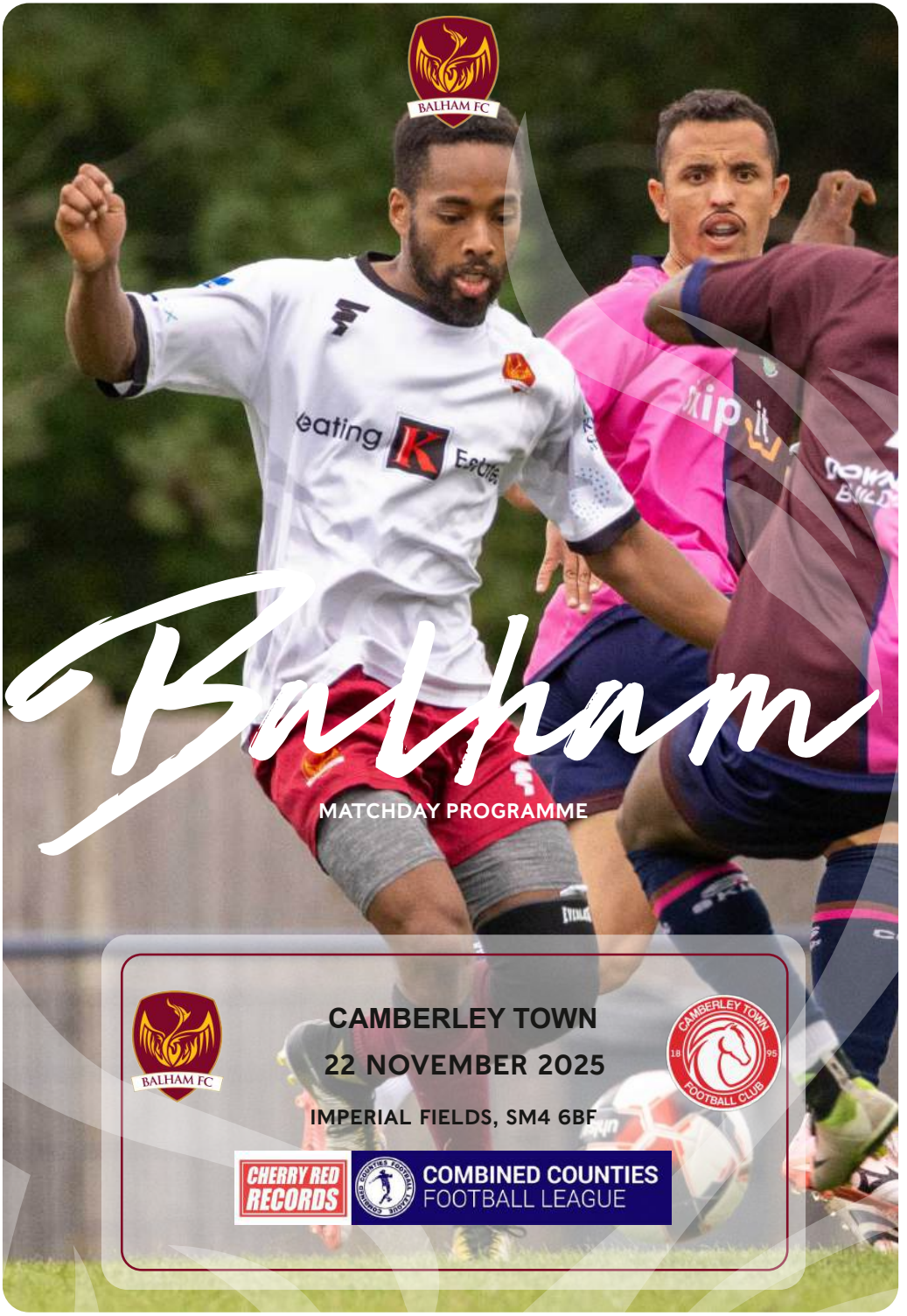


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Balham Football Club was formed in 2011 in order to provide player progression into open age football for the hugely talented, high achieving age group teams of Balham Blazers FC, which was founded by Greg Cruttwell in 2001.

Having won back-to-back promotions in 2011/12 and 2012/13 Balham did the league and cup double in the Surrey South Eastern Combination in 2013/14.

In 2014/15 Balham finished in a promotion position again, in the Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League, however promotion was denied due to Combined Counties League facility requirements not being met.

Having moved to ground share with Cobham FC, in order to meet the facility requirements, Balham finished as runners up in the SEIFL in 2015/16 and as a result were promoted to Division One of the Combined Counties League for the 2016/17 season.

The club had an exceptional first league campaign at Step 6, finishing in a promotion position for the sixth consecutive season and winning the London Senior Trophy.

In 2017/18 the club had an equally exceptional season, finishing 5th at Step 5 in the Premier Division of the CCL and winning the London Senior Cup.

2021/22 will be the club's fifth season at this level after flirting with relegation in 2018/19 and then having null and void seasons in 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to COVID-19.

Having begun on Wimbledon Extension, before moving to Cobham and then to the Wibbandune Stadium, where the club ground shared with Colliers Wood Utd, Balham were on the move again in 2020, this time to the Mayfield Stadium, where the club has embarked on a two-year ground share agreement with AFC Croydon Athletic. Moving location meant having to move sideways in the Football League Pyramid, from the Premier Division of the CCL into the Premier Division of the SCEFL (South East Counties Football League)

After one single season in the SCEFL however, which was curtailed due to COVID-19, the FA brought Balham back to the Combined Counties League for the 2021/22 season, at the same level, in a newly formed Premier League South.

The 21/22 season we were back in the Combined Counties League Premier South – and great to play against some of the teams we have faced many times before as well as some new ones. Despite it being our second highest finish in the division, we couldn't find consistency, there was a notable effort in the Surrey FA Senior Cup where

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we reached the semi-final but lost to National League side Dorking Wanderers.

Balham's 21st season was Greg Cruttwell's final one in charge of football at the club. Greg has taken a step back and he is now Club President.

The 1st team for the 24/25 season will be led by Daré Jean-Pierre assisted by Abraham Richard Tagoe, Aser Gebreselassi, Robin Segura and Seneye Morrell in the CCL Premier South. We are delighted to have agreed a new ground share agreement with Tooting and Mitcham Utd, allowing us to play on their fabulous Imperials Fields Stadium pitch.

## HONOURS

| | |
|---|---|
| 2018/19: | Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award |
| 2017/18: | Winners London Senior Cup |
| | Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award |
| 2016/17: | Combined Counties Division One (Promoted) |
| | Winners London Senior Trophy |
| 2015/16: | Runners Up Surrey Elite League (Promoted) |
| 2014/15: | Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League (3rd) |
| | Winners Surrey Elite League Sportsmanship Award |
| 2013/14: | Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination Division One (Promoted) |
| | Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination League Cup |
| 2012/13: | Surrey South Eastern Combination Division two (Promoted) |
| 2011/12: | Surrey South Eastern Combination Junior Division 1 (Promoted) |

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**LEAGUE TABLE**

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cobham | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 51 | 41 |
| 2 | Knaphill | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 34 |
| 3 | Redhill | 18 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 33 |
| 4 | Tooting & Mitcham United | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | -1 | 31 |
| 5 | Abbey Rangers | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 30 |
| 6 | Fleet Town | 16 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 27 |
| 7 | Badshot Lea | 19 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 26 |
| 8 | Sheerwater | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 26 |
| 9 | Corinthian-Casuals | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | -1 | 26 |
| 10 | Horley Town | 17 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 25 |
| 11 | Sutton Common Rovers | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 22 |
| 12 | Tadley Calleva | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 22 |
| 13 | Epsom & Ewell | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 22 |
| 14 | Chipstead | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | -6 | 22 |
| 15 | Alton | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | -6 | 20 |
| **16** | **Camberley Town** | **18** | **4** | **7** | **7** | **-9** | **19** |
| 17 | Eversley & California | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | -20 | 18 |
| **18** | **Balham** | **15** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **-13** | **17** |
| 19 | Thatcham Town | 17 | 4 | 2 | 11 | -20 | 14 |
| 20 | Guildford City | 20 | 1 | 3 | 16 | -37 | 6 |




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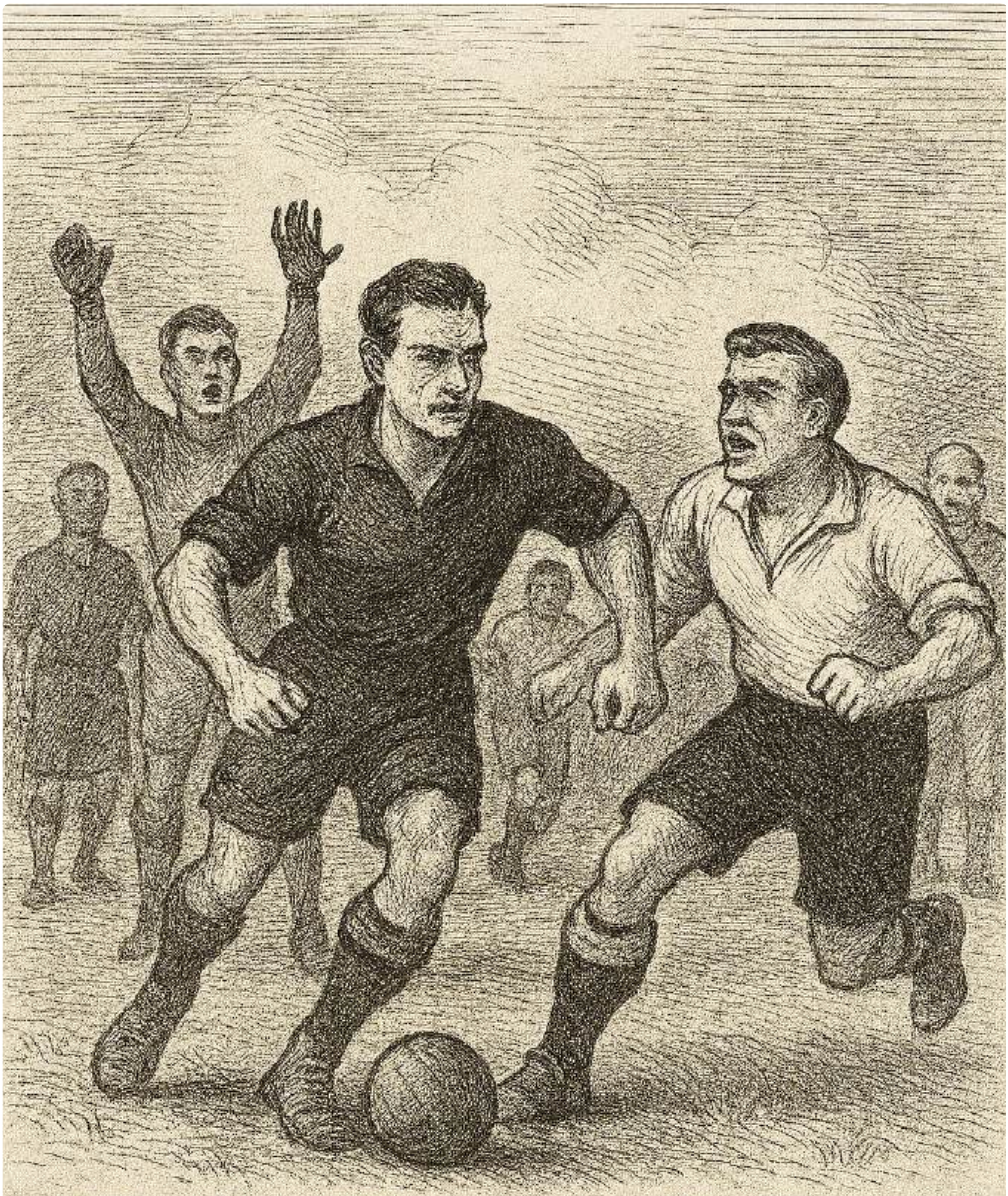
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# Horley Town 3–1 Balham

## By Charles Dickens

*We asked ChatGPT to suggest how Charles Dickens might have reported last week's match.*

It was upon a brisk November afternoon, beneath the smoky skies of Tooting, that the contest commenced. The crowd, a modest assembly of sixty-five souls, gathered like characters from a minor Pickwickian episode – shawled matrons, red-nosed clerks, and errand boys with muddy boots – all drawn to the spectacle at Imperial Fields.

Horley Town, a side of resolute bearing and maroon attire, commenced with a vigour that might have startled Mr. Bumble himself. Within twelve minutes, young Trevatt and the sprightly Marney had each dispatched the ball into Balham's net with the precision of a clerk balancing his ledger. Acquaye, a fellow of considerable pace and no small cunning, added a third before the half was out, leaving the Balham men in a state of dismay not unlike that of Mr. Micawber upon receiving a bill.

Balham, clad in white and black, were not without spirit. Their captain, Mr. David, rallied his companions with the fortitude of a man who has known hardship. Though the second half was a grim affair, marked by cautions and substitutions as frequent as the comings and goings at the Old Bailey, it was in the final minute that Mr. Pagano, a gentleman of considerable flair, struck a solitary goal – a candle in the gloom, a crumb of comfort for the beleaguered side.

The goalkeeper, garbed entirely in orange and resembling a particularly vivid character from a penny dreadful, leapt and lunged with admirable desperation, though the damage had been done. And so the match concluded, not with triumph, but with the weary dignity of men who had laboured, lost, and yet retained their honour..

# RESULTS GRID

| Date | Opponents | Home / Away | COMP | Att. | Result | Score H/A | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29-Jul | Horley Town | A | League | | W | 1-3 | Smith | Meadows | White 55' | David (c) | Palmer | Henry |
| 2-Aug | **Faversham Town** | H | FA Cup | 145 | D | 1-1 | Smith | Palmer T 54' | Pagano | Meadows | Kyei (c) | Hardisty |
| 5-Aug | Faversham Town | A | FA Cup | | L | 5-1 | Smith | Palmer T 57' | Pagano | Banks | Palmer | Kyei (c) |
| 8-Aug | Epsom & Ewell | A | League | | L | 3-1 | Smith | Hardisty 73' | Pagano | David (c) | Palmer | Kyei (c) |
| 25-Aug | **Tooting & Mitcham** | H | League | 314 | D | 1-1 | Smith | Meadows | Pagano 86' | Brooks 76' | Palmer | Henry |
| 30-Aug | Corinthian Casuals | A | League | | D | 1-1 | Smith | Meadows (1) | Kyei 72' | David (c) | Palmer | Henry |
| 2-Sep | Camberley Town | A | League | | W | 2-3 | Smith | Meadows (1) | Kyei | David (c) | Palmer | Palmer T 72' |
| 6-Sep | **Guildford City** | H | League | 74 | W | 2-1 | Smith | Meadows | Kyei 66' | Banks | Palmer | Henry (c) (1) |
| 13-Sep | Alton | A | League | | D | 1-1 | Smith | Meadows | Pagano 62' | Banks | Palmer (1) | Henry (c) |
| 20-Sep | **Jarvis Brook** | H | FA Vase | 82 | W | 3-1 | Smith | Palmer T 46' | Pagano | David (c) (og) | Daud 75' | Meadows |
| 24-Sep | **Fleet Town** | H | League | 87 | D | 0-0 | Smith | Meadows | Kyei | David (c) | Palmer | Henry |
| 27-Sep | Knaphill | A | League | | L | 1-0 | Huffer | Meadows | Pagano 82' | David (c) | Kyei | Henry |
| 1-Oct | **Thatcham Town** | H | Challenge Cup | 39 | W | 1-0 | Smith | Daud 73' | Pagano | David (c) (1) | Kyei | Henry |
| 4-Oct | **Eversley & California** | H | League | 41 | L | 2-3 | Huffer | Meadows | Kyei 66' | David (c) | Hardisty | Henry |
| 8-Oct | **AFC Croydon Athletic** | H | Senior Surrey Cup | 96 | L | 2-4 | Smith | Meadows | Pagano | David (c) 69' | Daud 62' | Hardisty |
| 11-Oct | Sutton Common Rovers | A | League | | D | 2-2 | Smith | Palmer T 81' | Pagano 57' | David (c) | Hardisty | Henry |
| 18-Oct | **Thatcham Town** | H | FA Vase | 62 | W | 3-2 | Smith | Palmer T | Pagano 85' | David (c) | Meadows | Henry |
| 22-Oct | **Cobham** | H | League | 83 | L | 0-8 | Smith | Hardisty | Pagano | David (C) | Kyei | Henry |
| 25-Oct | Tadley Calleva | A | League | | L | 6-1 | Smith | White | Kyei 69' | Meadows 50' | Hardisty | Henry (c) |
| 29-Oct | **Hilltop** | H | | 30 | W | 2-1 | Roughton | White | Pagano | David (c) 86' | Kyei (1) | Henry |
| 1-Nov | **Thatcham Town** | H | League | 45 | W | 3-1 | Smith | Daud 82 | Pagano | David (C) | Kyei | Henry |
| 4-Nov | Windsor & Eton | PP | Challenge Cup | | | | | | | | | |
| 8-Nov | Fisher FC | A | FA Vase | 186 | L | 2-1 | Smith | Daud 52 | Pagano | David (C) | M Palmer 38 | Henry |
| 8-Nov | Redhill | PP | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 11-Nov | **Tooting & Mitcham** | A | London Senior Cup | 68 | L | 2-0 | Smith | V Henri | Kyei | David (C) | Daud | Henry |
| 15-Nov | **Horley Town** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 22-Nov | **Camberley Town** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 26-Nov | **Bedfont Sports** | H | Southern Coronation Challenge Cup | | | | | | | | | |
| 29-Nov | Fleet Town | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Dec | **Sheerwater** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-Dec | Badshot Lea | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 20-Dec | **Epsom & Ewell** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 27-Dec | Tooting & Mitcham | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Jan | Cobham | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 10-Jan | **Corinthian Casuals** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 17-Jan | Guildford City | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 24-Jan | **Alton** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 31-Jan | Abbey Rangers | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Feb | **Knaphill** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-Feb | Eversley & California | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 21-Feb | **Sutton Common Rovers** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 28-Feb | Chipstead | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 7-Mar | **Tadley Calleva** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 14-Mar | Thatcham Town | A | League | | | | | | | | | |
| 21-Mar | **Redhill** | H | League | | | | | | | | | |

## CAMBERLEY TOWN LATEST RESULTS

| Date | H/A | Opponent | Comp | Score | Attd | Scorers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 08-Nov | A | Cobham | CCPS | (0)0 - 5(2) | 131 | |
| 01-Nov | H | Epsom & Ewell | CCPS | (0)2 - 1(0) | 165 | Larrieu-Price, Milchev-Szczepaniak |
| 28-Oct | A | Fleet Town | AS1 | (0)0 - 1(0) | 206 | |
| 25-Oct | A | Tooting & Mitcham Utd | CCPS | (0)0 - 0(0) | 215 | |
| 21-Oct | A | Chipstead | SC1 | (0)1 - 2(1) | 45 | Hooks |
| 18-Oct | H | Badshot Lea | CCPS | (0)0 - 0(0) | 195 | |

| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB | SUB / GK |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pagano 66' | Hedges (1) | Anderson (1) 66' | Bartley | Oldland | Brooks 55' | Kyei 66' | Withers (1) 66' | Palmer T | Johnson |
| White (1) | Bartley | Anderson | Gnekrile | Withers 76' | Gonzalez 54' | Bartram 76' | Arias | Herrmann | Johnson |
| Arias 61' | Bartley | White (1) | Gnekrile | Cruz Rosa 56' | Withers 56' | Hardisty 57' | Bartram 61' | | Johnson |
| White (1) | Banks 76' | Anderson | Bartley | Oldland | Gnekrile 73' | Withers 76' | Henry | Palmer T | Johnson |
| White 86' | Hedges 76' | Banks 86' | Oldland | Anderson (1) | Kennett 76' | Withers 76' | Arias 86' | Ghazaryan 86' | Palmer T 86' |
| Oldland | Brooks 63' | Gavilanes 57' | Hedges 80' | Anderson | Hue-Sang 57' | White 63' | Daud 72' | Withers 80' | Campbell |
| Daud 46' | Brooks 72' | Campbell 46' | Anderson (1) | Withers 46' | Banks 46' | Gavilanes (1) 46' | Pagano 46' | Ghazaryan 72' | Hue-Sang 72' |
| White (1) | Brooks | Anderson | Pagano | Withers 76' | Hue-Sang 66' | Ghazaryan 76' | Daud 72' | Herrmann | Johnson |
| White 85' | Brooks 90' | Anderson 79' | Oldland | Gavilanes 46' | Kyei 46' | Withers 62' | Hue-Sang 79' | Daud 85' | Ghazaryan 90' |
| Oldland (2)(p) | Brooks 65' | White | Herrmann 80' | Gavilanes (1) | Kennett 75' | Bartram 80' | Broni 65' | Chapman 46' | Roughton |
| Ghazaryan 67' | Brooks | Kennett 59' | Pagano | Cruz Rosa 58' | Bartram 58' | Withers 59' | Daud 67' | Broni | Chapman |
| Palmer T 64' | Brooks | White | Herrmann 52' | Bartram 64' | Withers 52' | Daud 64' | Hue-Sang 64' | Broni 82' | Cruz Rosa |
| Chapman 56' | Brooks | Anderson 77' | Oldland | Ghazaryan 78' | Pegler | Kennett 77' | Hermann 78' | Hardisty 73' | Hue-Sang 56' |
| Oldland | Brooks 15' | Anderson (1) | Banks (1) | Hue-Sang 65' | Withers 66' | Hermann | Ghazaryan 65' | Pagano 15' | Daud |
| Ghazaryan | Herrmann | Hue-Sang 55' | Anderson (1) | Withers 64' | White 55' | Chapman (1) 62' | Palmer T 64; | Kennett 69' | Henry |
| White 87' | Meadows | Anderson | Oldland | Broni (1) 62' | Ghazaryan 57' | Withers 62' | Daud 81' | Herrmann 87' | Hue-Sang |
| White | Herrmann 70' | Anderson (2) 65' | Oldland (1p) | Broni 68' | Banks 55' | Withers 68' | Hue-Sang 70' | Daud 85' | Gonzalez |
| Oldland | Meadows | Anderson | Herrmann | Broni 58' | Kennett 17' 58' | Daud 58' | Withers 58' | Cain | Ghazaryan |
| Ghazaryan 69' | Herrmann | Anderson | Pagano | Withers 69' | Chapman 50' | Abebrese 69' | Broni 69' | Villasana 69' | |
| Ghazaryan 71' | Oldland | Kennett | Anderson | V Henri 68' | Withers 67' | Abebrese 68' | Chapman 71' | Fordham 85' | |
| Oldland (1) 89 | Banks | Kennett (1) 63 | Anderson | V Henri 73 | Hermann | Withers 73 | Ghazaryan 63 | Broni | Abebrese (1) 89 |
| White 78 | Banks | Kennett 52 | Oldland (1p) | V Henri 59 | Broni 52 | Abebrese 78 | Ghazaryan 59 | Hermann 38 | T Palmer 52 |
| Broni 67 | Brooks | Abebrese 72 | Ghazaryan 60 | Pagano 71 | White 60 | Withers 67 | Hermann | Hardisty 71 | Kennett 72 |

## CAMBERLEY TOWN UPCOMING FIXTURES

| Date | H/A | Opponent | Comp | KO |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22-Nov | A | Balham | CCPS | 3pm |
| 25-Nov | A | Abbey Rangers | SC2 | 7.45pm |
| 29-Nov | H | Alton | CCPS | 3pm |
| 06-Dec | H | Abbey Rangers | CCPS | 3pm |
| 09-Dec | A | Horley Town | CCPS | 7.30pm |
| 13-Dec | H | Knaphill | CCPS | 3pm |




# CAMBERLEY TOWN

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 19-20 season not finishing and the 20-21 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 & 24-25 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.

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 thee 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.

In August 2025 we were granted permission to redevelop Krooner Park. The future is exciting.

# MEET THE PLAYER

## Luke Hedges

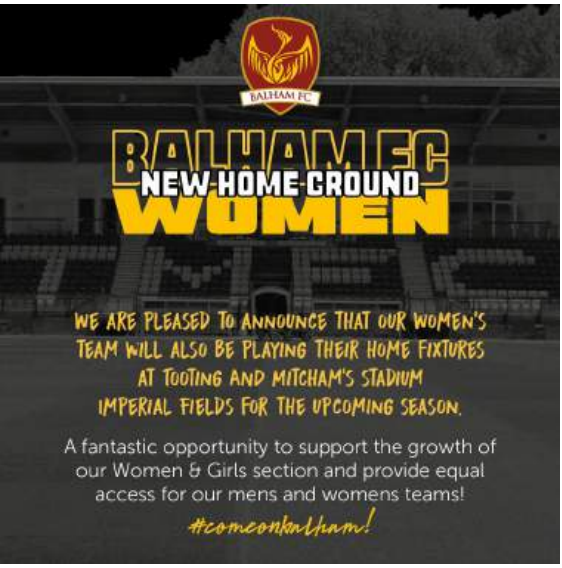


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|---|---|
| Nickname | Hedges |
| Age | 24 |
| Age joined Balham | 10 left and then came back home. |
| Position | Midfield |
| Favourite Ground | The bridge. |
| Sporting hero | Frank lampard |
| Favourite Food | Mums homemade lasagna |
| Favourite Film | Interstellar |
| Favourite Tune | The Liquidator |
| Pre match superstition | Not to warm up: just talk |










Any players interested in getting involved with our Women's team for the new season register using the link in our bio to come along to a training session or email womens@balhamfc.com for further information.

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Football isn't just about the game—it's about the journey, the sacrifices, and the emotional rollercoaster families experience alongside their children. Whether your child is playing grassroots football, striving for an academy spot, or already navigating the system, No1Fan.club is here to support you every step of the way.

Founded by Marcia Lewis, inspired by her son Myles' journey to becoming a professional footballer at Arsenal, No1Fan.club offers a space for parents to find guidance, community, and support in finding the balance between family life, education, and elite sport.

The road to a professional career in football is tough, with only a small fraction of youth players making it. No1Fan.club provides resources to help parents navigate the complexities, from grassroots to academy, managing expectations, and supporting their children through the highs and lows.

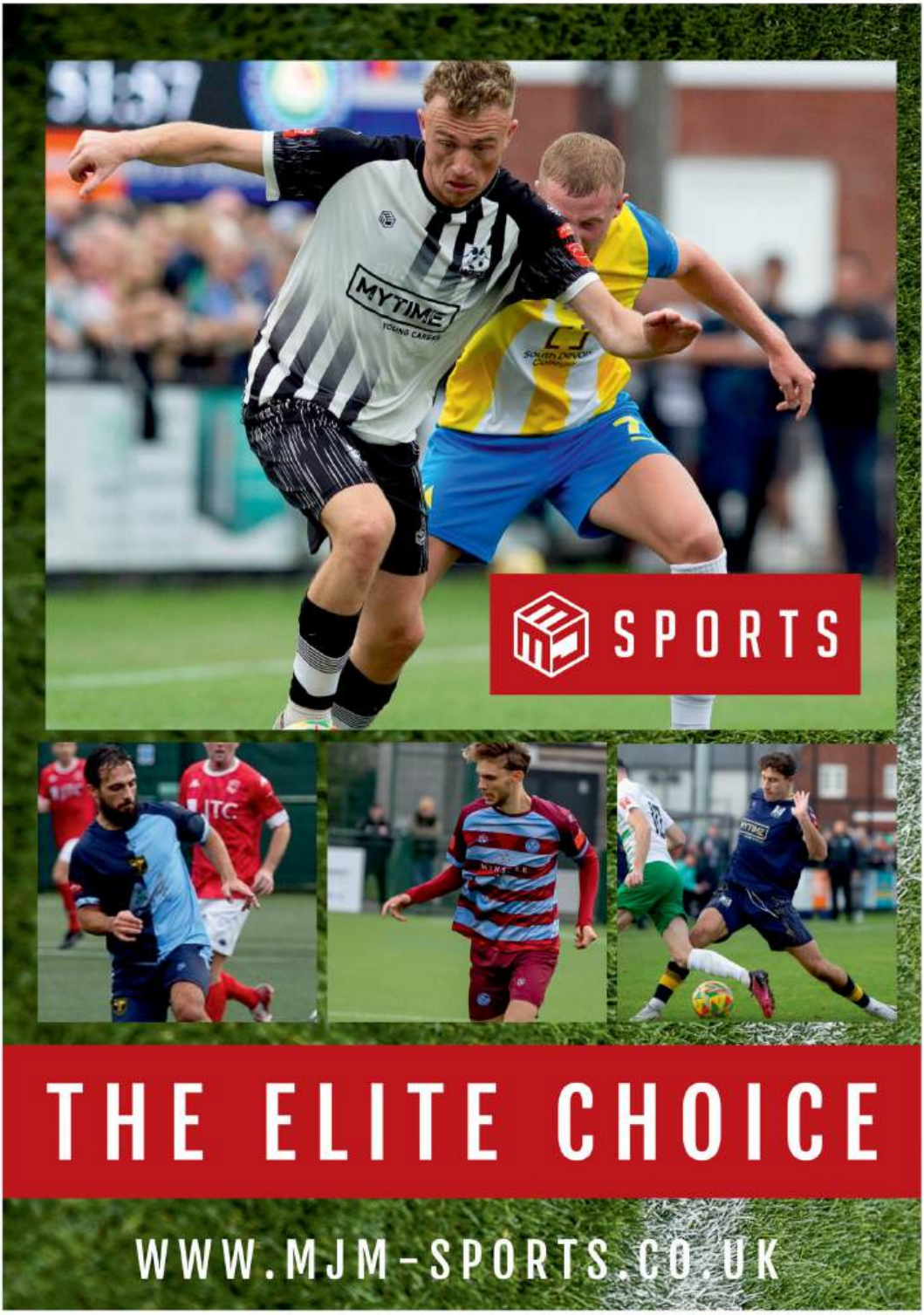
We offer workshops, resources, a supportive parent community, and expert guidance a range of topics

No1Fan.club is built by parents, for parents. Visit www.No1Fan.club to find out more or email us at hello@no1fan.club









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Hi All,

Our Mini Blazers sessions - a fantastic opportunity for children aged 4 to 7 to get involved in football in a fun, safe, and high-energy environment - will be starting again after Christmas.

Every Saturday | 10am - 12pm

Chestnut grove (Flat Astro)

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels

If you have a younger child who's always running around on the side-lines or showing interest in the game, now's their time to shine!

These sessions are all about building confidence, coordination, and a love for the sport — while being part of the Balham FC community from the very start.

Register interest via the QR code on the poster or following this link https://forms.gle/Mini Blazers

Or email jaden@balhamfc.com

Please feel free to share this with friends, family, and local parents — it's open to anyone, not just current Balham FC members. Let's give more young players the chance to experience the Balham way from the very beginning! Let's get the next generation of Blazers on the pitch!

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Manager: Daré Jean-Pierre
Coaches: Nelson Alves
Frank Lopez
Eb Seedat
Physio: Seneye Morrell

**OFFICIALS**
Referee: Childs, Matthew
Assistant Referee: Tricart, Mathias
Assistant Referee: Wells, Roger

Manager : Luke Turkington
Asst Mgr: Andy Sharratt
Asst Mgr : Lee Pollard
Coach : Fowzi Mahamed
Physio: Marcus Ball

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| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Andre Cruz Rosa | Erim Dinctop | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Dan David | Connor Doona | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Marlon Gavilanes | Hirotaka Dwayne-Clarke | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
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| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Jake Henry | Joshua Hooks | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Nils Herrmann | Jamie Hoppitt | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Will Huffer | Callum Kenny | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Tyreece Johnson | Oscar Larrieu-Price | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Kojo Kyei | Michael Milchev-Szczepaniak | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
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