

The match started as a cagey affair, with neither team finding much of a rhythm. Camberley's Stan Pickup had the first significant effort on goal in the 10th minute, heading just wide from a corner.

Abbey Rangers responded with an attack of their own before the half hour mark. Good play down the left resulted in a scramble in Krooners' six yard box. The ball burst free to the edge of area, before being blazed high over the crossbar by an Abbey attacker.

Camberley would find themselves defending again just before half time. Abbey unleashed a powerful effort at goal. Khalid Babkhir threw himself at the ball, stopping any real danger before it occurred.

The first half concluded 0-0, neither side really able to get a foothold into the match. The Krooners were bright but hadn't found a way to break the deadlock.

The Krooners' threatened again from a corner after half time. Shane Qoloni delivered a brilliant ball into the Abbey box. Jamie Hoppitt won his header well, however the ball dropped narrowly wide of the left hand post!

A few minutes later Camberley threatened again. Mikey Milchev-Szczepaniak drove down the right, his low cross was blocked out to captain Mckenzie Clayton 25-yards out. He unleashed a strong effort which just missed the target!

Abbey Rangers would then take the lead on the hour mark. A corner played into the box created a brief game of pinball. The ball squirmed to the edge of the area, where Abbey's Jake Beck-Nardoni was waiting to fire a powerful effort through the crowded penalty area and into the Krooners goal. First blood to the hosts.

Few chances followed, Clayton forcing the Abbey 'keeper into a save from the edge of the area.

Abbey would also go close 10 minutes from time, cutting in from the left and shooting just over the bar.

The last few minutes produced no notable goalmouth action, with the game slowly fizzling to its conclusion. The final whistle brought to an end a well-contested game, with Abbey Rangers taking all three points on opening night.



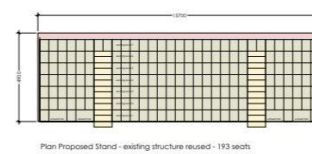
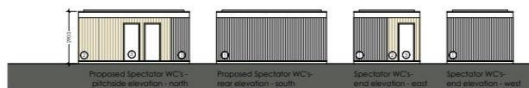
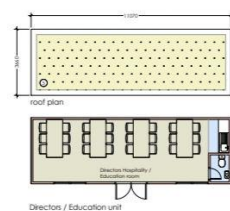
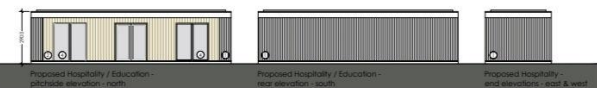
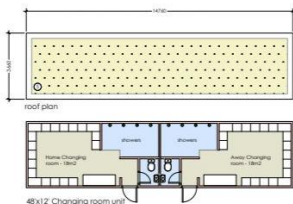
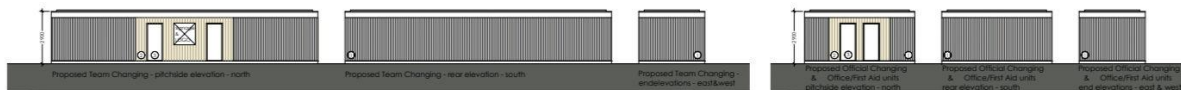
# Redevelopment

Can't believe this page is still in the Programme.

We are informed that the application decision will be made at August's planning meeting.

Keep your fingers crossed everyone.





Cladding Colour Materials:  
1. Concrete - polished metal (steel - dark grey)  
2. Vertical timber cladding - dark brown (oak)  
3. Horizontal timber cladding - dark brown (oak)  
4. Aluminium window frame  
5. Aluminium window frame



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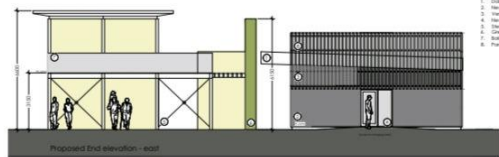
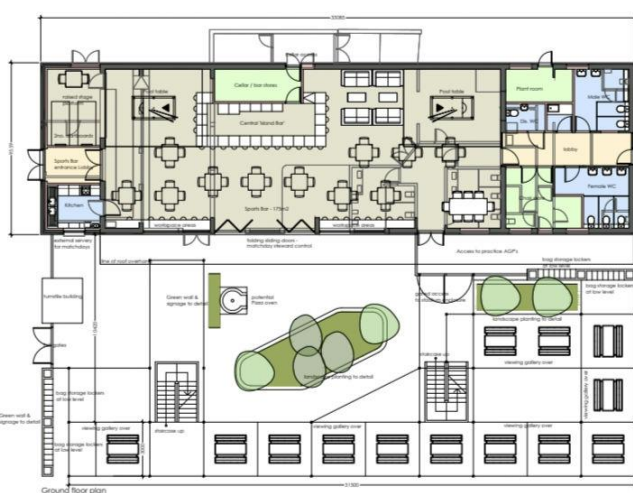
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# Our History



**Founded | 1895**

**Nickname | 'The Krooners'**

**Home Colours | Red, White & Navy**

**Away Colours | Navy & White**

**Ground | Krooner Park**

**Capacity | 1,976**

**2024 - 2025 | 16th Combined Counties Premier South**

The club was established in 1895 after a discussion at St Michael's church, and was originally named St Michael's Foot-ball Club, although they became known as St Michael's, Camberley.

The first match, a friendly, was played on 16 October against D Company from the Royal Military College in nearby Sandhurst, St Michael's won 4–2. In January 1896 they joined the Surrey County Football Association, entering and winning the Surrey Junior Cup in 1897–98; the club's first competitive game was played on 16 October 1897, a Junior Cup first round match against Farncombe which St Michael's won 5–2. After winning the cup, the club joined the East & West Surrey League for the 1898–99 season.

In January 1901 a public meeting was held, at which it was decided to establish a new club that would absorb both St Michael's and Camberley Magpies. The name Camberley & Yorktown was adopted and the club took St Michael's place in the East & West Surrey League. However, they dropped into the Aldershot Combination in 1902, before switching to the Ascot & District League in 1903. The club finished as runners-up in their first season and went on to win the league in 1904–05. They were runners-up again in 1905–06, before winning a hat-trick of successive titles in 1907–08, 1908–09 and 1909–10, remaining unbeaten throughout the third of the title-winning seasons. The season also saw them win the Surrey Junior Cup for a second time, beating Sutton United 2–0 in the final. In 1910 Camberley & Yorktown returned to the East & West Surrey League, which had been renamed the West

Surrey League. In 1912–13 the club also entered the three-club Aldershot Senior Civilian League, which they won. They went on to win the West Surrey League the following season.

In 1922 Camberley & Yorktown were founder members of the Surrey Senior League. They won three successive titles in 1930–31, 1931–32 and 1932–33 and were runners-up in 1938–39. After World War II the club was renamed Camberley, and were Surrey Senior League runners-up in 1946–47, before winning the league's Charity Cup in 1951–52 with a 4–3 win over Chertsey Town. The club were league runners-up again in 1961–62, and adopted their current name on 2 June 1967 after merging with former Parthenon League club

Camberley Wanderers. In 1973 they joined the Spartan League, but left to join Division Two of the Athenian League in 1975. In 1977 they switched to Division Two of the Isthmian League, and were promoted to Division One after finishing as Division Two runners-up in 1978–79. Two seasons later they were relegated, and after a single season back in Division Two, they rejoined the Athenian League, which now had a single division.

In 1983 Rick Wakeman became the club's chairman while he was living in Camberley. He remained in this post until 1986 when he was elected Vice-President, and left the club when he moved to the Isle of Man in 1988. In 1984 the Athenian League disbanded; Camberley rejoined the Isthmian League and were placed in Division Two South, where they remained until being placed in Division Three following league reorganisation in 1991. In 1998–99 the club reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. Drawn against away to Third Division Brentford, they lost 5–0. Division Three became Division Two in 2002, and Camberley remained members until the end of the 2005–06 season, when they dropped into the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League through the FA's re-structuring of non-league football. They were runners-up in the division in 2013–14 and 2014–15.



They came third in the 2015-16 season in the North division of the Combined counties league 2016-17 saw a sixth place finish and seventh the season after. 2018-19 saw a sixteenth place finish and with the 2019-20 season not finishing and the 2020-21 one not even starting due to covid, they started the 2021-22 season in the Combined Counties Premier Division South and Manager Luke Turkington oversaw a twelfth place finish on 44 points. 2022-23 Season was an improvement on the previous finishing tenth with 52 Points, with a fantastic run of 1 defeat in the last 14 league games of the season, that was at a time when games were coming thick and fast as the season had to be extended by 2 weeks to make up for the bad weather earlier in the campaign. 2023-24 & 2024-25 were disappointing seasons which were entered into with the hope to push on from the prior years and maybe see if we could get in the top 5 for the playoffs. 2025-26 We go again.

## GROUND

In 1898 the club started playing at the new Recreation Ground on London Road, although they also used a pitch near Southwell Park Road when the Recreation Ground was unavailable and had moved there permanently by 1905. They played there until moving to Martin's Meadow in 1909. However, when the tenancy came to an end, the club returned to the Recreation Ground.

Since 1923 the club have played at Krooner Park on Wilton Road. The ground was paid for with the winnings of a horse named Krooner who won two races at Haydock Park Racecourse in 1920.

It was officially opened on 22 December 1923. Due to financial difficulties Krooner Park was sold back to the local council in 1939 with the council guaranteeing that the ground would be retained in perpetuity and that it would be rented to the football club, giving them priority whilst they remained in existence. In the mid-1960s the club asked the council to leave Krooner Park and build a new ground at South-cote Park Farm, but the request was rejected due to the amount of engineering that would be required. Floodlights were installed at the ground in 1974, with the first floodlit match being a friendly against Crystal Palace on 14 October. The attendance at the match, which ended in a 1–1 draw, was around 3,100, a ground record. The highest confirmed attendance at Krooner Park was 2,066 when the newly-formed Aldershot Town visited for an Isthmian League Division Three match on 10 November 1992.





# Stats Corner – Camberley Town



**Last season - Combined Counties League Premier Division South**



**Position: 16th**

**Wins: 9**

**Draws: 11**



**Losses: 18**

**Goal difference: -15**



**Goals For: 50**

**Goals Against: 65**

**Points: 38**



**Highest position: 11th**

**Lowest position: 18th**



**Average Home attendance: 72**

## Away Travel



**Shortest trip:**

**Eversley & California – 7.4km**



**Longest trip:**

**Horley Town – 43.5k m**



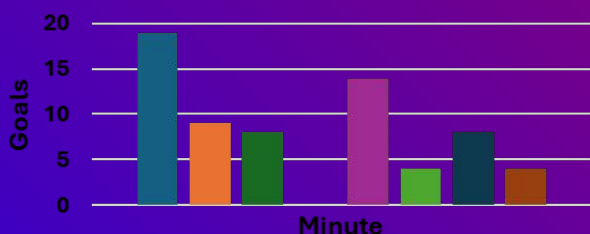
**Mean length away trip – 27.4km**

**Biggest Victory: 5-0 Sandhurst Town (H)**

**Heaviest defeat: 1-5 Tooting & Mitcham United (A)**

**Highest scoring game: 4-4 Corinthian-Casuals (A)**

**Goals for in minute of game**



1-15 16-30 31-45 45+1-HT  
46-60 61-75 76-90 90+1-FT

**Goals against in minutes of game**



1-15 16-30 31-45 45+1-HT  
46-60 61-75 76-90 90+1-FT

**Won the last 3 first home games of the season: 24-25 – 2-1 Sandhurst Town, 23-24 – 1-0 Colliers Wood United, 22-23 – 2-1 Colliers Wood United**

**Top 3 appearance makers 24/25 (all comps)    Top 3 goal scorers 24/25 (all comps)**

Tom Wensley	36
Denny Roberts	34
Brad Passfield	32
Jacob Wheeler	32

Luis Hamblin	13
Josh Ewing	6
Stan Jones	6










# Stats Corner – Sutton Common Rovers



## Last season - Isthmian League South Central Division






	Position: 21st (R)		
	Wins: 10	Goals in a game (All comps)	
	Draws: 4		
	Losses: 28	under 2.5 goal	20 41.1%
	Goal difference: -32	over 2.5 goals	28 58.3%
	Goals For: 48	clean sheet	7 14.6%
	Goals Against: 80		
	Points: 34		
	Highest position: 5th	both teams score	24 50%
	Lowest position: 21st		
	Average Home attendance: 114	9 games with 5 or more goals	

Biggest Victory: 6-1 Rayners Lane

Heaviest defeat: 0-7 Balham

Highest scoring game: 3-4 (x2), 6 - 1 Rayners Lane, 0 – 7 Balham

### Head to Head (last 6 matches)

	Win	Draw	Loss	
				

Camberley Town 0 – 4 Sutton Common Rovers 31/08/2019

Sutton Common Rovers 2 – 2 Camberley Town 23/02/2019

Camberley Town 2 – 0 Sutton Common Rovers 01/09/2018

Camberley Town 0 – 1 Sutton Common Rovers 27/03/2018

Sutton Common Rovers 1 – 3 Camberley Town 12/08/2017

Camberley Town 0 – 1 Sutton Common Rovers 07/03/2017

### Top 3 appearance makers 24/25 (all comps)

Cam Dobell	42
Bertie Lloyd	40
Daniel Pepple	32

### Top 3 goal scorers 24/25 (all comps)

Daniel Pepple	12
Troy Walters	6
Christian Adugyamfi	5

# Fisher FC 3-1 Camberley Town

2nd August 2025 Report by Freddie Snell

Camberley Town FC were on the road again this weekend, this time taking on Fisher FC in the Extra Preliminary round of the FA Cup.

The match didn't take long to spark into life. A shot in the opening minute from the Krooners' Sam Whitehead set a positive mood among travelling supporters. However, this buoyant mood was tarnished in the sixth minute when Fisher FC drew first blood. The second phase of a corner resulted in a scramble in Camberley's defensive box, the ball eventually being bundled home by Chibueze Echem.

Archie Mills nearly pulled Camberley level a few minutes later, his dipping effort from the edge of the area being tipped over well by Fisher's keeper, Samuel Amedu.

Once again as Camberley promised to take the game by the scruff of the neck, Fisher dashed their momentum. A foul in a very dangerous area on the left side of the box allowed Michael Sarpong a shot on goal from the free kick. Sarpong took this opportunity with both hands, and one strike of his right boot. He curled the ball brilliantly into the top right corner of the Krooners' goal.

Camberley began the second half eager to get themselves back into the game. Jamie Hoppitt and Mckenzie Clayton both had shots from close range narrowly missing the target before ten minutes of the second half had passed.

Fisher took one step closer to securing their passage into the next round on the hour mark. A driving run from a Fisher attacker led to him being brought down inside the penalty area. The referee pointed to the spot, and despite many complaints from the Krooners, the penalty stood. Kesna Clarke stepped up and placed the ball perfectly into the bottom left corner. 3-0 to the hosts, a mountain to climb for the visitors.

Whitehead again went close twenty minutes from time. His deep free kick from the right evaded everyone in the Fisher box before bouncing off the far post, an agonising moment that could have changed the game for better if it had found the net.

A flicker of hope was found by the Krooners with just over ten minutes of the tie remaining. Mikey Milchev-Szczepaniak drove brilliantly down the Krooners left, beating his defender and delivering a fantastic bouncing ball to the edge of the box. Shane Qoloni matched the excellence of the cross he received with an equally impressive half-volley into the top left corner for his first goal for the club, sending the travelling Krooners wild. 3-1 with ten minutes left.

Camberley almost found a lifeline heading into added time at the end of the match. Jacob Wheeler's long throw from the right caused confusion in the Fisher defence. A sliced defensive clearance forced the Fisher keeper into an extraordinary reaction save. More luck than judgement, only he will know.

That was the last meaningful moment of the tie. Fisher's reward is a trip to Jersey Bulls in the next round of the FA Cup. Camberley are back in league action on Tuesday evening, away at Alton.



# 2025 - 2026

Date	H/ A	Opponent	Competition	KO/Score	Attd	Scorers
26/07/2025	A	Holyport	Friendly	0 - 0		
29/07/2025	A	Abbey Rangers	Combined Counties Prem S	(0)0 - 1(0)	89	
02/08/2025	A	Fisher	FA Cup EP	(0)1 - 3(2)	264	Qoloni
05/08/2025	A	Alton	Combined Counties Prem S	(0)0 - 2(0)	233	
<b>09/08/2025</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Sutton Common Rovers</b>	<b>Combined Counties Prem S</b>	<b>3pm</b>		
16/08/2025	A	Chipstead	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm		
25/08/2025	A	Eversley & California	Combined Counties Prem S	11.30am		
<b>30/08/2025</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Tadley Calleva</b>	<b>Combined Counties Prem S</b>	<b>3pm</b>		
<b>02/09/2025</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Balham</b>	<b>Combined Counties Prem S</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>		
06/09/2025	A	Thatcham Town	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm		
09/09/2025	A	Knaphill	Combined Counties Prem S	7.45pm		
<b>13/09/2025</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Redhill</b>	<b>Combined Counties Prem S</b>	<b>3pm</b>		
20/09/2025	A	Horley Town	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm		
27/09/2025	A	Guildford City	Combined Counties Prem S	3pm		

# Sutton Common Rovers history



Chairman and Life President Alan Salmon founded SCR F.C in 1978, when the club began life as INRAD FC, based in Carshalton. The club entered a new era when Alan moved to Sutton and arranged sponsorship with his new Neighbour, CENTRE 21 FC was born. This era saw the club running one Saturday side, three Sunday sides and three Youth sides. Centre 21's sponsorship continued until the club's youth players were no longer under 21 years old.

The club again sought new a identity, SUTTON COMMON ROAD FC was formed and subsequently abbreviated to SCR FC. Since then the club has had five major sponsors whose names have been incorporated into the clubs affiliated name: SCR PLOUGH (twice), SCR GRAPES, next the club's longest sponsor SCR LITTEN TREE (7 years) & finally SCR Kingfisher, Ewell with whom we started our venture in Saturday football in 2004/05.

It was at this point that the club took the decision to revert back to using the SCR name alone, feeling that as we strive for continued promotion we needed to disassociate ourselves with the whole 'pub team' image. The club however did take sponsorship form the Fox & Hounds, Carshalton for the Sat first team in 2006/07, but the decision was made that the pub name would not be incorporated into our own, for the above reason...

The club entered yet another new era this season, with the introduction of a third Saturday side (Messers Alex Avis & Tony Williams) and the 1's moving to the Middlesex County FL (and a name change SUTTON COMMON ROVERS) in the pursuit of combined Counties football, having made an unsuccessful application from the Surrey South Eastern Combination at the end of season 2006/07 having finished joint top (3rd on goal difference... -1 goal)

A third place finish in the Middlesex County League Premier division in 07/08 meant that our promotion to the CCL was not assured but months of hard work & determination from the management team SCR eventually secured a place for the clubs 1st time in their 30 year history at the league AGM in June 2008 and the reserves moved into the CCL reserve division under the guidance of Alex Avis & Justin Salmon.

Season 08/09 saw the latest name change of the club, to form MOLE VALLEY SCR FC reflecting the area in which we played. Season 09/10 saw the club reach a Surrey Cup final, narrowly being defeated by Sutton United after a 1-1 extra time score line on penalties and in the same season compete in the FA Vase for the first time in our relatively short history. We finished Champions of Division One at the second time of asking, narrowly piping Worcester Park to the post in a fine run which saw us finish 3 points clear on the final match of the season, assuming as we believed, we were awarded the points from the postponed Coulsdon match who unfortunately were unable to field a side for our scheduled league game some weeks earlier.

The following season saw the club play at our highest level to date, and make our FA Cup debut, although this lasted just one game, and ended in a 5-0 defeat against Chertsey Town. The club managed two seasons in the Premier Division, before being relegated back to Division 1, following a start to the season that saw 12 straight league defeats. The 2012/13 season started with a rebuilt side and expectations of consolidation, however a 20 game unbeaten run propelled us into runners up spot, and a much coveted promotion back to the Premier Division.



# Sutton Common Rovers history

2013/14 started brightly, but went to the last game, and a point saw survival. It was the same the following season, and although we lost (2-0 at home to Guildford City), we still managed to survive. For the 2015/16 season, there was a change of name to Sutton Common Rovers, and after much hard work by the Salmons, a return to Sutton, and a ground share with Sutton Utd.

2016/17 saw a 12th place league finish and the capture of the Southern Combination Cup

The following season, 2017/18 we recorded our highest ever placing, finishing 3rd in the Premier Division, and reached the semi final of both the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup.

2018/19 was our best ever season, finishing runners up in the Premier division behind the powerful Chertsey Town side, winning the Premier Challenge Cup and finishing runners up in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup

2019/20 saw new records were set, with the side reaching the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time (after wins over Molesey 1-0, after a 1-1 draw; and Eastbourne Town 3-0), the FA Vase saw further success, with wins over Snodland Town 5-1, Raynes Park Vale 4-0, Lancing 1-0 (after a 3-3 draw); and Christchurch 2-1 taking us to the fifth round, where we bowed out to Western League AFC Bitton 2-1, after a disappointing performance down in Bristol.

At the end of another curtailed season and following an FA restructure the club was moved up to Step 4 and the Isthmian South Central division.

Our first season in the Isthmian League saw a 17<sup>th</sup> place finish, on goal difference behind both Westfield and Tooting & Mitcham Utd, and avoidance of the relegation play offs. We also made our debut in the FA Trophy, albeit briefly, losing our only fixture away at Ramsgate.

We reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time, thanks to wins over Steyning Town and a shock win at Isthmian Premier Cray Wanderers, before losing after a replay to Jersey Bulls.

A run of 13 games without a point saw us slip perilously close to automatic relegation in our second season at Step 4, but a late season recovery, which actually had us 7<sup>th</sup> in current form over the last 10 games saw us secure a relegation play off spot, where Crawley Down Gatwick were defeated 2-0 to preserve our Isthmian place
















Darren Salmon stepped down after nigh on 30 years at the helm at the end of the season, with assistant Sam Morgan stepping up to overall control of the side.

2023/2024 saw Rovers achieve their highest ever league position, finishing in 14<sup>th</sup> spot in the table, and finally ending their FA Trophy hoodoo, with a win at Merstham.

Morgan stepped down after one game of the 2024/25 season, to be replaced by joint managers in the returning Darren Salmon and Lee Flavin.

This season Rovers have moved to the War Memorial Sports Ground in Carshalton as they return to our home borough.

League Table ( 2025-26 )

		Home				Away				Total							
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Alton	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	2	+3	6
	2 Badshot Lea	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	4
	3 Redhill	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	3
	4 Cobham	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
	5 Epsom & Ewell	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	3
	6 Balham	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	3
	7 Eversley & California	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	3
	8 Abbey Rangers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
	9 Chipstead	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	10 Sutton Common Rovers	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	11 Thatcham Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
	12 Corinthian-Casuals	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
	13 Tooting & Mitcham United	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	4	-4	1
	14 Sheerwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	15 Fleet Town	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
	16 Tadley Calleva	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
	17 Horley Town	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
	18 Camberley Town	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
	19 Guildford City	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
	20 Knaphill	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

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# The Green Ballet

By the 1920s, tours by European teams in South America were becoming old hat. The visits that had once enlivened the sport, especially in Argentina, were seen as adding nothing to the development of the game. Where once these tours had delivered record crowds and new ideas to South American fans, their popularity was waning. Chelsea and Plymouth were singled out, but hardly unique, of British teams failing to offer anything innovative. Visits from Real Madrid, Barcelona and Espanyol were similarly disappointing. So it said something about the burgeoning future of the European game that, in 1929, excitement was restored, with the visit of Hungarian side Ferencvaros.

Football in Austria and Hungary had been developing a unique style since before the First World War, driven by the visionary work of Austrian Hugo Meisl and Englishman Jimmy Hogan. The Danubian school of a whirlwind of passes and movement would make Austria the envy of the world in the following decade, and culminated in the 1950s Golden Team of Hungary that defeated England at Wembley in 1953 and lost the 1954 World Cup final. In 1929, however, it was just beginning to show shoots of success.

Ferencvaros had finished second in Hungary that season, and won the league in the three preceding years. They were fresh from winning the Mitropa Cup, one of the forerunners of the European Cup. But Argentina felt hard done by to have lost the Olympic final to fierce rivals Uruguay in 1928, and would feel even worse when losing to the same opponents in the first World Cup final in 1930. The Danubian school hadn't achieved any real international success. The balance of international footballing power was most certainly in South America when the Green Ballet arrived, first in Brazil.

Despite some mixed results - the consequence of a long journey - the Brazilian press lauded them as the most exciting side to visit the continent in years. They moved their way down the coast to the Rio de la Plata, where the two giants of 1920s football were waiting for them. Argentinian football had been following the Danubian school for some years, with reporters in Vienna keeping readers up to date. Hugo Meisl had invited both Uruguay and Argentina to visit the city after watching them at the Olympics, to exchange ideas. That visit had never happened, but now his ideas had arrived at the home of the World Champions.

As it was, the World Champions were as dazzled by Ferencvaros as the rest of the world, as Uruguay lost 3-2. The Hungarians defeated a Montevideo XI 4-1, before Uruguay claimed revenge in a rematch. The tour continued across the river into Argentina, where just 5000 people turned up to watch them play River Plate, something the national newspaper called 'an injustice of indifference'.

Those that did attend were treated to a spectacular, topsy-turvy game that finished 4-3 to the visitors. The same newspaper claimed the Hungarians had won a 'double victory', but winning the game and also winning over the crowd. They also applauded 'the class of the game played in Central Europe', a far cry from the criticism thrown at visitors from the home of football. It was clear that British football was falling far behind.

The crossed back to Uruguay to lose 2-1 to Penarol, in a game marked by controversy and refereed by one of the Uruguayan side's staff, and then back to Argentina where they beat Racing 2-1, taking a 2-0 lead early on through superstar Jozsef Turay.

Far from the disappointment of their first game in Argentina, by the time August came and they took on the national side, people were clamouring for tickets at the sold out game. Carlos Spadero, a player from Buenos Aires, described them as 'the best team that I have seen in my life,' Playing with speed and grace, opposing players had to be at their absolute best to contain them, something most failed to do. Argentina did though, just about, scoring two late goals to see off the Hungarians. The game was contrasted with the visit of Torino that same year, described as 'mediocre'.

Ferencvaros finished their time in Argentina with another win against Racing, before sailing back up the coast for a final farewell in Brazil. There were hopes that the clash between South American champions and European innovators would continue at the World Cup the following season. Unfortunately for those dreams, Hungary, Austria and Czechoslovakia all chose to focus on the Cup of Nations instead, and didn't travel to Uruguay in 1930.

The influence of the Green Ballet lasted though, with football in South America remembering the fiery tempers of Mediterranean visitors and the cold efficiency of British tourists. Ferencvaros, with their movement, their passing, and their passion, represented the best of South American football, even from the middle on another continent.

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# On the road

## 16th August - Chipstead



The High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF

### TRAVELLING BY RAIL

It is advised that if you are travelling to Chipstead by train that you travel to Coulsdon South where there is a cab office and you can get a cab to the ground and book a return journey.

Trains run from Victoria to Coulsdon South for evening games (3 every hour) and from London Bridge on Saturdays (2 every hour). Next to the station entrance is a cab office and the journey to the ground is less than 10 minutes. If you decide to walk it's just under 3 miles.

If you travel to Chipstead Station there is NO cab office and it is about 1+1/4 miles to the ground, up a very steep and narrow hill with NO pavements.

### TRAVELLING BY ROAD

From M23/M25

Leave the M25 at junction 7 and take M23 northbound signposted Croydon. After 2 miles the M23 ends and becomes the A23. After about 1 mile at the first set at traffic lights adjacent to a BP garage turn left into Star Lane. Follow Star Lane into Elmore Road, keeping the church and the green on your left until reaching the crossroads with High Road. Turn left (signposted Lower Kingswood & Reigate) and parking for away supporters is 200 yards on your left. To walk to the ground leave via the car park entrance turn left and the clubhouse and turnstiles are a further 200 yards along the main road.



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