



Colchester & District Sunday League



The Weekend Roundups 2018 / 2019

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The new season is off and running and we start with congratulations to Queens Arms, winners of this morning's traditional season opener, the Arthur Boswell Cup. With AFC Pegasus off to pastures new this season, the match was between Queens Arms, runners-up in the league cup, and Duckpond, runners-up in the league. A good, competitive match saw Queens come out on top by the odd goal in five to take the first silverware of the season.

In the league City Saints start as they hope to go on with a win at Ramsey & Mistley. New signings Bruce Poole (3) and Lewis Blanchett (2) sent them on their way to all three points, Matty Simpson got both as a consolation for R&M. Marquis beat St Johns in a best-of-nine at Bromley Road, with Jamie Guy bagging a couple for Marquis, Eldon Craig got three for Saints while Sunday Shrimpers are rueing a missed penalty in the final moments as they went down 1-2 at home to Vagabonds.

In Division One, Highwaymen take an early lead with a 9-2 win at Newtown, Michael Pash going nap. Vikings Flag put seven past Fordham with only one going the other way, Steve Eaton & Matt Williams both scoring a couple, while Fifteen Degrees also scored seven against Pathfields, winning 7-4 at home. Callum Rogers got a hat-trick for Fifteen Degrees while Mitchell Baya did the same, in vain, for Pathfields. In the battle of the Wanderers, Madrid and Icenii drew two apiece.

Dovercourt Rovers were the biggest scorers of the day, winning their season opener 12-0 against Bullers with Eggerichs and Hinks both scoring three. CO4 Ultras beat Tavern 7-5 thanks in part to an Adie Cant hat-trick. A hat-trick from Richard Crick helped Cusa to a 4-0 win at home to Great Oakley while Ramsey & Mistley Res drew 4-4 with Stone Island.

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic are top as they beat Vagabonds Res 8-0, John Harris getting four, Feering Village beat Ramsey & Mistley A by five goals to nil and Sokretez Res beat Pitchbury 4-2. Dedham Athletic were unable to raise a side and forfeit their match against Phoenix.

9th September 2018

Another cup final this morning - and about time, as we finally get to play last season's Wally Castle Invitational Trophy match between City Saints and Romania Athletic. With weeks running out at the end of last season and there being no way to physically get all the matches played before the FA cut-off point there was really no other option than to postpone.

But, today up at School Lane, Lawford, the two sides took to the field to decide the last of last season's silverware.

A very competitive match, with both sides having lots of chances went the way of Romania Athletic who took their chances when they came - the main difference between the two sides on the day. Athletic ran out winners by five goals to one, but had City Saints taken a couple of early opportunities, things might have been a little different. Man of the match was Romania's Vancea Cosmin who bagged a hat-trick with three very accomplished finishes.

In the league Sunday Shrimpers came back from last week's disappointment to beat Ramsey & Mistley 9-2, Leroy Eade got five and Chris Stratton two to see Shrimpers top of the table on goal difference. Duckpond are second as they beat Marquis 6-3 - with six different scorers. St Johns are in fourth spot as they won on their travels, beating FC Byair 2-0.

Vikings Flag are top of Division One with two wins from two outings, this morning an 8-0 win at Sokretez. Markel Greenidge got four, Terry Rymer two, with Steve Eaton & an OG competing the scoring and making Vikings Flag probable favourites for this section. Queens Arms won a close one at Harts by 2-1 while Pathfields came from a goal down at home to Newtown to win 3-1 with Rob Sizer getting a brace. Fordham Athletic & Highwaymen drew one apiece.

Dovercourt Rovers and CO4 Ultras both have 100% records from their opening two matches but it's Rovers top of the table on goal difference as they won 3-0 at Ramsey & Mistley Reserves. CO4 won the best-of-five at home to Cusa. Tavern won 4-1 at Stone Island with Lewis Bastone getting a couple while Bullers came back from a 1-4 deficit at Great Oakley to take all three points with a 5-4 win,

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic are top despite only drawing 1-1 with Feering Village. Colchester Crusaders and Pitchbury ended with the same scoreline while another draw, this time 2-2 was the result in the Dedham Athletic, Ramsey & Mistley A match. Vagabonds Reserves got the only win in this section, beating Phoenix 6-2.

16th September 2018

League action all the way this week and in the Premier Division we have new leaders as St Johns beat Ramsey & Mistley 5-1 to take the top spot. Rob Cant (2), Todd Ayling, Gary Machin & Keenan Oboy got the goals for Saints, Jack Fairclough got the R&M consolation. Romania Athletic finally get their league campaign under way with a 6-2 win over Sunday Shrimpers thanks to Vancea (2), Miron (2), Gheorghiu & Marin. Eade & Stratton consoled the shrimpers while Vagabonds beat Marquis in a best of five that saw one player from either side see red. Dan Crane (2) and Layton Windsor got the goals for Vagabonds, Jamie Guy added another brace to his tally for Marquis,

In Division One Vikings Flag are still top on goal difference but they went down at home today against Harts who had Terrence Kangandu on target with the only goal of the game. Fifteen Degrees are in second as a Shane Goodyear goal saw them to a tight win at home against Sokretez. Queens Arms also won by a solitary goal, Zac Maddock the man on target to give them all three points at home to Fordham Athletic, Icen Wanderers got their first win of the season with a 3-0 victory over Pathfields. Nathan Prentice, Alexis Pryke & Stuart Oakley got their names on the scoresheet. Newtown Rovers and Madrid Wanderers played out a 1-1 draw, Jason Davies again for Newtown, Chris Jennings for Madrid.

CO4 Ultras continue their great start to the season making it three out of three with an 11-0 thrashing of Ramsey & Mistley Res. Pick of the scorers was Harry Hewes with a hat-trick and a brace apiece for Jake Mitchell & Jack Gregory with Sam Bird, Jack Tollhurst, Harry Willoughby and Ben Lawton finishing off the scoring. Dovercourt Rovers lost 1-0 to a Cusa penalty from Paul Roberts but Rovers stay second on goal difference. Four goals from Ryan Brito and one from Carl Jackson gave Stone Island their 5-1 win at Bullers, James Hardy getting the Bullers goal, while Great Clacton Utd beat Tavern 6-2 with goals from Darren Simon, Dan Edwards, George Russell, Ryan Ivell and a screamer from Jamie Fox. Lewis Bastone & Karl Clark on target for Tavern.

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic beat Sokretez Res 4-3. Ryan Ellis (2), Anton Williams & Keian Daniels gave Athletic the points but feel for Lee Hawkins who bagged a hat-trick in vain for Soks. Goals from Lewis Ward, Ed Field, Sam O'Connell & Levi Loveridge saw Feering Village to a 4-1 win at home to Dedham Athletic. Paddi Hawkins scored for Dedham. Phoenix beat Colchester Crusaders 3-1 thanks to goals from Jordi Richards, Jamie Thompson & Luke Massink while Aaron Finch was the Crusader on target. Top scorers in this section were Pitchbury who won 5-1 on their travels to Ramsey & Mistley A. Kieran Evans, Michael Nicholson & Kyle Clutterbuck shared the goals. Paul Chatterton got the consolation there.

23rd September 2018

Congratulations firstly this week to Romania Athletic as they won their first round match in the Essex Sunday Premier Cup, beating Romford Elite 8-3. Vancea with four, Valentin with a hat-trick and one from Hogas see them through to round two.

A hat-trick from Lewis Blanchett and one from Jamie Baxter saw City Saints to a 4-1 win over Duckpond in the Premier Division. According to the report received, Jamie's goal was a three yard screamer !! The Sunday Shrimpers v FC Byair game fell foul of a waterlogged pitch.

In Division One result of the day might just be Madrid Wanderers 5-4 win at home to Pathfields. 0-4 down at half-time Madrid came back with five goals in the last thirty-five minutes to take the points, Jennings (2), King, Prince & Yeboah on target. A hat-trick from Ben Perryman helped Queens Arms to a 7-2 win at Icen Wanderers, while Shane Goodyear did the same for Fifteen Degrees as they beat Harts 3-1. Sokretez beat Fordham Athletic 5-3 to record their first points of the season while Highwaymen were unable to raise a side to play hosts to Vikings Flag.

CO4 Ultras made double figures in their win over Stone Island in Division Two. Four from Jake Plane set them on their way to a 10-2 victory and maintain their 100% record in the league so far. Dovercourt Rovers hit six without reply at home to Great Oakley, Daryl Hinks bagging three while the game between Tavern & Cusa was called off due to the rain. Bullers were unable to field a side to face Great Clacton Utd.

In Division Three Feering Village beat Pitchbury 7-1 with Webb & Edey both grabbing a brace, Colchester Crusaders won 3-2 and Ramsey & Mistley A while Riverbank also won away, beating Dedham Athletic 3-1.

30th September 2018

Mixed fortunes in the County Cups this morning ... Pathfields & Fifteen Degrees both go through in the Junior Cup as their opponents failed to raise a side, but both Ramsey & Mistley and Icen Wanderers fell at the first hurdle, going out to Tiptree Jobserve & Finchingfield respectively. CO4 Ultras are through to the second round of the Junior Trophy, beating fellow Colchester Sunday League side Great Clacton Utd 6-2.

Three out of three in the league sees City Saints top of the Premier Division as they beat Ramsey & Mistley 6-1 this morning. Two games and two hat-tricks for Bruce Poole, a brace from Lewis Blanchett and another screamer from Jamie Baxter gave Saints all three points. Stewart McFarlane got the consolation. A 4-0 win at home to Marquis puts Duckpond in second spot - goals coming from Brazitis (2), Hammond and Knight while Romania Athletic have another high-scoring victory, beating a new-look FC Byair 10-0. Razvan (3), Alexandru (2), Valentin (2), Dorin, Halosta & Vancea all getting their names on the scoresheet. Sunday Shrimpers beat Vagabonds 3-1 with goals from Stratton (2) and Eade.

In Division One Vikings Flag go top with a 5-2 win over Madrid Wanderers. Queens Arms get the win as their opponents Highwaymen were unable to raise a side and Harts won 6-2 on their travels beating Sokretez with Thompson & Kangandu both getting a couple. A brace from Josh Kenmore helped Fordham Athletic to a 4-1 win over Newtown Rovers.

Dovercourt Rovers go top of Division Two with a 10-1 win at Stone Island. Pick of the scorers was Daryl Hinks with five and Kieran Lammas with three. A couple of hat-tricks, from Karl Clark and Lewis Bastone helped Tavern to a 9-0 win at Great Oakley while Cusa picked up their third win of the season beating Bullers 4-2 at home.

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic beat Ramsey & Mistley A 5-2 with Jordan Ellis (3) and Keian Daniels (2) on target. Phoenix beat Pitchbury by the same scoreline - Fernandes (2), Newman (2) and Miller in the goals there while Sokretez Res beat Vagabonds Res 4-3 in no small part thanks to a hat-trick from Lee Hawkins. Colchester Crusaders won 3-2 at home against Dedham Athletic.

7th October 2018

All about the league this week and in the Premier Division Romania Athletic make it three out of three to go top. Goals from Vancea (2), Marin & Dima gave them a 4-0 win at home to St Johns to send them top of the table with a plus eighteen goal difference ! City Saints lost their 100% record this morning going down 7-1 to Marquis for whom Jamie Guy and Ryan Dale both bagged a brace. Byair got back to winning ways after last week's defeat by winning 2-1 at Sunday Shrimpers while Ramsey & Mistley drew three apiece with Vagabonds top get their first point of the season.

In Division One Vikings Flag remain top of the table following their 3-2 win at Queens Arms. Fifteen Degrees leapfrog Queens into second place with a 7-2 win at Newtown that featured their leading goalscorer Shane Goodyear appearing betwixt the sticks ! Madrid Wanderers beat Sokretez 3-2 at home while Fordham Athletic won 4-2 away at Pathfields. Harts needed a late equaliser to share the points with Icen Wanderers, that one finishing 3-3.

Dovercourt Rovers are still top of Division Two on goal difference, winning today by 2-0 against Ramsey & Mistley Res. CO4 Ultras are hot on their heels as they won 6-1 at home to Great Clacton Utd and Cusa are third as they beat Tavern 2-1. Stone Island beat Great Oakley 3-0 thanks in part to a brace from Carl Jackson.

In Division Three Riverbank continued their good start with a 6-0 win at home to Colchester Crusaders, Keian Daniels scoring a hat-trick, while Dedham Athletic had a 6-1 win at Ramsey & Mistley A with Rand, Smith & Debenham all getting a couple. Feering Village are in second as they beat Vagabonds Res 7-3 with Lewis Ward and Ed Field both getting a brace. Sokretez Res won 2-1 at home against Phoenix.

14th October 2018

Mixed fortunes in the Essex FA County Cups this morning for our sides; good wins for Sokretez, Madrid Wanderers and Pathfields in the Junior Cup, while not so good for Newtown Rovers & Fifteen Degrees, also in the cup and for Cusa and Great Oakley in the Junior Trophy.

Four goals from Ryan Chamberlain, two from Tommy Cobb and one each for Aston Sharp & Spencer Newland saw Sokretez to an 8-0 win over Onley Arms. Soks will travel to Sparks in the next round. A hat-trick from Gyebi set Madrid Wanderers on their way to a 4-0 win at Panfield Bell with Brad Martin getting the other goal. Wanderers will travel to the winners of the match between Mossops and Aveley Academicals. Goals from Lockhart & Baya gave Pathfields a 2-1 win at home to Tiptree Jobserve, fields will face the winners of Wakering Sports and Leigh Utd.

Newtown Rovers crashed out 13-1 to Cole Green while Fifteen Degrees lost 1-3 to Plume Academicals.

In the Junior Trophy Cusa lost 3-2 to Witham Town while Great Oakley lost 2-0 to Great Bradfords Res.

In the league it was business as usual for Romania Athletic as they won 3-0, beating Vagabonds to stay top of the Prem with their 100% record intact. Duckpond beat local rivals Sunday Shrimpers 4-1 while City Saints came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 with St Johns. Marquis were unable to raise a side for their game against Ramsey & Mistley.

In Division One Harts beat Fordham Athletic 6-0 with Sam Thompson getting a hat-trick while Highwaymen spread the goals around but still beat Icen Wanderers 7-1.

Dovercourt Rovers go back top of the Division Two table with a 5-2 win at Tavern, Great Clacton Utd beat Bullers 4-1 and Ramsey & Mistley Res beat Stone Island 3-1.

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic beat Phoenix 7-2 with Lee Fox bagging four while Colchester Crusaders beat Sokretez Res 7-1 with Finch and Langford getting a brace. Vagabonds Res needed a late penalty to share the points with Pitchbury in their 3-3 draw while the Ramsey & Mistley A v Feering Village match fell foul of the moles !!!

21st October 2018

First round of cup competitions this morning as we saw the Fowler Memorial and Ernie Osborne Challenge Cups get under way.

In the Fowler Memorial Cup FC Byair got a good win, beating Queens Arms 5-1, setting up a round two clash against Newtown Rovers. Fordham Athletic travelled to Fifteen Degrees and came away with the win, Matt McDonald getting a couple as they won 4-2. Fordham will play the winners of Madrid Wanderers & Sunday Shrimpers. Vagabonds needed extra time to get past Ramsey & Mistley by three goals to one, Max Foley getting a brace there. Vagabonds will take on Highwaymen for spot in round three. The final game saw Sokretez beat Romania Athletic in a penalty shootout to set up an away tie against St Johns.

Just two matches in the Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup, Feering Village spread the goals around as they beat Sokretez Res 5-0. Feering will play hosts to Riverbank Athletic in the second round. Great Clacton Utd are through to face Cusa in round two after coming from behind to beat Phoenix 5-2 thanks in no small part to a Daniel Edwards hat-trick.

In the league wins for Sunday Shrimpers and Marquis see them up to fourth and fifth respectively. Shrimpers beat St Johns 5-0 with a Chris Stratton hat-trick and two for Chris Johnson. Goals from Ryan Dale, Jamie Guy and Nathan English gave Marquis a 3-1 win at City Saints.

In Division One Vikings Flag stay top and will get the points as today's opponents Newtown Rovers failed to raise a side. Harts are up to second with a 6-2 win at Highwaymen with Sam Thompson getting four. Icen Wanderers won a best-of-five against Madrid Wanderers, Alexis Pryke getting a brace for Icen.

Division Two sees Dovercourt Rovers stay top with a 5-3 win at home to Stone Island, top scorer Daryl Hinks getting another couple to add to his tally. CO4 Ultras beat Cusa 4-2 to remain in second spot while Bullers and Tavern played out a 4-4 draw. Dean Francis got a hat-trick for Bullers and Karl Clark the same for Tavern.

Colchester Crusaders are up to third in Division Three as they beat Vagabonds Res 3-1 on their travels while Dedham Athletic put five past Pitchbury with only one going the other way.

28th October 2018

A 4-1 win at home to FC Byair sees City Saints go back to the top of the Premier Division. Saints leapfrog Romania Athletic who dropped points for the first time this season as they went down 5-1 at Marquis. Jamie Guy bagged four for Marquis.

In Division One Vikings Flag are five points ahead at the top as they continued their great start with a 6-0 win at Fifteen Degrees. Harts are in second as their opponents today Highwaymen were unable to raise a side. Queens Arms are third after their 5-3 win at Pathfields, Billy Wales and Josh Elkes both getting a brace. Fordham Athletic beat Icen Wanderers 2-0 while Sokretez doubled their win tally beating Newtown Rovers 10-0 thanks in part to hat-tricks from Spencer Newland & Tom Cobb.

Dovercourt Rovers won again to stay top of Division Two, beating Great Oakley 4-0. CO4 Ultras are in second following their 2-0 win over Tavern and Cusa are third with a 6-1 win at Stone Island, Paul Roberts getting four there. Ramsey & Mistley Res beat Bullers 7-1.

Riverbank Athletic remain unbeaten in Division Three with a 4-1 win at home to Phoenix while Feering Village beat Colchester Crusaders with the highest score of the day, 11-1. Aaron Hosford, Sam O'Connell & Josh Claydon all scored hat-trick for Feering. Dedham Athletic went to Sokretez Res and came back with all three points following their 4-0 win while Ramsey & Mistley A beat Vagabonds Res 1-0.

One game in the Fowler Memorial Cup this morning as Madrid Wanderers hosted Sunday Shrimpers. A 5-2 win for the visitors sees Shrimpers into the next round to face Fordham Athletic.

4th November 2018

Congratulations to Romania Athletic and Vikings Flag, both victorious in this morning's Essex Sunday Premier Cup second round.

Romania Athletic took the scalp of last season's Essex Junior Cup winners Marquis, and took some revenge for last week's defeat in the league. Athletic won 7-5 to take their place in the third round. The game was 3-3 at half time including three first half penalties. Two more goals were scored (one for each side) inside the first two minutes of the second half. Despite five yellows and a couple of reds issued it was a well-contested game.

Vikings Flag played host to Repton Park and came out winners 11-2 with Markel Greenidge top scoring with four.

Along way to go for both sides but good luck for the next round ... and the rest of the competition.

Pathfields got off to a great start in their Junior Cup game at home to Leigh Utd, three up inside the first half hour but unfortunately, Leigh Utd came on very strong in the remaining hour and took the tie 10-4 !!

In the Charles Hewitt Memorial Cup second round there were wins for Tavern, Cusa and CO4 Ultras. Tavern beat Pitchbury 3-1 and will play Harts in round three. Cusa won 11-1 at Great Oakley with Paul Roberts bagging six. Cusa with host Ramsey & Mistley. Bullers were unable to raise a side to face CO4 Ultras so CO4 go through to take on FC Byair.

In the league there was no change at the top of the Premier Division but leaders City Saints lost 1-2 to a last minute goal at Sunday Shrimpers who move up to fourth spot. St Johns won on their travels beating Ramsey & Mistley 5-2 while Vagabonds & FC Byair played out a 3-3 draw.

In Division One Queens Arms won 2-0 at home to Icen Wanderers while Madrid Wanderers came back from two down to beat Fifteen Degrees 4-2. Newtown Rovers couldn't raise a side to face Harts.

Just one game in Division Two saw Great Clacton Utd win a best-of-seven at home to Ramsey & Mistley Res.

Riverbank Athletic continue their winning run in Division Three with a 6-1 win at Colchester Crusaders, George Hobbs getting a hat-trick in that one.

Feering Village put 13 past Ramsey & Mistley A without reply to solidify their second spot in the table while Phoenix & Vagabonds Res drew 4-4. Vitor Fernandes got a hat-trick for Phoenix.

11th November 2018

Congratulations this week to Sokretez and CO4 Ultras as they both progress in the county cups.

Soks won 5-4 at Sparks in the third round of the Sunday Junior Cup with Ryan Chamberlain getting a hat-trick and Tommy Cobb getting two. CO4 also won on their travels beating South Woodham Ferrers Utd 7-1 with goals from Adie Cant, Harry Hewes & Jake Plane who all scored two and Jack Gregory with the other.

Commiserations to Madrid Wanderers who went down 7-5 at Aveley Accies after what sounded like a cracker of a second half comeback from Wanderers (if Twitter is anything to go by) in the Junior Cup, while Ramsey & Mistley A lost 5-0 away at Orsett & Chadwell.

In the league City Saints stay top of the Premier Division with a 2-1 win over Vagabonds. Romania Athletic are in second with three games in hand following their 11-2 win over Ramsey & Mistley, Cosmin Vancea the pick of the scorers with four. Marquis are third winning 6-2 at FC Byair this morning, Dan Bugg getting a brace. The St Johns v Sunday Shrimpers game fell foul of the weather.

Two games off in Division One, Fordham Athletic v Harts and Fifteen Degrees v Icen Wanderers both called off due to waterlogged pitches. Four from Jarrod Palmer helped Queens Arms to a 9-2 win at home against Pathfields while Vikings Flag didn't hold back against poor Newtown Rovers. Nine-man Rovers went home on the wrong end of a 23-0 scoreline with Bailey Barnard top scoring for Vikings Flag with six goals.

In Division Two leaders Dovercourt Rovers could only draw two apiece with Great Clacton Utd. Cusa beat Stone Island 4-2 with Paul Roberts adding another couple to his tally for the season while a hat-trick for Shane Lord gave Great Oakley their first win, and first league points of the season as they beat Tavern 4-3. Bullers v Ramsey & Mistley Res was another call off due to the rain.

The match between the top two in Division Three, Feering Village and Riverbank Athletic was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch so that left the way open for others to close the gap. Colchester Crusaders beat

Phoenix 4-1 to stay in third spot while Dedham Athletic beat Vagabonds 5-2 to go fourth. Sokretez Res beat Pitchbury 2-1 in the last match of this section.

18th November 2018

All league action this week ... and in the Premier Division Marquis go top of the table courtesy of today's opponents Vagabonds being unable to raise a side. Marquis will get the points from that one which takes them above previous leaders City Saints. Saints, who could only find ten players themselves went down 1-4 at home to St Johns. Duckpond beat FC Byair 7-3 thanks in part to a hat-trick from Ross Brazitis. The Sunday Shrimpers games against Romania Athletic was called off and will need to be re-scheduled.

In Division One there was no change at the top of the table as Vikings Flag travelled to old rivals Harts and came away with all three points, Markel Greenidge getting a hat-trick there. Queens Arms beat Madrid Wanderers 2-1 while a hat-trick from Ryan Chamberlain and a long distance effort from their keeper Matt O'Brien helped Sokretez to a 4-1 win at Pathfields. A brace from Alexis Pryke (and an own goal) gave Icen Wanderers a 3-2 home win over Fordham Athletic.

Dovercourt Rovers got back to winning ways with a 4-0 home win over Cusa, Daryl Hinks the hat-trick man in that one, while Great Clacton Utd bagged a 3-1 win at Tavern. Stone Island won at home beating Bullers 3-0 as did Ramsey & Mistley Res who saw off the challenge of Great Oakley.

Riverbank Athletic made it nine wins out of ten in Division Three as they beat Vagabonds Res 5-1. Riverbank were only able to field eight players but still managed the win over their eleven man opponents. Jack Thorndike got a hat-trick there for Riverbank. Feering Village stay second with a 4-0 win at Sokretez Res and Colchester Crusaders hang on to third spot as they drew 4-4 with Ramsey & Mistley A. Dedham Athletic are in fourth, winning 5-1 at Pitchbury.

18th November 2018

Congratulations this week must go to Vikings Flag and Romania Athletic once again as they continue to represent the Colchester & District Sunday League in the Essex Sunday Premier Cup. Wins for both sides see them into round four.

Vikings Flag went a goal down at home to Bocking Social but came back to win 3-1 thanks to goals from Steve Eaton, Markel Greenidge & Jayden Rendall. Romania Athletic were victorious in a best-of-seven at Railway Accies, Vancea, Miron, Valentin & Muresan on target there !!

In the league Marquis stay top of the Prem with a 6-2 win over Sunday Shrimpers while Duckpond get the points as their opponents today City Saints were unable (for the first time ever) to field a side. St Johns and Vagabonds played out a 3-3 draw to share the points while FC Byair beat Ramsey & Mistley 4-1.

With Vikings Flag in cup action Queens Arms took the opportunity to close the gap at the top of Division One with a 2-0 win at home to Sokretez. Harts beat Madrid Wanderers 3-1 while Icen Wanderers travelled to Pathfields and came home with the points winning 5-3. The Fifteen Degrees match v Fordham Athletic fell foul of the weather, the game called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

In Division Two leaders Dovercourt Rovers had their lead pegged back as they lost 2-1 to second placed CO4 Ultras who make it eight league wins out of eight. Great Clacton Utd are third as they beat Stone Island 5-2 with the pick of the goals a 35 yarder in the top corner from Darren Simon. A hat-trick from Finlay Caro saw Tavern to a 4-1 win at Cusa while Ramsey & Mistley Res won 2-0 at Great Oakley.

Riverbank Athletic did their goal difference no harm at all with a 19-1 win at home against Sokretez Res. The goals were well-shared between Reeves (5), Thorndike (4), Smith (3), Mannings (3), Ellis (3) & Obols. Fair play to Soks though who played the whole match with only seven men !! Dedham Athletic and Colchester Crusaders played out a 2-2 draw while the games between Ramsey & Mistley A and Vagabonds Res and Phoenix & Feering Village didn't go ahead as Vagabonds & Phoenix both failed to raise a team.

2nd December 2018

Alas it was not to be in the county cups this morning as both Sokretez and CO4 Ultras fell at the fourth round hurdle.

Soks went down 2-8 away at Leigh Utd while CO4 Ultras lost 1-5 at home to Royal Albert. CO4 also lost striker Harry Willoughby to a broken ankle.

In the league Premier Division leaders Marquis were beaten 6-2 by St Johns who move up to fourth place. Romania Athletic continued their push for the title with a 4-2 win at home over City Saints. FC Byair won 5-1 at home against Ramsey & Mistley.

There are new leaders in Division One as Queens Arms beat Vikings Flag 4-0 to overtake their rivals for the top spot. Icen Wanderers recorded an 8-3 win over Newtown Rovers with Alexis Pryke getting five while Sam Thompson's hat-trick helped Harts come from behind at the break to beat Fifteen Degrees 6-2. Pathfields were unable to raise a side to face Fordham Athletic.

In Division Two Dovercourt Rovers got back to winning ways with a 6-2 win over Tavern, Kieron Lammas getting four there. Great Clacton Utd beat Stone Island 9-0 in the division's top scoring match while Cusa beat Ramsey & Mistley Res 3-1 with Richard Blaxall bagging a brace. Great Oakley beat Bullers 3-0.

Feering Village beat Division Three leaders Riverbank Athletic to close the gap to goal difference, Ramsey & Mistley A beat Pitchbury 3-2 and Dedham Athletic won 10-2 at home to Sokretez Res, Aaron Debenham getting a hat-trick amongst the Dedham scorers.

9th December 2018

Charles Hewitt Memorial Cup weekend today with third round action bringing the sides from the Prem & Div One into the competition. Starting at the top of the draw Cusa won 3-1 at home over Ramsey & Mistley thanks to a hat-trick from Paul Roberts. Cusa will play Icen Wanderers in round four as they won 3-2 after extra time against Feering Village. Dedham Athletic won 5-1 on their travels over Newtown Rovers to line up a home tie against the winners of Pathfields & Madrid Wanderers.

Marquis were unable to raise a side to face Duckpond so that sees the Ducks through to take on the winners of Vagabonds v Dovercourt Rovers. Great Clacton Utd beat Phoenix 4-1. They will play hosts to Riverbank Athletic who beat Premier Division FC Sunday Shrimpers 4-3. A hat-trick from Vancea sent Romania Athletic on their way to round fur as they beat Sokretez 5-1 to set up a home tie against Queens Arms who got a bye through as City Saints were unable to raise a side.

Following their 8-1 win at home over Tavern, Harts will play local rivals Vikings Flag for a place in the quarter finals. Terrence Kangandu was the pick of the scorers for Harts with a hat-trick while Steve Eaton went one better, scoring four a Vikings Flag beat Stone Island 11-2. Another hat-trick man was CO4 Ultras' Sam Bird who helped his side to a 7-1 win at Premier Division FC Byair. CO4 will face Colchester Crusaders.

Matches still to play in round three are Madrid Wanderers v Pathfields, Fordham Athletic v St Johns and Vagabonds v Dovercourt Rovers.

In the league Fifteen Degrees v Madrid Wanderers was called off due to a waterlogged pitch in Division One, while in Division Two Ramsey & Mistley Res beat Bullers 4-0. In Division Three Colchester Crusaders are up to third as they beat Pitchbury 2-0 while Sokretez Res win a best-of-seven at home to Ramsey & Mistley A.

16th December 2018

The last footballing weekend before the Christmas break saw action in the second rounds of both the Fowler Memorial Cup and the Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup.

The Fowler Cup actually only saw one of the three games go ahead - the Sunday Shrimpers v Fordham Athletic match fell foul of yesterday's rain with the ground deemed waterlogged. The winner of that one will face Marquis as their opponents today, City Saints were unable to raise a side. Vikings Flag beat Icen Wanderers 4-3 in the third match thanks to goals from Terry Rymmer (2), James Hendy & Toby Harms. Alexis Pryke got a hat-trick in vain for Icen. Vikings Flag will face Vagabonds in the quarter-finals.

In th Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup, Feering Village beat Riverbank Athletic 2-0 at the top of the draw and they will face Tavern in the quarters after they beat Dedham Athletic 4-2. A hat-trick from Liam Sparrow (including a volley from 30 yards into the top corner) saw Great Clacton Utd beat Cusa 4-3, although the winner came from Kieran Sparrow in the very last minute. Great Clacton will face the winner of Vagabonds Res against CO4 Ultras.

A James Pamment hat-trick helped Ramsey & Mistley Res to a 7-3 win at home to Colchester Crusaders to set up a quarter final clash at home to Dovercourt Rovers. Great Oakley beat Pitchbury 3-2 to make their way into the last eight where they will face Stone Island, 4-3 winners this morning over Bullers.

In the league Duckpond will get the points from their match with St Johns as the saints were unable to raise a side while Romania Athletic go top on goal difference with a 7-2 win at Ramsey & Mistley.

In Division One Queens Arms stretch their lead at the top with a 4-3 win over Fifteen Degrees. Billy Wales & Adam Daniels both getting a couple for Queens. Sokretez are up to fifth with a 3-0 win over Madrid Wanderers, Tommy Cobb getting all three.

Just the one game in Division Three saw Phoenix beat Ramsey & Mistley A 5-3 which moves Phoenix up to fifth spot.

6th January 2019

After what seems like forever we're back !! Two matches in the third round of the Charles Hewitt Memorial League Cup took place this morning with wins coming for Fordham Athletic & Pathfields. Fordham beat St Johns 3-1 to set up a home tie against Fifteen Degrees while a strike from Felix Haigh saw Pathfields beat Madrid Wanderers 4-3 after extra time. Pathfields will travel to Dedham Athletic.

In the league Duckpond beat Vagabonds 5-2 thanks to a hat-trick from Jamie Eades and a brace from Michael Palmer which sees them now equal on points with Romania Athletic at the top of the Premier Division. Sunday Shrimpers beat Marquis 4-2 in the same section to move Shrimpers up to fourth spot.

Queens Arms continue their push for the Division One title as they eat Newtown Rovers 5-1 with a Billy Wales hat-trick. Vikings Flag are six points behind with one game in hand as they beat Sokretez 3-1 while Fifteen Degrees won on their travels beating Icen Wanderers 4-2.

In Division Two CO4 Ultras close the gap at the top of the table with a 4-2 win at Ramsey & Mistley Res. They are four points adrift but have five games in hand ! Great Clacton Utd helped their cause (and Co4's) as they beat leaders Dovercourt Rovers 3-2 with Edwards bagging a brace while Paul Roberts notched another hat-trick as Cusa beat Bullers 6-3. Great Oakley must have thought they had it all tied up at half-time, three nil up at home to Stone Island but the visitors came back and took it 4-3 at the end of the ninety.

In Division Four Riverbank extend their lead with a 3-2 win over Ramsey & Mistley A. Feering Village went down 1-0 at Colchester Crusaders while Dedham Athletic won 4-2 at home against Vagabonds Res. A hat-trick from Fernandes & one from Harrington was enough to see Phoenix home 4-3 against Sokretez. Feel for Josh Redpath who scored all three in vain for Soks.

13th January 2019

Fourth round of the Charles Hewitt Memorial League Cup this morning with twelve sides looking to cement their place in the quarter finals. Harts played hosts to old rivals Vikings Flag but it was the visitors who came out on top, winning 3-0 thanks to goals from Greenidge, Rymer & Eaton. Vikings Flag will face Romania Athletic who won through 2-1 this morning beating Queens Arms with Valentin & Razvan on target, Newland got the consolation for Queens.

Fifteen Degrees won on their travels beating Fordham Athletic 1-0 thanks to Callum Rogers' goal but they might have a bit of a wait for the next game in this competition as there are two rounds to play before their opponents are finally decided. CO4 Ultras blasted their way past Colchester Crusaders with a 10-1 victory, goals coming from Hewes (3), Bird (2), Hyams (2), Mitchell, Tolhurst & Gregory. Dave Franklin got the Crusaders' consolation. CO4 will take on Icen Wanderers in the quarters after Icen got past Cusa 2-1 after extra time, Grimley & Pryke on target there while Paul Roberts bagged another for his season tally for Cusa.

Riverbank Athletic beat Great Claton Utd 4-1 with Daniels, Martin, Stone & Wilmin getting the goals - they will face the winner of Dedham Athletic & Pathfields.

In the league Duckpond go top of the Premier Division following their 4-1 win at St Johns while Sunday Shrimpers put six past Ramsey & Mistley without reply with Chris Johnson getting a hat-trick that puts Shrimpers up to third.

Sokretez won the only game in Division One, beating struggling Newtown 12-2, Eastman (4) and Newland (3) were the pick of the scorers there. Soks are now fifth.

In Division Two Dovercourt Rovers won again to keep them at the top of the table - a 2-0 win at Bullers sees them seven points clear but as we said last week CO4 have games in hand while Rovers only have one league game remaining. Tavern drew 2-2 with Ramsey & Mistley Res.

With Riverbank in cup action Feering Village took the opportunity to close the gap to goal difference at the top of Division Three with a 2-1 at home to Phoenix. Sokretez Res went down 0-3 at home to Vagabonds Res.

20th January 2019

A bit of a cold one this morning saw nine matches called off with frozen pitches. All of the Premier Division was postponed so no changes there but in Division One Sokretez came out on top beating Pathfields 4-2 thanks to goals from McInnes (2), Cobb & Chamberlain and that moves them up to fourth place. Newtown Rovers were unable to raise a side to face Queens Arms.

In Division Two CO4 Ultras close the gap at the top beating leaders Dovercourt Rovers 5-2 with Jake Mitchell the pick of the scorers with a hat-trick. CO4 are now four points behind with six games in hand, Rovers have completed their programme so will be hoping for big help from elsewhere. Great Clacton Utd are third having beaten Great Oakley 7-1. Utd spread the goals around but Darren Simon's 30yd

thunderbolt was apparently the best of the lot !! Stone Island beat Tavern 5-3 with goals from Pitts (2), Lewis (2) and Stallwood.

In Division Three Riverbank Athletic remain top following their 12-0 thumping of Pitchbury; Lee Fox with four and Mike Francis three, the pick of the scorers there. Vagabonds Res beat Colchester Crusaders 3-1 in the other match that braved the frost.

27th January 2019

A little bit of a cup weekend this morning as we try to get the cups up to date. In the Charles Hewitt Memorial League Cup Dovercourt Rovers beat Vagabonds 1-0 thanks to a Harry Brundle penalty. Dovercourt will take on Duckpond in the fourth round with the winners going on to face Fifteen Degrees in the quarter finals. Newtown Rovers must be shaking their heads in disbelief tonight as they somehow went from 4-1 up with half an hour to play, to 4-6 down as Pathfields came back to take the fourth round tie. Pathfields now face Riverbank Athletic for a place in the semi-finals.

In the Fowler Memorial Cup, Sokretez beat St Johns 8-3 in their second round match with Ryan Chamberlain bagging six !! Soks will face Duckpond in the quarter finals.

Great Oakley beat Stone Island 4-0 in the quarter final of the Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup to set up a semi final against either Ramsey & Mistley Res or Dovercourt Rovers.

In the league Duckpond have started their push for the Premier title, beating closest (and possibly only) rivals Romania Athletic 4-0. The win takes the Ducks six points clear and Romania only have one game in hand. The title will almost certainly come down to the return fixture and possibly goal difference.

In Division One Madrid Wanderers took all three points from the travels to Fifteen Degrees, winning it 4-3 thanks to a bullet header from Garry Neal. The Fordham Athletic v Harts match fell foul of a waterlogged pitch.

CO4 Ultras look odds-on for the Division Two title as they closed the gap on leaders Dovercourt Rovers thanks to a 17-1 win at Bullers. Pick of the scorers were Sam Bird & Harry Hewes who both got five, but pick of the goals probably goes to Adie Cant with his overhead kick. Great Clacton Utd came back from two down to share the points with Cusa in their 2- draw while Ramsey & Mistley Res beat Tavern 4-0 thanks to a brace apiece from Harris & Simpson.

Riverbank remain top of Division Three after their 1-0 home win against Dedham Athletic. Feering Village are still within shooting distance as they beat Vagabonds Res while Phoenix beat Pitchbury 2-0. Sokretez Res v Colchester Crusaders was postponed.

3rd February 2019

Another freeze overnight put paid to six matches this morning with two other matches not reaching kickoff with clubs unable to raise a side.

Vagabonds Res couldn't get eleven together for their second round match at home to CO4 Ultras in the Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup so CO4 go through unopposed to face Great Clacton Utd for a place in the semi-finals.

In the Fowler Memorial Cup the Sunday Shrimpers v Fordham Athletic match was the first to be called off with the pitch deemed unsafe. Harts got their game played, beating Pathfields 5-1 thanks to a brace apiece from Barnard & Thompson and one from Bartlett. Harts will face the winner of FC Byair v Newtown Rovers in the quarter finals.

In the league Duckpond put pressure on closest challengers Romania Athletic for the Premier title with a 2-1 win away at Vagabonds. Duly & Knight gave Duckpond the points which puts them nine points clear with Romania only having two games in hand ! The Marquis v Ramsey & Mistley match was postponed.

All of Division One was called off with the pitches at Rush Green and Eastcliff closed so onto Division Two where Great Clacton Utd beat Cusa 2-0 to move to within a win of the top of the table - Matt Murray saving a penalty for Utd at nil-nil.

Riverbank Athletic complete their Division Three campaign with another win, beating Pitchbury 4-1 with Jordan Ellis getting a hat-trick. Riverbank can still be caught by Feering Village, but they will need two wins and a draw from their remaining three matches. Their match at Dedham Athletic was another postponed this morning. A hat-trick from Fernades, one from Muller and a 'return to action' goal from Joe Allan-Nagy gave Phoenix a 5-3 win at Ramsey & Mistley A.

In the Wally Castle Invitational Trophy, Stone Island were unable to raise a side to face Dovercourt Rovers in group A while Sokretez Res beat Colchester Crusaders 4-3 in group C with Chamberlain & Redpath both getting a pair.

17th February 2019

The league's interest in the County Cups is over as Vikings Flag just failed to make it through to the semi-finals of the Essex Sunday Premier Cup, going out 2-3 to Palmers after extra time. Going two down, they came back thanks to goals from Terry Rymer and Steve Eaton but Palmers took it in the extra period.

In the domestic cups, there were wins for Sunday Shrimpers and FC Byair in the Fowler Memorial Cup, CO4 Ultras, Ramsey & Mistley Res and Feering Village in the Ernie Osborne and Riverbank Athletic & Colchester Crusaders in the Terry Martin. Congratulations to all of those sides and good luck in the next round.

Stone Island and Great Oakley got wins in the Wally Castle group stages, beating Bullers and Pitchbury respectively.

In the league Duckpond did their Premier ambitions no harm at all with a 4-2 win at home over Ramsey & Mistley while Romania Athletic still have hope as they will be awarded the points as Marquis failed to raise a side.

In Division One Queens Arms stay top of the tree with a 3-2 win at Fifteen Degrees thanks to Vitor Fernandes' hat-trick, Iceni Wanderers beat Sokretez 3-1 while Harts put away seven without reply at Pathfields.

Just the one game in Division Three saw Phoenix complete their league programme with a best-of-five away win at Dedham Athletic.

24th February 2019

Quarter final action in the Charles Hewitt Memorial Cup this morning saw wins for Vikings Flag, Pathfields, CO4 Ultras and Duckpond. Vikings Flag beat Romania Athletic 7-4 with Steve Eaton getting a hat-trick and Bailey Barnard & Markel Greenidge a brace apiece while Vancea (3) and Miron were the names on the Romania scoresheet. Vikings Flag will face Duckpond for a place in the final as Duckpond got past Fifteen Degrees by winning a penalty shootout after ending the extra period at 4-4.

The other semi final will of course be Pathfields (who beat Riverbank 2-1 after extra time thanks to goals from Lockhart & Smith) against CO4 Ultras, 4-2 winners over Iceni Wanderers, Gregory (2), Bird & Willoughby the scorers.

It was also quarter-finals day in the Terry Martin Trophy - well the second half of it - as Ramsey & Mistley Res beat Pitchbury 6-2 to set up their semi-final against Colchester Crusaders, while Feering Village won 9-0 at home to Phoenix (Brad Abbott with a hat-trick) to put them up against Riverbank for a final spot.

In the league FC Byair beat Vagabonds 4-2 to leap above today's opponents in the table while Sunday Shrimpers beat St Johns 6-1 to consolidate third place.

In Division One Harts won 6-0 at home to Sokretez with Sam Thompson getting a hat-trick, Harts move into second place. Queens Arms are still clear at the top despite only drawing 1-1 with Fordham Athletic but the title is very much up for grabs in this section. Madrid Wanderers went a little goal crazy as they beat Newtown Rovers 13-1 with Dan Smith getting five.

In the Wally Castle Invitational Trophy there were wins for Dovercourt Rovers & Dedham Athletic while Tavern & Cusa shared the points in group B and Sokretez Res & Ramsey & Mistley A did the same in group C.

3rd March 2019

All about the league this morning as we enter the month of March and it was more than a bit damp for all concerned.

In the Premier Division Duckpond are pushing hard for the title with another win, beating local rivals Sunday Shrimpers 6-2 to keep themselves firmly in the driving seat with just two league matches to go. Romania Athletic have four games to play following today's 8-2 home win over FC Byair but are still nine points adrift and they still have Duckpond to play, which must be the title decider !! Vagabonds beat Ramsey & Mistley 3-2 to leapfrog St Johns into fifth spot.

In Division One there was a bit of a shock for leaders Queens Arms as they went down 0-1 to Sokretez. Queens are still top of the table but that result gives the chasers a little more encouragement. Harts beat Newtown Rovers 10-0 to keep them in second but probable favourites Viking Flag are just one point back with games in hand. They beat Iceni Wanderers 4-2 this morning. Fifteen Degrees won on their travels, beating Pathfields 3-2 while Fordham Athletic did the same at Madrid Wanderers.

CO4 Ultras are champions of Division Two following this morning's 11-0 win over Stone Island. That makes it eleven wins out of eleven with CO4 aiming to go 100% for the league season. Great Clacton Utd in second place lost to Great Oakley in a nine goal thriller (Shane Lord got a hat-trick for Oakley there) while Cusa won 4-2 against Ramsey & Mistley Res. Ashley Tappenden's hat-trick helped Tavern to an 8-0 home win over Bullers.

Feering Village made things very tight at the top as they beat Sokretez Res 7-2 to put them level with Riverbank Athletic with a game in hand while Pitchbury made things equally tight at the bottom with a 1-0 win over Vagabonds Res.

10th March 2019

A shorter roundup than usual this week but that's due to the rain of the last few days making a fair number of pitches unplayable.

Congratulations to Colchester Crusaders, through to the final of the Terry Martin Trophy as they beat Ramsey & Mistley Res 2-1 at Shrub End with goals coming from Dave Franklin & Aaron Finch, The Crusaders will meet either Feering Village or Riverbank Athletic in the final.

In the Fowler Memorial Cup quarter finals there were wins for Duckpond who beat Sokretez 3-1 thanks to a hat-trick from Joe Knight while Icen Wanderers' Alexis Pryke achieved the same feat as he saw his side home 3-2 over Vagabonds, his third coming in the very last minute of extra time. Harts came back from a goal down against FC Byair to take that one 3-1, Thompson, Lamb & Bramhall on target there.

Duckpond will face Icen in the second semi final - Harts await the winners of Sunday Shrimpers and Marquis.

In Division One Fifteen Degrees drew 1-1 with Fordham Athletic while Pathfields were unable to raise a side to face Vikings Flag. The three points from that match puts Vikings second, seven points behind the leaders with three games in hand.

In Division Two Cusa beat Great Oakley 4-2 to complete their league programme in fourth spot.

17th March 2019

Another wet week caused problems again this morning with three matches falling by the wayside.

In the Premier Division leaders Duckpond saw their match at Ramsey & Mistley called off leaving just Sunday Shrimpers to play hosts to Romania Athletic. Romania won the day in a close 2-1 victory with Shrimpers pushing hard for the equaliser at the end but to no avail. Vancea & Valentin on target for Romania which leaves them three points behind with a game in hand. Shrimpers consolation came from Chris Stratton.

Division One managed a full programme that still leaves the title up for grabs with all the main players getting draws. Leaders Queens Arms drew four apiece with third placed Harts while second placed Vikings Flag drew 2-2 with Icen Wanderers. This leaves Queens top with one to play, seven points ahead of Vikings Flag who have four to go. Harts are nine points off the leaders with only three to play.

Fifteen Degrees won 5-1 at Sokretez to move into fifth while Fordham Athletic & Madrid Wanderers drew 2-2 with a brace for each side; Matt Macdonald for Fordham and Eugene Yeaboak for Wanderers. Newtown Rovers went down at home by 8-0 against Pathfields who had Baya & Lockhart both registering hat-tricks.

Bullers were unable to raise a side for their match with CO4 Ultras in Division Two while the match between Ramsey & Mistley A and Sokretez Res was hit by the rain.

In the Wally Castle Trophy Riverbank Athletic & Tavern drew 2-2 in group B which puts both sides through to the next stage. The Group D game between Dedham Athletic & Pitchbury fell foul of the weather.

24th March 2019

Congratulations to CO4 Ultras and Ramsey & Mistley Res who will challenge for the Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup after winning through in this morning's semi-finals.

Goals from Turner, Cant & Willoughby saw CO4 home 3-1 against Feering Village while Ramsey & Mistley beat Great Oakley 4-2 with goals from Harris, Nea, Sayers & Steele.

The final will take place at Lawford FC on Sunday 28th April.

In the league Duckpond beat their rivals for the title Romania Athletic by three goals to nil, Eades, Hammond & Rusby got the goals that put the Ducks six points clear. Romania still have a game in hand

but will hope that Duckpond either drop points or score fewer goals in their remaining match to give Romania a chance. Marquis beat Ramsey & Mistley 4-2 to close the gap on third place Sunday Shrimpers.

In Division One Queens Arms complete their programme with a 7-1 over Madrid Wanderers - pick of the scorers Baldwin and Palmer with a brace apiece. Vikings Flag are the only side who can catch Queens and they have three games to recoup those seven points. Vikings won 12-2 at Pathfields today with goals coming from Eaton & Barnard with four, Williams with a hat-trick and Newland getting the other one.

Iceni Wanderers beat Newtown Rovers 7-2 with Alexis Pryke bagging another hat-trick. That puts Iceni in fourth spot ahead of Sokretetz who went down 0-3 in their final league match to Fordham Athletic.

No games in Division Two but in Division Three Colchester Crusaders won on their travels beating Sokretetz Res 5-1, Tyler Shillingford getting a couple there to help Crusaders finish the season in a very creditable third place.

Just one other game this morning saw Dedham Athletic beat Pitchbury 3-1 in Group D of the Wally Castle Invitational Trophy.

31st March 2019

Congratulations to Duckpond FC, champions of the Colchester & District Sunday League for 2018/19. Last week's win over only rivals for the title Romania Athletic set them up for today, and a 3-1 win at Ramsey & Mistley gives them the title. Goals from Knight, Brazitis & Slater did the job for the Ducks who complete their title winning season with fifteen wins from sixteen matches.

Romania Athletic's opponents St Johns were unable to raise a side but either way, Athletic finish as very creditable runners-up.

Division One is still up for grabs with Vikings Flag closing in on leaders Queens Arms as they get into their games in hand. A 2-0 win at Madrid Wanderers, with an OG and a penalty from Wayne Chapman, sees Vikings Flag four points behind with two games left to play. Harts could still take second place after their 2-0 win over Pathfields while Fordham Athletic skip over Fifteen Degrees in the table, beating them 3-2 this morning thanks to a brace from Macdonald and one from Freeman.

Great Oakley were unable to raise a side for their final match with CO4 Ultras which leaves the last match in this section between the winners, CO4 and the runners-up, Great Clacton Utd. CO4 will be looking for a 100% record for the league season, and Great Clacton hoping to stop them.

In Division Three congratulations are also in order as Feering Village take the title following a 3-1 win at Dedham Athletic. On target for Feering were Will Johnston, Josh Claydon & Sam O'Connell. Dylan Griffin got the consolation for Dedham.

7th April 2019

Cup congratulations firstly this week ... Riverbank Athletic are through to the Terry Martin Trophy Final after beating Feering Village this morning. No goals for either side in normal time or the extra period so it was all down to spot kicks with Riverbank taking it by four to three. They will face Colchester Crusaders for the silverware on Sunday 21st April at Lawford FC.

Sunday Shrimpers are through to the semi-finals of the Fowler Memorial Cup, beating Marquis 3-2 thanks to a brace from Chris Stratton & one from Leroy Eade. Shrimpers will face Harts for a place in the final.

Three of the quarter finals of the Wally Castle Invitational Trophy took place this morning. Dovercourt Rovers are through beating Great Oakley 5-0 with Shane Routledge bagging a hat-trick, Sokretetz Res won 7-2 against Tavern with Ryan Chamberlain getting four and Tom Cobb three while a hat-trick for Cameron Pitts helped Stone Island to a 4-3 win over Dedham Athletic.

Not a lot left in the league but three matches in Division One saw wins for the clubs in second, third and fourth. Vikings Flag won 2-0 at home to Fifteen Degrees, a win that puts Vikings one point behind leaders Queens Arms with one to play. A point or more from their final match with Fordham Athletic will give Vikings the title. Harts beat Iceni Wanderers 7-1 to cement third spot while a point or more against Vikings Flag will confirm Fordham Athletic in fourth place. Fordham beat struggling Newtown Rovers 12-1 with goals spread throughout the side.

The last match in Division Two didn't go ahead as Great Clacton Utd were unable to raise a side - this gives CO4 Ultras the points and sees them go two seasons in a row unbeaten in the league.

14th April 2019

The finalists for this year's Fowler Memorial Cup have been decided ... Harts will play Premier Division champions Duckpond for the silverware at Lawford FC on Sunday 5th May.

Harts beat Sunday Shrimpers 3-0 to take their place in the final, while Duckpond saw off the challenge of Icen Wanderers 8-3. Joe Knight was pick of the Duckpond scorers, bagging four, while Geen (2), Felgate and Duly got the others. Pryke, Gilbert & Grimley were the Icen scorers.

In the last of the Wally Castle Trophy quarter finals Colchester Crusaders won a best-of-five, beating Riverbank Athletic 3-2 with Finch, Forde & Knill-Jones on target. One more win will see Crusaders in the final on 19th May.

In the league Viking Flag go top of Division One following their 3-1 win at Fordham Athletic. Eaton, Barnard and an OG give Vikings Flag the title, although a super penalty save from Alex Ball helped them on their way this morning. Will Sainsbury got the Fordham consolation. Fifteen Degrees moved up to fifth following their 6-4 win over Newtown Rovers. Shane Goodyear got a hat-trick for Fifteen Degrees, Runicles, Hart & Gemmell got the rest while Lee Rymer got himself a hat-trick for Newtown with Jason Davies completing the scoring.

Division Three is complete following Sokretez Res 5-4 win at Ramsey & Mistley A, Kain Schoeman getting a couple for Soks.

21st April 2019



Congratulations to Riverbank Athletic, winners of this morning's Terry Martin Trophy final at Lawford FC, beating Colchester Crusaders 3-2.

No goals in the first half but then Crusaders went ahead through Ryan Knill-Jones and then Owen Griffiths. With sixteen minutes left Riverbank got themselves a life-line thanks to eventual man-of-the-match Dean Stone but it wasn't until three minutes from time they were able to level things up with a goal from Wes Henry. As the match looked to be edging towards extra time, Riverbank's Jordan Ellis bagged the winner to give his side the silverware.

It was semi-finals day in the Charles Hewitt Memorial League Cup as Pathfields faced CO4 Ultras and Vikings Flag took on Duckpond.

Thanks to some great goalkeeping on both sides, the Pathfields v CO4 game was tied nil-nil at the break but CO4 raced into a 5-0 lead in the second period with goals coming from Taven Clarke (2), Adie Cant (2) & Sam Bird. Pathfields had created chances but hadn't taken them before Rob Sizer bagged a couple for his side as the half wore on but it was just too little too late as CO4 Ultras make their way to the final on Sunday 12th May.

They will face Vikings Flag after they saw off the challenge of league champions Duckpond by three goals to one. Strikes from Nat Spencer, Bailey Barnard and a screamer from Jimmy Shuttlewood saw them into the final. Michael Hammond got the Duck's consolation.

Just one league game this morning saw Fifteen Degrees beat Icen Wanderers 3-1 thanks to goals from Webb, Balaam & Taylor while Callum Murphy got the Icen goal. This leaves just one match remaining in division one, Madrid Wanderers v Harts.

28th April 2019



Congratulations to CO4 Ultras, winners of this morning's Ernie Osborne Challenge Cup Final, beating Ramsey & Mistley Res 4-1 at Lawford FC.

CO4 went ahead early through Adie Cant, before Jay Munro equalised for R&M even earlier in the second half. Goals from Harry Hewes (2) and Jake Mitchell late on sealed the win for CO4 who now have two trophies to their name and still one more to play for.

It was Wally Castle Trophy semi-final day this morning too. Sokretez Res are through to the final at Lawford on Sunday 19th May after they beat Dovercourt Rovers 1-0 in a very tight contest, Randall getting the only goal there. Soks will face Colchester Crusaders who beat Stone Island 2-0 thanks to goals from Owen Griffiths & Dave Voss.

In the final league encounter of Division One Harts beat Madrid Wanderers 6-2. Garry Neal & Kofi Gyebi got the consolations for Wanderers.

5th May 2019



Congratulations to Duckpond, winners of this morning's Fowler Memorial Cup Final, beating Harts 3-0 at Lawford FC.

Goals from Joe Knight, Matt Geen and Ross Brazitis gave Duckpond the trophy and a double, following on from their Premier Division title.

No other games this week ...

12th May 2019



Congratulations to Vikings Flag, winners of this morning's Charles Hewitt Memorial Cup Final, beating CO4 Ultras in a penalty shoot-out at Lawford FC.

Vikings Flag came back from the dead, four nil down with less than a half to play to tie the match and take it into extra time.

19th May 2019



Congratulations to Colchester Crusaders, winners of this morning's Wally Castle Invitational Trophy Final, beating Sokretez Res 3-0 at Lawford FC.

Nil-nil at half time but Crusaders came on strong in the second period scoring three goals without reply to take their first piece of Sunday League silverware.

And that turned out to be the last of the action for season 2018 / 2019.

With two clubs unable (or unwilling) to clear debts incurred by fines and pitch fees, four matches went unplayed in the Premier Division. Fortunately this didn't affect the top position and Duckpond finished worthy winners following an excellent battle between themselves and Romania Athletic.

As always, thanks to everyone who rang in the scores and scorers throughout the year and apologies to anyone whose name has been misspelt or omitted.

Finally, as you may, or may not, already know, this is pretty much my last action for the Colchester & District Sunday League as I have stepped down from all roles now this season is over.

As stated previously ... I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have supported me as Chairman since I took over from Alf Banner back in 2012, with particular thanks to all those who have represented the league as members of the management committee, both past and present.

Being Chairman of the Colchester & District Sunday League has been a tremendous honour for me over the years and I urge all those involved with local football to continue to support these volunteers who work extremely hard, in sometimes very trying circumstances, to ensure there remains a league in which those of Colchester, Clacton, Harwich and other surrounding areas are able to play football.

I would again like to take this opportunity to wish every management committee member, every referee and every player, official and supporter of every club the very best for the seasons ahead.

Many thanks & very best wishes.

Steve Catley
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