

THE MERTON WAY

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

GIVE A HELPING HAND

While Europe's other leagues take a breather over the festive period, clubs in the Southern Amateur League begin a traditionally frenzied spell of fixtures that excites fans, exhausts players, tests managers, and potentially define campaigns.

We all need a little help from our friends in life in order to get by and so the old song says. Your manager/captain needs your help every week. We have got a really great set of managers all trying to do their best for the club and their team and discharge their responsibilities. These responsibilities continue to get more onerous and cover a wide range of activities: team selection/tactics/finances/first aid/discipline and fines/match reports/training/returns to Len/kit and equipment. They are a dedicated bunch who met this week for a couple of hours to sort out some of the difficulties we are encountering this season.

I don't just want to thank them for all their efforts I want our members to make it easier and more pleasurable for them. So these are some of the things that you can do and it will help:

- let your manager/captain know about your availability as soon as you get the text
- turn up on time for the match at the appointed time if driving to an away game can you take anyone?
- pay match fees and any fines on the day when asked/reply to Dave Laughton and tell him your fine has been paid
- offer to help with tasks, eg. corner flags/pump balls/kit collection/write report/first aid/hosting oppo/talk to ref (nicely).

Anything you can do to help them will help us all who are running the club and will be appreciated and make a difference.

Max Herbet



DISCIPLINE

Dear Players,

It gives me great pleasure to come back to Merton FC in my new role as 'Discipline Officer' and importantly be part of a fantastic family club. (My youngest son – Oliver is the Goalkeeper for our U10s).

I joined Merton FC as a player back in 2004 with 6th Team – 2005/6 Manager for 5s where we gained promotion as Champions – I recall this was a very special time for me and all players involved.

Since then I focused on refereeing and been very lucky to have officiated at many senior games within Amateur Football circuit and been blessed with appointments with FA on Vase and FA Cup matches as an Assistant Referee.

For me – refereeing has always been about the players and has allowed me to be involved with the game I love so. I am not saying job is easy – it takes patience and a great deal of discipline to succeed – though I believe that is the case in many aspects of life.

How can I help you – Players/Managers (Bread of Merton FC?)

1. By working together – Call Me if you need to discuss any incidents or have concerns about player/referee.
2. Captains – Make your appointed referee welcome by introducing yourself and asking if they need anything?
3. Captains – Act as true role model/leader on the pitch and work closely with referee to apply conduct and let referee deal with misconduct.
4. Players – Allow your captain to work with referee – no point everyone shouting – show respect and trust me you will get it back from referee.
5. Avoid silly bookings – 'Unsporting Behaviour' - these were largest volume of fines from 2014/15 season. "Walk away – dust yourself up and allow referee to handle the opposition player who has put you up in the air etc."
6. Smile – Smile – we all love the game and so do all officials.

How Will Fines be issued to players?

1. Discipline Officer will be notified by county – AFA through the Online System – Whole Game
2. Fine will be paid immediately to AFA via club.
3. Players – will be notified by email of the fine and breakdown of the incident and costs incurred – Captain & Manager will be cc'd in the email as well.
4. Players will have 14 days from email notification to make payment to Merton FC – details of payment will be shown on email.
5. Player **MUST** Notify 'Discipline Officer' that fine has been paid and by what method and when. (VERY IMPORTANT).
6. Discipline Officer will update Master Tracker Report.
7. Failure to make payment on time could lead to a suspension and should this be case player will be notified and Captain and Manager made fully aware.

How can you help?

Last season 2014/15 Merton FC was issued over 54 fines and 4 of these were for serious related incidents. As a result the club incurs additional penalties and costs when club exceeds different tiers of penalty points (costly to club).

I urge every player to think about how they behave and how they speak to Referee/s – can you improve? Do you think your behaviour is acceptable? Can you be an Ambassador for club and support Merton FC – to win 'Fair Play Award'?

Together I believe we can and will – thank you again for all your support – I am here to help and want to!

David Laughton (AFA Senior Referee/FA Coach/Discipline Officer)

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RAM'S HEADS UP!



1. I solemnly swear that I am up to no good!
2. If each day is a gift, I would like to know where I can return Mondays.
3. You never realise how boring your life is until someone asks you what you do for fun.
4. That awkward moment when you're wearing Nike's and you can't do it.
5. Life is not like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos: what you do today can burn your ass tomorrow.
6. If people heard what I am thinking half the time, they would think I would need to be in a mental hospital
7. "Give it to me!" she yelled, "I'm so wet, give it to me now!"
She could scream all she wanted, I was keeping the umbrella

EDITOR'S WORST KITS EVER

La Hoya Lorca Home Kit: 2014/15

As worn by: **The whole team**

Manufacturer: **Daen**

Sponsor: **Sakata, San Luiz**

La Hoya Lorca, who were in the Spanish Tercera Division, unveiled this outrageous kit last season. The club is based in Murcia, 'the vegetable garden of Spain' – justification of sorts for a truly bizarre design. They went on to win the league last season and, fittingly, they've released another broccoli-based design this season which, we hear, is selling fast all around the world!



TV OF THE WEEK

Blindspot – Sky Living ****

PLAYER PROFILE



EDWARD PLAISTOW

TEAM: 4s (Manager)

POSITION: Left Back

BIRTH DATE: 03.07.86

BIRTH PLACE: Carshalton

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Tooting Eagles

1. TELL US WHO IS EDWARD OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB. WHAT DO YOU DO, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

Well I'm a qualified Quantity Surveyor who specialises in Mechanical and Electrical Installations. I am close to becoming a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. I'm a family man who is easy to get along with and fun to be around (so I am told!)

2. HOW DID YOU END UP AT MERTON FC?

I used to play in the Price Georges Youth Football League in Morden however when I reached senior level was required to find a new club. Me, along with my brother Dan, Andy Ward, Richard Skinner and a few others were selected to represent the league against Merton. I can't remember the result however all that matters is that it was clear that Merton was an ideal club to join.

3. WHAT WAS YOUR BEST MOMENT IN YOUR MFC CAREER TILL NOW?

It will have to be Captaining the 5s in the SAL Cup final a few years back. Unfortunately we lost 4-3 to Polytechnic after extra time. Worth noting that they were a few leagues higher than us at the time.

4. CAN YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST GAME?

Unfortunately not!

5. IF YOU COULD PLAY FOR A PROFESSIONAL TEAM, WHICH WOULD BE IT AND WHY?

Man Utd. I'm not from there however I have been a fan since the age of 6.

6. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-MATCH RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS?

I always put my left sock on first. Don't know why, maybe because I am left footed!

7. LASTLY, SHARE US YOUR THOUGHTS FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

8 games in the the 4s are without a win. I hope that we can capture 3 points fairly soon so that the squad gains some confidence and continue strong for the remainder of the season. good results. Hopefully can continue this into the new year and have a strong season.

QUICK FIRE

PLAYER OF THE SEASON SO FAR (PREMIER LEAGUE OR ANY LEAGUE): Jamie Vardy

CHILDHOOD TEAM: Man Utd

FAVOURITE TEAM OUTSIDE THE UK: Don't have one

CHILDHOOD HERO: Paul Scholes

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

FAVOURITE DRINK: JD & Coke

FAVOURITE BAND: Red Hot Chilli Peppers (Favourite artist of all time is Buddy Holly)

RECRUITMENT

WE NEED YOU AT MERTON FC



Just a reminder to everyone that we are still on the lookout for players at all levels to join our club. So please put the word out to friends, family, work colleagues, people you meet at the park, at the bus stop, in the betting shop or in the fruit & veg aisle of your supermarket!

MATCH REPORTS – 28.11.15

2XIs

HAC 6 v MERTON 2 (HT: 1-1)

SCORERS: DQ (2)

MOTM:

I thought I would go along and watch this as it was atleast dry underfoot. I hate mud and it had been switched to 3G in Feltham. You might be able to change the ground but you can't change the weather it was bitterly cold and there were gale force gusts blowing across the pitch. Sherbs insulated himself against the cold with 4 goalkeeper tops because that is all there was.

The 2s were a little depleted and thanks to six of the 3s who stepped up and helped out. HAC looked a good well organised team and they were. We started pretty well and had two good chances, but HAC went into the lead when the first of a number of rather generously awarded free kicks was swung into the box.

DQ showed what a danger he is in any penalty area when he sliced his clearance unstopably into the roof of the net. Still 5 mins later and DQ latched on to a through ball and tickled it past their Keeper, 1-1 and that is how it stayed until half-time.

They took the lead early in the second half from a quickly taken free kick and made it 3-1 with a really good free kick from edge of the box. 4-1 was rifled home after Sherbs had made a rather good save. DQ popped up again outrunning their defence to make it 4-2 and then missed a golden chance to head home from a great Oli Ross free kick.

A couple more generous free-kicks and 6-2 was the final score.

Oli Ross was outstanding in midfield and Wilgo worked his socks off. Neal D marshalled the defence well and they were never comfortable when DQ was in their box. Nor where we when he was in ours. But too many absentees on a regular basis is killing our season yet again.

So thanks to the 3s who all put in a very creditable shift and to HAC who thoroughly deserved their win and good luck in the competition.



MERTON 0 v OLD WILSONIANS 5 (HT: 0-1)

SCORERS:

MOTM: Joe Plumridge

This week we were without a number of regulars, the Gridley's were unavailable due to injury and work, Mikey Elgar was giving it a rest after picking up a groin injury a couple of weeks prior and we were also still without Jake Hewitt due to work commitments. Giving us a helping hand were Yomi and Joel from the 3s.

Whenever a performance is not going our way I am one of the first to show my frustration, that is the passion of the game coming out, however watching from the side-lines is so much more frustrating. The reason for this is because you are able to view everything as you are in the best position to do so.

With a make shift back four of Ryan, Steve, Joel and the skipper Chris, it took time for them to adapt and get the communication going. This showed as ten minutes in we were already 3-0 down. The wind did play a part however we should have been able to anticipate the long ball game from the off. We should definitely have been able to anticipate it after the first time!

There were not many positives to take from the game apart from a good fifteen minutes spell that we had in the second half. Another 2 goals from the visitors resulted in them comfortably claiming all three points.

Joe was unfortunate to receive a yellow card following his reaction to a bad challenge, however then the situation was taken care of straight away to prevent it from getting worse as Aaron was brought back on, having been replaced by Sevan at half-time for the final fifteen minutes.

Next week we host the lower Actonians Association side with a much needed win required. Not only will this hopefully kick-start our league but it will give the guys a confidence boost that is long overdue.

STARTING LINE-UP: SAMUEL SINGER-RIPLEY (GK), RYAN BURCHELL, STEVE BURCHELL, JOEL VAN OOSTEN, CHRIS OUTRED, AARON ACKERMAN (SEVAN MUTAFYAN), JOE PLUMRIDGE (AARON ACKERMAN), GLEN PORTER, BILLY BOWIE, DULANIE RICHARDS, YOMI ALALADE.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROL & THINGS

Merton Football Club will be holding '**Annual Merton Christmas Carol**'
– the event's just keep getting better

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2015

Drinks and festive food in the bar!

Fancy dress for those who wish....

Everybody's invited...

Celebrate Christmas with your teammates and the club down at the Hood!

Please spread the word for an excellent night!!

YOUTH SECTION – 29.11.15

U10s

THORNTON HEATH 2 v OLD WILSONIANS 4 (HT: 1-4)

SCORERS: Jamal, Thomas, OG, Stevie

On a wet and windy Sunday morning in Thornton Heath, Merton FC U10s were looking for their 2nd win in a row. Players all turned up and a really good warm up before kick off was implemented, all credit to Nayan's dad who is clearly a very good coach.

The ref blew his whistle and we went 1-0 up through Jamal with a really good run and an even better finish. Thomas scored the 2nd as we went 2-0 up with another top corner finish. The 3rd Goal was own goal but would not have happened if Stevie Gumble had not chased down the defender and caused them to make a mistake.

The 4th Goal came from Stevie as he ran onto ball from a good pass and finished clinically into bottom corner. Wallington's goal was a free kick 20 yards out – a shot with wind behind them went like a torpedo, Ollie got his hand to the ball and almost saved it – sure his body was still shaking with the power of the shot 10 mins later.

The score was 4-1 at half time.

2nd half they really came at us and our amazing sweeper Nayan was there to pick up the pieces, he was solid as a rock and very calm under pressure. Ollie 'safe hands' Laughton produced a couple of good shots and was unable to keep out both Wallington goals..... 2 really impressive shots.

The team were back to winning ways and we can now see clear passing and a desire to chase every ball.

Big pat on the back to all involved – from banks of River Wandle to shores of Scilly we support mighty the Merton Football Club as we climb to top of the league.

Back home in warmth now, bring on Mitcham Park FC next week – we are ready, we are steady and we are together – united!

David
Ollie's Dad

UPCOMING FIXTURES – 05.12.15

1XIs

Merton v Old Esthameians
(League)

2XIs

Old Stationers v Merton
(League)

3XIs

East Barnet Old Grammarians v Merton
(League)

4XIs

Merton v Actonians Association
(League)






































































5XIs

Merton v Bank of England
(League)

6XIs

Merton v Ibis Eagles
(League)

TOP GOALSCORERS 2015/16

| Player | Key: | |  League Goals |  Cup Goals | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Denys Zhurbiy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dulanie Richards |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| David Quainton |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Richard Gibbs |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| David Donovan |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| Nick Papanastatiou |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Oli Ross |  |  |  |  | | | |
| Tom Benham |  |  |  | | | | |
| Darcy Yates |  |  |  | | | | |
| Pete Obeng-Adu |  |  |  | | | | |
| Yomi Aladade |  |  | | | | | |
| Dan Gridley |  |  | | | | | |
| Malcolm Kandulu |  |  | | | | | |
| Matt Paxton |  |  | | | | | |
| Dom Plumridge |  |  | | | | | |
| Mark Chappell |  |  | | | | | |
| James Tilley |  |  | | | | | |
| Lewis Ackermann |  |  | | | | | |
| Kelvin Aboidyn |  |  | | | | | |
| Arnold Collier |  | | | | | | |

| Player | Key: |  League Goals |  Cup Goals |
|--------------------|------|--|--|
| Alex Gladkow | |  | |
| Ivan Gladkow | |  | |
| Matt Haswell | |  | |
| Charlie Hockless | |  | |
| Dan Kelly | |  | |
| Kevin Locke | |  | |
| Chris Outred | |  | |
| Elliot Phipps | |  | |
| Tony Postlethwaite | |  | |
| Martin Quinlan | |  | |
| Mike Reed | |  | |
| Tom Rowe | |  | |
| David Scott | |  | |
| Kyle Smith | |  | |
| Reece Smith | |  | |
| Marc Wilson | |  | |
| Dwayne Bedford | |  | |
| Chris Dodd | |  | |
| Vincent Driver | |  | |
| Alex Perrin | |  | |
| Glen Porter | |  | |
| Liam Stevens | |  | |
| Ryan Stevens | |  | |

TOP GOALKEEPERS 2015/16

| Player | Total Points | 1st Team | 2nd Team | 3rd Team | 4th Team | 5th Team | 6th Team |
|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Alex Herbert | 6 | 1-0-0 | 0-0-3 | | | | |
| Arturs Ivanovs | 5 | 0-1-1 | | 0-0-1 | | | |
| Paul Ellis | 3 | | | 1-0-0 | | | |
| Dharmesh Vaghela | 1 | | | | | | 0-0-1 |
| Martin Quinlan | 1 | | | | | | 0-0-1 |
| Sam Ripley | 1 | | | | 0-0-1 | | |
| Mark Edmunds | 1 | | | | | 0-0-1 | |
| Total | 18 | 3-3-1 | 0-0-3 | 3-0-1 | 0-0-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-2 |

Key:



Clean sheets



Penalty saves



1 Goal conceded

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New Merton FC clothing range, now available at the link below. From training gear to leisure wear for men, women and juniors take a look and get kitted out the new season. For better value take advantage of the bundle packs.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

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Click on the image above to take you to the club shop and look the part at training and your next match on a Saturday!



PLAYERS BAG

Individual Players bag from Joma.

Size: 44cm x 45cm x 27cm

Bottom boots compartment

Side pocket

Shoulder strap

Option to personalise with your initials.

Price: £22.99



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