



# Middlesex County FA

# UPDATE

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## Update to Premier Cup Draw



In order to facilitate two late entries, the Association has made some changes to the format of this season's Premier Cup.

The majority of ties in what was the First Round, will now be Second Round ties, with the exception of Match One - Wealdstone Reserves v Rayners Lane - which will now be a First Round match.

The Reserve/Under-21 team of Enfield Town will entertain Cockfosters in the other First Round match.

The winners of the two games will then face each other in the Second Round, with Wealdstone Reserves or Rayners Lane enjoying home advantage.

The First Round has been provisionally scheduled for the week commencing 30th September. There have been no other

changes to the dates or structure of the competition, the revised draw of which is as follows:

### First Round - week commencing 30th September

Enfield Town Res. & U21 v Cockfosters Res.  
Wealdstone Res. v Rayners Lane

### Second Round - week commencing 14th October

Wealdstone Res./Rayners Lane v Enfield Town Res & U21/Cockfosters Res

Harefield United Res. v Hanworth Villa Res.  
Uxbridge Res. v Northwood Res.

Southall v Hanwell Town Res.

AFC Hayes Res. v North Greenford United Res.

Ashford Town (Middlesex) Res. v Hampton & Richmond Borough Res.

Staines Lammas v CB Hounslow United

*Cup Holders Bedfont & Feltham exempt to Third Round*

## FA introduce further technology to football

The FA has launched a new short film to once again stress the importance of Respect in our national game.

Following the success of previous adverts that have raised awareness as to the damage inflicted on football by raging touchline parents, the loss of referees, foul mouthed players or abusive managers, The FA's new film looks at the potential of new 'corrective' technology to deal with these problems. It can be viewed by visiting [MiddlesexFA.com](http://MiddlesexFA.com).

The FA's Respect Manager, Dermot Collins, said "The application of technology is an ongoing discussion in football – this film takes a light hearted look at how it can be applied to improving behaviour in the grassroots game but ultimately the solution is in our own hands. We all have a part to play".

The Respect programme was launched in 2008 in response to concerns at deteriorating behaviour at all levels of football. When the programme was launched it was acknowledged that persistence would be

required to tackle the problems that football faces and for the Respect measures to have an impact. Although media headlines tend to be dominated by high profile incidents in the professional game the underlying statistics at all levels of football over the last five years indicate a much more positive story.

On-field behaviour in all affiliated football is improving. Youth football has changed for the better – The FA's campaigns, coach and referee education programmes, use of touchline barriers, touchline marshals, Respect signage and briefings for parents have led to a more positive environment in which children can enjoy and learn the game. After five seasons, we are beginning to develop a 'Respect' generation of youth footballers.

The Middlesex County FA has and will continue to focus on Respect by working with our clubs and leagues to continue to embed the principles of Respect whilst also celebrating those clubs and teams whose behaviour on and off the pitch sets the highest standards.

## Dates for your diary

### Saturday 17th August

The FA Cup with Budweiser Extra-Preliminary Round

### Sunday 18th August

Under-16 Representative Team Trials @ The Concorde Club, 9.45am

### Monday 19th August

Referee Academy Meeting @ MCFA Headquarters, 7.30pm

### Thursday 22nd August

Welfare Officers' Workshop @ MCFA Headquarters, 7.00pm

### Saturday 31st August

The FA Cup with Budweiser Preliminary Round

### Monday 2nd September

Adult County Cups Sub Committee Meeting @ Harrow Borough FC, 7.30pm

Harrow Referees Development Group Meeting @ MCFA Headquarters, 7.30pm

### Thursday 5th September

Referees' Committee Meeting @ MCFA Headquarters, 7.00pm

### Monday 9th September

Clubs Funding Workshop @ Park Crescent Conference Centre, 7.00pm

Women & Girls' Football Sub Committee Meeting @ MCFA Headquarters, 7.30pm.



## National Football Day a huge success

The first Sir Bobby Robson National Football Day was a huge success, with hundreds of people participating in the four events organised by the Middlesex County FA, in partnership with clubs and leagues.

Over 100 people participated in the FA Tesco Skills session and informal tournaments organised by **Larkspur Rovers FC**. The event was well attended by local people, many of whom had been previously unaware of the club's move to the Lord Halsbury Playing Fields.

The **Capital Girls' League** got their season underway with a 4v4 festival for Under-9 and Under-10 players. The

day was attended by Chelsea Ladies and England star Claire Rafferty and player ambassadors from new FA WSL club London Bees, who were previously known as Barnet FC Ladies.

Tottenham Hotspur's Glen Callegari, whose team participated said that "there was some wonderful football played in the best spirit" and that "we can't wait to do it again".

Strictly Come Dancing star and former MCFA Publicity Secretary Russell Grant was at **Ashford Town (Middlesex)** to see three matches involving the Ash Trees and their neighbours Staines Town. Over 400 people took part in the day and more than 250 spectators saw

Ashford's First Team defeat the Swans 2-1 to win the Lord of Ashford Bowl.

While all that was going on, 16 candidates took their first steps towards achieving their FA Level 2 Coaching qualification, by kicking off a course at Middlesex University, Hendon.

In addition to these events, several senior clubs also designated their home matches as National Football Day events and combined adult matches with youth games or coaching clinics.

The day was truly a celebration of the best aspects of the game and we thank everyone who contributed to it.

## Road to Wembley starts this weekend

The FA Cup with Budweiser begins this weekend as the County's Step 5 and 6 clubs take part in the Extra-Preliminary Round.

The first club from Middlesex to appear in the 2013-14 tournament will be **Enfield 1893**, who play London Tigers on Friday evening. This match will take place at Haringey Borough FC due to ongoing pitch renovation at Goldsdown Road.

The following day, **Wembley** travel to AFC Kempston Rovers, **Hillingdon Borough** host Leverstock Green and **Harefield United** entertain Woodford United. **Cockfosters** face **Hanwell Town** in an all-Middlesex tie while **Staines Lammas** are at home to Badshot Lea and Lammas' near-neighbours, **Bedfont Sports** entertain Abingdon United.

This weekend's matches are undoubtedly big occasions for all the

clubs involved and we wish them well as they bid to join Middlesex's Step 4 clubs in the Preliminary Round in a fortnight's time.

However, this weekend is also a special one for many of our match officials, as they take charge of matches in The FA Cup with Budweiser.

Seven matches will be officiated by all-Middlesex referee teams. Coldicote v Crawley Green will be refereed by Daniel Richardson, assisted by James Morris and Alex Kyriacou.

Peter Smith, Steve Reuter and Dean Woodhouse will be the officials for Hertford Town v Colney Heath, while Andrew Hickman, James Barry and Andy Batten will be in charge of Bracknell Town v Fairford Town.

Four teams of referees will control games in Surrey, specifically Sunny Gill,

Matthew Swinburn and Andrew Herb at Camberley Town v Chinnor; Chris Felton, Ahmad Rafique and Nigel Hickey at Westfield v Shrivenham; Chris Potter, John Fowler and Alan Cresswell will take the game between Molesey and Hailsham Town and the match between Colliers Wood United and AFC Croydon Athletic will be refereed by Jack Ohene, assisted by Stan Stoyanov and Sam Gregory.

In addition, Neil Fyfield will be an assistant referee for the match between Holmer Green and Ampthill Town.

We hope that all of these match officials have enjoyable and incident-free games.



## Tell us what you think... take the survey

The Middlesex FA is again asking the football community in the County to help shape the future of the game by taking a short survey.

The survey will take no more than a couple of minutes to complete and will help the Middlesex County FA and The Football Association to better

understand how the local football community is feeling and therefore to identify key areas of work for the season ahead.

The greater the number of people who take part, the more accurate the results will be, which will enable us to ensure that football develops in ways that

help players and volunteers to get the most out of the game. We are grateful to everyone who takes the time to respond.

To take the survey, please visit the **Survey Website**. The survey will be open until 30th September. Similar surveys will run three times a season.



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