

# THE MERTON WAY

## **Merton Football Club**

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

NORTH, SOUTH...  
WHO CARES, I JUST  
WANT TO PLAY  
FOOTBALL!!

**D**espite losing in the Cup Final Saturday was a pretty good day for Merton. There was a lot to be proud of. The 1s played their part in a really exciting Cup Final at Poly. I was immensely proud of them before during and after the game and on and off the field where they represented our club with great credit and a lot of style. It was also great to have the support of some vets, youth managers, wives, girlfriends and players from the 2s whose game finished early and did not want to miss out.

Club spirit was in evidence in North London where a number of players trekked across to Crouch End to play for the 3s and make up their team. Shame that they also lost by the odd goal.

It is very encouraging the way members are helping out and being flexible so that we can get as many games on as possible.

It is also great to get another edition of the Merton Way rolling off the press. Thanks to Ram and all the contributors.

Well done.

Thanks  
Max



# MEET THE COMMITTEE

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# UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Friday 3 April** is Long Good Friday. We'll have two or three games and the bar will be open from 1pm so come down, play, support or just enjoy a good drink. Matches + Bar = TV Football

**Saturday 30 May** is FA Cup Final Day. Again we'll have a couple of games followed by a BBQ and the final on in the bar. They'll be the usual time of the first goal and first goal scorer prizes so come along and potentially go home with £75 in your pocket.

**Saturday 6 June** is our end of season awards day and the Champions League final. You can congratulate, commiserate and laugh at, and along with, your fellow players as you remember the highs and lows of the season. This will be followed up by the Champions League final so we can watch how it should be done.

## RAM'S HEADS UP

We're back on a weird and wonderful trip around the thoughts that go on in my head:

Everyone wants happiness, no one wants pain. But you can't make a rainbow, without a little rain.

Don't think of yourself as an ugly person... think of yourself as a beautiful monkey.

Depressed? Earphones in, volume up, ignore the world!

All my life I thought air was free...until I bought a bag of crisps.

Sometimes I loot at people and wonder how they've made it this far.

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loves ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

I wish R.I.P meant "Return if Possible"

I'm allergic to stupidity. I break out in sarcasm.

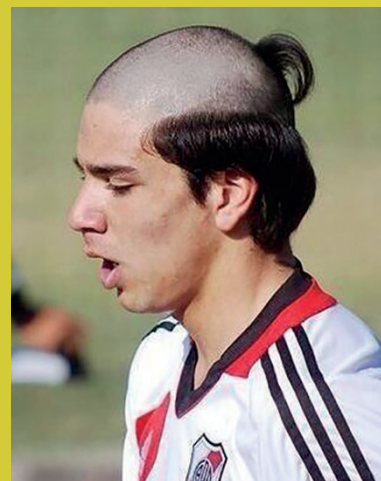
Common sense i like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

My days are always backwards. I wake up tired and go to bed wide awake.

**Film of the week - TV**  
Fools Rush In - 3/5

**Song of the week**  
Firestone - Kygo feat Conrad Sewell

## EDITOR'S WORST HAIRSTYLES EVER!



Errr...just short on the top please!

**The Player:** Giovanni Simeone is an Argentine footballer who plays as a striker for River Plate and the Argentina national under-20 team.

**The Hair:** The son of Diego Simeone has not only one of the worst haircuts ever, but this is quite possibly the worst thing I have ever seen. Without exaggerating, Simeone's haircut generally looks like the hairdresser's razor ran out of batteries halfway through the process. Although it certainly doesn't look like a hairdresser has attempted to cut this, it was more likely Diego himself.



# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

## Merton Youth Football Club

### **PLAYERS NEEDED** for all ages for 2015/16 season

### **Football Trials – Sunday 17th, 24th and 31st May 2015**

Merton Youth Football Club will be running SIX youth teams for the season 2015/16. There will be teams of Under 9s, 10s, 11s, 12, 13s and 14s. Players of above average ability are needed for all ages.

The teams play in The Surrey Youth League, one of the best youth leagues in the country, and the home matches are played at Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way, Raynes Park, SW20 9BU on Sunday mornings during the season which lasts from September to May. This is well organised competitive football.

Merton Youth Football Club is part of Merton Football Club, both are FA Charter Standard Clubs and run to the highest standards. Each youth team has a qualified FA coach and will have organised training.

Players are needed at all ages from 8yrs to 13yrs old. (School Year 4 to 9 for September 2015)

**TRIALS** will be held at Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way, Raynes Park, SW20 9BU at the following dates and times:

Sunday 17th, 24th and 31st May from 11.00 am to 12.30pm

If you need any further information or to register interest you contact:

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Further information about the club can be found on the club's website [www.mertonfc.co.uk](http://www.mertonfc.co.uk)





# INTERVIEW WITH DARCY YATES

## FACT FILE

**TEAM:** 3XI

**POSITION:** Centre Midfield... or various others!

**BIRTH DATE:** 22/08/1984

**BIRTH PLACE:** Hillingdon

**CLUBS:** Too many to list!

## RAPID FIRE

**Player of the season (so far):** Eden Hazard

**Childhood Team:** Chelsea

**Childhood Hero:** David Beckham or Super Frankie Lampard

**Favourite Food:** Sushi

**Favourite Drink:** Whisky

**Favourite Band:** SClub7

**1. Tell us who is Darcy outside of the club. What do you do, how would you describe yourself?**

Work in the city for Watches of Switzerland, Mappin & Webb, Goldsmiths and the Watch Shop. Good laugh, happy go lucky lad

**2. How did you end up at Merton FC?**

Tony dragged me down.

**3. What was your best moment in your MFC career till now?**

Various

**4. If you could play for a professional team, which would be it and why?**

England. Great privilege to represent your country.

**5. Do you have any pre-match rituals or superstitions?**

Need a Boost chocolate bar and some Jelly babies

**6. Lastly, share us your thoughts for the rest of the season.**

Few games left, hopefully we can continue our better form....!

Will be good to see the 1st team win the cup.





# INTERVIEW WITH OSCAR TEDDY NEWNHAM AKA OSC

## FACT FILE

**TEAM:** U8s

**POSITION:** Right Wing

**CLUBS:** Morden Little League

**1. How did you end up at Merton FC?**

Because Marcello was my manager at Morden Little League and he invited me for trials.

**2. What was your best moment in your MFC career till now?**

Playing against Orange Dracular's, we were losing 4-3 with mins to go. We scored to make it 4-4 and then with seconds to go I crossed the ball to Joseph and it went in so we won 5-4.

**4. If you could play for a professional team, which would be it?**

Liverpool FC because they are my favourite team.

**5. Do you have any pre-match rituals or superstitions?**

I always get ready super early for games. One night I even secretly put on my Merton kit before bed and slept in it... even my shin pads.

## RAPID FIRE

**Childhood Team:** Liverpool

**Favourite team outside the UK:** Paris St Germain

**Favourite Food:** Fish

**Favourite Drink:** Lemonade

**Favourite Musician:** Maroon 5



# YOUTH SECTION



## Under 8s

**MERTON FC U8s 8**  
**ESHER COLTS U8s 1**

NO MATCH REPORT

## Under 11s

**MERTON FC U11s 7**  
**KEW ASSOCIATION COLTS U11s 2**

NO MATCH REPORT

## Under 12s

NO MATCH



# SENIOR SECTION

## MERTON FC VS HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY (HAC)

AFA Surrey Surrey/Kent Senior Cup Final  
at Polytechnic Sports Ground

picture special

*Double disappointment for Clappers.  
Losing a cup final and then having  
to down a birthday Predator!*



MAN OF THE MATCH:

LEWIS ACKERMAN

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**T**his was a very good event as all Cup Finals are. The team arrived good and early for the match under a 3 line whip from Clappers to wear a club tie and jeans were forbidden. And the team responded to Clappers relief and Terry's approval. The collection of ties in Friday afternoon had been a good displacement activity and dispelled any pre match anxiety. Team photos and introductions. The AFA were well represented by a past President stalwart John Wilson who has always been such a supporter of ours. Pat Ryan and his assistants were there early and Pat gave each of the sides a bottle of Champagne which was a great sporting touch. Polytechnic had the pitch marked out and in great condition. The only problem was the wind and we kicked into it in the First half.

With the aid of the wind HAC had the better of the first half having their first and possibly one of their best chances in the first minute. We took our time to get into any sort of rhythm as we seemed to rush our passing in their half and gave the ball away a little too easily. We had one good shout for a penalty when Woody was tripped but a defensive lapse on 25 mins enabled HAC to take a crucial advantage into the second half.

With the wind now helping us we dominated the second half territorially. We equalised after about 15 minutes when Snooks played Ackers in who finished decisively. There seemed plenty of time to get the winner and Ackers again finished with a brilliant header but was offside. With extra time looming and us pressing a second defensive blunder gave HAC the lead and with

only a few minutes left we ran out of time. We had one last good shout for a pen but it was ruled outside the area. And so the whistle went and HAC from the Amateur Football Combination had won the Cup. It was a close game and they were a good side. They had a lot of movement and 3 or 4 exceptional players. Two of their midfielders and the centre backs did very well for them. Congratulations to them and thanks to Polytechnic for staging this final so well. I always enjoy Pat Ryan's refereeing and it is obvious that he enjoys refereeing matches. The other officials supported him well and were very friendly in the bar after.

I was proud of our team for their performance before, during and after the game and apparently they carried on well into the night Putney's Star and Garter and beyond. They represented our club with great credit. We came very close to winning this cup and even closer to getting the trophy as Clappers nearly walked off with it at the presentation. The disappointment of our team is clear from the photos but they now will put that behind them and get to grips with our remaining league fixtures.

Thanks also to those who were able to come and support the boys; A good smattering of Merton Vets and youth managers and the 2s whose game finished early.

**TEAM:** Angus (GK), Rat, Browner, Clappers (Capt), Jonesy, Woody, Snooks, Tills, Will Low, (Dan W) Ackers, Vanny (Bosh)  
Sub not used: Will Taylor













## MAN OF THE MATCH:

**As Merton took the field of play  
They needed goals galore  
For this was not just any match  
Today, was Score for Moore.**

Yes, the build-up to this game was dominated by the absence of Merton liar Rich Moore. Keen to do their fallen comrade proud, the yellow army set about their mission of sealing three averagely valuable points.

Up against them was a tenacious Old Blues side keen to make amends after a defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season. But Merton were fired up after what turned out to be one of the warm-ups of the season. Fast, powerful, electric and assured by the cool, calm and curly centre back pairing of Eggleston and Hitchcock, the front 6 were unrelenting in closing down and hassling Old Blues off the ball, and quick to release the brutal Jason Thomas and the astonishingly good looking Will Taylor up front.

It wasn't long before the high intensity paid dividends. At just the second corner of the game, Hitchcock showed a rare flash of offensive brilliance. Picking his spot on the inside of the defenders shin, he angled a deflected effort that flew over the line and some seconds later hit the back of the net. 1-0.

But, like the next few weeks of Rich Moore's life, this was to be no walk in the park. Old Blues hit back – a corner of their own turned into the net by an unmarked number 10 who had quite nice hair.

Cue Jason Thomas. The one man army spent ten minutes showing that bullying is not just for the playground. Thomas was both an immovable object and an unstoppable force, tearing holes in the Blues' defence with a relentless energy. The rewards came quickly, with two goals in quick succession, the second a true poacher's effort, capitalising on great pressure by Arogundade on the right.

Seeking a hat-trick and the opportunity to leave the pitch littered with Old Blues corpses, Thomas instead found himself the victim, landing elbow first after falling from a 13ft leap in the air and ending his involvement in the game.

The Merton momentum persisted, however, and it swiftly turned into the Will Taylor show. Striding forward with legs that wouldn't be out of place on a prize racehorse, Taylor made mouths water as a bead of sweat dripped invitingly from his stylish headband onto his powerful neck. Even clad in Merton yellow, his rippling washboard abs dazzled defenders even when, for a brief moment, they took their eyes off the considerable, muscular thighs, all the more distracting because of the Welshman's bespoke size XXS shorts. But it wasn't all about his seductive eyes and impressive frame.

Moving into the second half, Taylor, having breezed past four defenders with consummate ease, paused just long enough before pulling his sizeable trigger to think "what would Richie Moore do?". And just like that, without a defender in sight, he hurled himself to the ground in a manner of which the stricken Moore would have been proud. A timely reminder of why the team was so motivated.

The referee, quite rightly, reached for his pocket immediately, taking Taylor's name, shirt and home number before showing him a deserved yellow. Taylor scored two goals.

Old Blues rallied, notching again from a corner after lazy marking from Eggleston, but it was at best a consolation as Merton saw the game out for a handsome 5-2 victory.

Mission accomplished. A hard-fought victory, but with the hilarious thought of a bedridden teammate engrained in Merton minds, the determination to score for Moore carried them through and secured what will almost certainly be an inconsequential victory.



CROUCH END VAMPIRES FC 3XI

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MERTON FC 3XI

## MAN OF THE MATCH

Patrick x 2  
Dan

Once the players assembled in the changing room from the 3s, 4s, 5s & 6th teams, we had the bare 11 players, with plenty of experience and good spirits after some good results but a different line up.

The game itself was a very scrappy affair on a hard & uneven pitch with an opposition who liked appealing for everything and haven't changed in all years I played against them. In addition the referee who gave some odd (being polite) decisions including a penalty against us. That woke us up abit Patrick score from 40 yards after a clearance following the referee stopping the game for an injury in there box, which was where the game finished at half time.

The second half was much the same scrappy because of the conditions plus. CEV scored first again before Dan equalised from a good cross by Ed, however late on we were

hit by two quick goals as we started to suffer with a lack on subs having picked up a couple of minor injuries and a few tired legs. Patrick score another screamer as we kept on pushing to achieve a result, however this wasn't help with Josh having to go off.

Arturs made some were good saves which kept as in with a chance but in the end it was all in vain.

Well done to the team on a fine effort after a long journey.

**TEAM:** Arturs, Ed, Chris, Martin, Clive, Josh, Ryan, Patrick, Dulaine, Peter, Dan

Martin Quinlan

Following the text messages with Kevin, it looks if I be back in the 6th in goal as they're missing me.



MERTON FC 4XI

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ALLEYN OLD BOYS FC 4XI

MAN OF THE MATCH:

RYAN

On paper the 4s looked like they had a good side. Unfortunately no one really turned up for the game. After a 20 minute delay due to the opposition's kit not arriving the game finally got under way.

The game started pretty even and Merton looked pretty dominant for the first 10 minutes. A simple ball over the top caught the centre back and the goalkeeper out and Darcy unfortunately stuck a screamer into his own net. Without a manager and clear sense of direction Merton were soon over

powered by a forceful midfield. Before long we were two nil down with a simple ball from the left midfield and the centre backs getting caught out once again.

From here Merton never really exerted any pressure on The opposition and never made any clear-cut chances on goal. Pretty poor performance all round and came away with the result that we deserved on the day.

Special mention must go to Ryan he pulled off some fabulous saves in goal.



MERTON FC 5XI



NO MATCH

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BANK OF ENGLAND FC 5XI

7

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MERTON FC 6XI

## MAN OF THE MATCH:

RYAN BURCHILL

NUNO JESUS

JONNY O

This fixture, BOE away, is a game the 6s was looking forward to, nice facilities, nice pitches and local. It's a shame that the football being played by them wasn't nice.

Kick off we started well for about 5 minutes, Matt should of put them 1 nil up, unfortunately left his shooting boots at home. From then on we looked like we had never played as a team before. BOE started their scoring and 20 minutes in they were 4 up, scoring a free kick, Steve whose not normally a goalkeeper was planted as ball was curl round the not well arranged wall and in the goal. Spanner gave the next goal away by taking down their forward in the box and the ref awarding a penalty, which the BOE player put in the back of the net. The next 2 goals came from us not clearing the defence and BOE taking advantage, Steve tried to save one effort, but started is diving save 5 minutes before and read the flight of ball wrong, although he did get a big toe to the ball but not enough to stop it going into the back of the net.

We tried to get something back before half time but there wasn't many chances created. Rob tried to help by swapping Baz for Arnold and putting Harry back to full back to see if we could attack a bit more, but wihout much joy. We had a nice flat pitch which should of seen a lot more of the ball instead we played it more in the air rather on the ground.

Half time came and we all knew that we had to play a lot better in the next half, Steve took off the gloves as he wanted to count on his hand how many he let in and for a change there was a few hands going up for a volunteer

to go between the sticks. The gloves went to Adam. Rob having endured watching what must of been like what the Sunderland fans watched that same afternoon, gave a team talk and explained where we were going wrong; I think turning up was the main problem. He told us what we should try and do to get back into the game, but that went through the player's ears and straight out the other side.

They scored their fifth when Adam tried to catch a cross and fumbled it, dropping straight to one of their players who slotted into the net. We managed to get one back, with Nuno lobbing their keeper, could this of been the goal they needed to start the come back? Not really when they went on to score a further two more goals making it 7. Our second goal was scored off of Jon's after the ball was hit by Arnold against the crossbar, falling straight onto his belly and across the line. Man of the Match went to Ryan for running endlessly, getting stuck in and playing in more positions than the Karma Sutra book.

Not a good day for the 6s and should of taken advantage of the nice pitch and tried to play some good football.

Next week a hard game against top of table Old Wilsonians 8, who have not lost a league game yet, could the 6s be that team to end their good run??

**Team:** Steve, Harry, Adam, Spanner, Smithy, Baz, Matt, Jay, Ram, Ryan, Nuno (1). Subs: Arnold, Jon (1), Nikhil.  
Manager on the line: Rob



# GOAL-TOPPERS

Player	Total League	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	Total Goals
01. Will Taylor	16	1	15-1					17
02. Dan Kelly	11			7-1	4-1			13
03. Jason Thomas	9		9-3					12
04. Nuno Santos	8						8-1	9
05. Femi Arogundade	8		8					8
06. Chris Rayner	5		5-1					6
07. Matt Bosher	4	2-4	1		1			8
08. Ivan Gladkow	4	4-4						8
09. Dulani Richards	4					4-1		5
10. Denys Zhurbiy	4				4	1		7
11. Matt Haswell	4						4	4
12. Lewis Ackermann	3	1-8			2			11
13. Chisanga Nshindano	3	3-3						6
14. Graham Willgoss	3		3-1					4
15. Rob Greenway	3					3		3
16. Ricardo Iglesias	3			2	1			3
17. Richard Moore	3		3					3
18. David Quainton	3		1	2				3
19. Craig Usher	3		3					3
20. Darcy Yates	3			3				3
21. Ciaran Moorhouse	2			2-3				5
22. Jamie Scott	2			1-1	1			3
23. Tee Nash Bizayi	2			2				2
24. Ryan Burchell	2						2	2
25. Charlie Craig	2				2			2
26. Igor Curtis	2			1	1			2
27. Ryan Gresty	2			2				2
28. Patrick Mhondiwa	2			2				2
29. Conor Murphy	2		2					2
30. David Scott	2			2				2
31. Tom Rowe	1		1-3					4
32. James Tilley	1	1-3						4
33. Alex Gladkow	1	1-1						2
34. Jack Hamill	1					1-1		2
35. John Orobator	1						1-1	2

Player	Total League	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	Total Goals
36. Adam Snook	1	1-1						2
37. Dan Whiteman	1	1						1
38. Aaron Ackermann	1					1		1
39. Joshua Bennett	1					1		1
40. Simon Brown	1						1	1
41. Jay Carr	1						1	1
42. Mark Chappell	1				1			1
43. James Craig	1				1			1
44. Steve Cross	1					1		1
45. Neal Davidson	1				1			1
46. David Donovan	1			1				1
47. Andrew Graves	1	1						1
48. Dan Gridley	1					1		1
49. Joe Griffin	1		1					1
50. Fraser Haswell	1						1	1
51. David Hitchcock	1		1					1
52. Chris Jones	1		1					1
53. Micheal Kelly	1		1					1
54. Kevin Locke	1						1	1
55. Dan Loni	1				1			1
56. Ram Mahbubani	1						1	1
57. Rob McLaughlin	1						1	1
58. Cameron Paddock	1			1				1
59. Shane Payne	1				1			1
60. Max Plummer	1		1					1
61. Adam Prior	1			1				1
62. Chris Spencer	1						1	1
63. Ryan Stevens	1		1					1
64. Kieran Yanson	1					1		1
65. Chris Wood	0	3						3
66. Arnold Collier	0						1	1
67. Will Low	0	1						1
68. Adamair Moreno	0					1		1
69. Chris Outred	0					1		1
70. Tony Postlethwaite	0			1				1
71. Paul Welch	0				1			1
72. David Williams	0			1				1
Own Goals				1	1			2
TOTAL	159	16-28	57-9	30-8	21-3	13-5	22-3	
CUP GOALS	56							

yellow = denotes cup goals

Player	Total Points	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI
01. Angus Lees	20	3-1-5	1				
02. Arturs Ivanovs	19	2	2-1	1	2-1		
03. Alex Herbert	11		3-1	1			
04. Ryan Tomlin	5			1	1	1	
05. Mark Chappell	2			1	1		
06. Martin Quinlan	2						2
07. Kevin Locke	2.5			1			0.5
08. Harry Hare	1.5						0.5
09. David Quainton	1		1				
					4	1	
TOTAL		9-3-7	18-0-3	0-0-5	6-3-2	3-0-0	3-0-2
<p>white = denotes clean sheet yellow= denotes penalty saves red = denotes goals conceded</p>							





## **Merton Football Club**

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