



# GODALMING TOWN

**Oakwood.** Saturday 15 April

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## Editorial

Hello to you all and welcome to The Bill Kyte Stadium for our penultimate home game of the season. We welcome the players, officials and supporters of Oakwood FC and welcome to today's match officials too.

The last time we were back here was at the end of March when we entertained Croydon FC in the semi-final of the Surrey FA Premier Cup.

Today we welcome Oakwood to the Bill Kyte Stadium who are in 13th in the league. Oakwood find themselves in a relegation battle with only 5-6 points separating the bottom 5 teams with teams around them having games in hand. We played them away on the 11th March and came away with a 1-0 win but since then they won the following 3 games in a row but then have lost their last two against Seaford and Forest Row who needed them wins to help their hopes of staying in the league. Sam Cane is still their leading scorer with 8 goals this season with Josh Alder just behind with 7 goals.

The youth team still remain 7th in the Allied Counties League. They were due to travel to Wokingham & Embrook on Thursday 30th March but this was postponed and will now be G's last game of the season on Thursday 27th April. Their next game was on Tuesday 4th April when they hosted local rivals Guildford City U18. It was still a derby game but it was the G's that got an excellent 2-1 win. Christiano Da Silva and Sam Le Masurier were our scorers.

They were supposed to host league leaders Camberley on Tuesday but due to the Easter holidays and injuries unfortunately the game had to be cancelled and the three points awarded to Camberley. There are still 3 games left for the G's with a trip to Frimley Green U18 on Monday evening (17th April) before hosting Frimley the following Tuesday (24th April).

### Fixture News:

- The first team will play Dorking Wanderers B in the semi-finals of the division one cup. This will be played on Wednesday 19th April being played at Alfold Football Club, Dunsfold Road, Alfold, Surrey, GU6 8JB, 7:45pm kick off.
- If G's make the playoffs and Dorking Wanderers finish the league in 2nd place, it will be 3rd place v 6th place and 4th v 5th as Dorking cannot be promoted. The semi-finals will be on Wednesday 26th April with the play off final on Saturday 29th April being played at the highest place team.
- The Surrey FA Premier Cup Final which we thought would be played on Monday 24th April has had to be moved into May, either the 11th or 15th May which the Surrey FA have in mind. This is because there is still a quarter final still to be played between Old Wilsonians v FC Deportivo Galacia scheduled for 20th April then the winners still have to play the other semi-final against Nottsborough FC. The Final will be at Dorking Wanderers FC which will be an evening we can all look forward to.

I would like to say a big thank you to Kevin Goodman, Dave Varley and Dave Allen for running another successful Easter coaching camp for youngsters last week. It is always great to get the community involved with the club and hopefully we have gained a few more junior G supporters.

Finally, we are now an **England Football Accredited club**. This is a great achievement for the club and well done to all those who worked behind the scenes to achieve it. It means that we continue to provide football to all in a safe manner with qualified coaches and managers providing football to individuals of all ages.

Godalming Town is once again pleased to be sponsored by local estate agents Surrey & Hants Lettings for the next two seasons. Thank you to them for their continued support. We also have many other local sponsors that you can see in this programme which we thank them all for their continued support for the 2022/23 season. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the club then please email Glenn Lye, Commercial Manager [gtfcccommercial@gmail.com](mailto:gtfcccommercial@gmail.com).

Godalming Town are always looking for volunteers in particular we are looking for someone or two to help clean the changing rooms at least once a week. If you are able to do this then please email [gtfcccommercial@gmail.com](mailto:gtfcccommercial@gmail.com) or speak to someone on a match day. There are also other roles within the club.

**Enjoy the game.**

**Godalming Town is a members club (England Football Accredited).**

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**Sunday 30 April 2pm**



Following last year's successful event Godalming Town FC is delighted to announce that once again we will be hosting the Portsmouth Legends v Godalming Town XI on Sunday the 30 April. There will be food, bars and a feast of football.

Gates open at 12:00pm, kick off at 2:00pm. Tickets on sale NOW! Adult-£10, Child (5-16yr)-£5, Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)-£25

**Legends already confirmed include:**

Warren Aspinall, John Durnin, Rowan Vine, Paul Robinson, Jimmy Carter, Chris Burns, Mikey Harris, Danny Hollands, Mark Chamberlain, Andy Awford, Lee Bradbury, Deon Burton, Alan Knight MBE, Shaun Gale

## Our history



The club has its origins as Godalming United FC, formed in 1950 by ex-pupils of Godalming Grammar School. Between 1950-71 the club played at the Recreation Ground. However, in 1970 Surrey Senior League side Farncombe collapsed, leaving their ground in Meadow vacant. Godalming took over the debts and tenancy, changing their name to Godalming and Farncombe FC, and the ground to Wey Court in the process.

The original pitch was where the nearby Wey Court Sheltered Housing stood and considerable amount of work was undertaken on the new playing area, which was built on the site of an old waste tip. The club was helped by Waverley Council when drainage problems and subsidence meant they had to find a temporary home at Broadwater Park.

The club was accepted into the Combined Counties League for the start of the 1978 season, and a year later the name was changed again, to Godalming Town FC.

In 1985, another local club, Addlestone & Weybridge, was disbanded and, before their ground at Liberty Lane was demolished, Godalming purchased the stand and perimeter fence for £225 and £50 respectively. The stand was re-erected at Wey Court, with seating and fascia added.

The next development came in 1992 when the Guildford Football Appeal (formed in an attempt to return the towns name to senior football, following the collapse of Guildford City in 1977) donated a sum of money towards floodlights, and in return the name of the club was changed again to Godalming & Guildford FC.

Further recycling followed in 1995, when a new turnstile building was erected incorporating a turnstile from Millwall's old ground and in 1996 the clubhouse was refurbished.

2005/06 During 2005 close season, the club changed its name for a fifth time, albeit back to one of its previous incarnations, that of Godalming Town.

A fantastic 2005/06 season saw the side take the Combined Counties League Championship and League Cup by storm. Godalming Town were then accepted by Isthmian League officials following extensive ground improvements.

At the end of a tough season, Godalming found themselves at the bottom of a very competitive division. However, events elsewhere meant that Godalming were reprieved from relegation and were transferred into the Southern League's South & West Division for the 2007/08 season.

2007/08 Chuck Martini replaced Roger Steer as Manager in October 2007. Town were moved back to the Ryman League for the 2008/09 season and eventually finished in another record high position, 9th. Godalming also progressed further than ever before in the FA Cup by reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round before losing 2-1 at Conference South side Havant & Waterlooville.

2009/10 the season was arguably the best season in the history of the club. Town finished a record high position 4th in the Ryman South but were eventually beaten 2-1 in the Playoff Final at Folkestone Invicta. The club progressed further than ever before in the FA Trophy and won the Surrey Senior Cup by beating Sutton United 2-1. The season also saw local boy Shaun Elliott become the club's record appearance holder after reaching 360 games in a Godalming shirt. Chuck Martini was replaced by joint-managers Jon Underwood & Neil Baker in October 2010 and the club finished an unpredictable season in mid-table.

2011/12 the season saw a lot of new faces join, but the team quickly gelled, reaching the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, beating Wimborne, Moneyfields, Worcester City & Bodmin before bowing out to Maidenhead United in front of 700 at Wey Court. The G's finished 5th in the league, and travelled to Bognor Regis Town in the playoff semi-final, drawing 4-4 after extra time but Godalming lost 5-3 on penalties.

2012/13 saw Jon Underwood and Neil Baker guide Godalming to their highest ever finish in the pyramid, finishing in 3rd place. The G's lost in the playoff semi-final for the second year running, this time losing 2-1 to Biggleswade at Wey Court. The season finished on a high however, as Godalming lifted the Surrey Senior Cup for the second time in four years, beating Sutton United 1-0 at Gander Green Lane, thanks to a last minute goal from Scott Harris. The close season saw Godalming moved to a third different league in as many years, this time to the South & West Division. With divisional change came a managerial change; Jon Underwood and Neil Baker left Godalming to join Slough Town, taking the majority of the squad with them. Andy Hunt was appointed manager in June 2013, assisted by Neil Selby.

2013/14 was probably one of the hardest seasons the club has dealt with. Andy Hunt was given the task of putting together a squad that will compete in the league and secure step four football. At Christmas 2013 the clubhouse, kitchen and changing rooms were ruined by flood water. Godalming finished the season in 18th position. Godalming were then moved into another division again and will play in Southern League Central Division for the 2014/15 season.

2015/16 Godalming finished in 10th position in the league and reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the 3rd time but lost 4-0 to Merstham.

2016/17 saw the G's transfer back to the Ryman League Division One South. It also saw the inaugural Axtell Cup a match with local rivals Guildford City. Godalming came out winners (7-6) on penalties however the remainder of the season proved more difficult. Andy parting company with the club after a heavy defeat at Carshalton Athletic with Darren Wheeler stepping in as caretaker manager. A further two managers followed and the club ended bottom of the league and relegated from step 4 football.

There was greater success for our Development and Youth teams and in particular our Ladies Team who achieved promotion under the stewardship of Darren Wheeler and Steve Davies

2017/18 started under a new management team and hope of success in the Combined Counties Premier League. The season started well and an early highlight came in the FA Cup with an away trip to Hereford FC where the G's played in front of a record crowd of over 1,700.

Unfortunately after that results did not go well and the team slipped slowly down the league. The club and Simon parted company in October and old G's players Gavin Smith and Jon Palmer took over. Despite changes to the team and all their best efforts results did not pick up and the team finished third from bottom. Following a period of uncertainty it was confirmed that Godalming would be relegated for the second season in a row.

The Ladies teams and Youth teams fared much better. The ladies building on their success of the season before created a second team. Both teams performed well in their respective leagues with the Ladies Development finishing third and the Ladies finishing runners up and gained promotion for the second season in a row. They also reached the final of the J. Greenacre memorial Cup finishing runners up to Ashford (Middx) Town.

The youth team had a disrupted fixture list particularly badly affected by the late winter weather which meant a backlog of games at the end of an extended season. Despite this the team finished runners up in the Surrey Primary League.

On a sad note the season saw the passing of Bill Kyte the Godalming Town president. Bill had worked tirelessly for the club for many years and will be sadly missed by all that knew him. As a tribute to his memory the ground has been renamed The Bill Kyte Stadium

2018/19 In June 2018 Les Cleevely was appointed first team manager, following a long and illustrious playing career and managerial roles at Chesham and Walton and Hersham amongst others and as a goalkeeping coach at Spurs and Chelsea.

Under his leadership some stability was brought back to the club and the side finished a creditable 12th in Division one of the Combined Counties.

The ladies team also continued to do well challenging in both the league and cup right up until the end of the season.

Les has brought a refreshing blend of tenacity and commitment to the club and is concentrating on building a young side that can grow and win together. He has been tireless both on and off the pitch and along with his team and the band of fantastic volunteers is helping to rebuild the club.

2019/20 Ended prematurely but not before another year of turmoil saw the departure of Les Cleevely and also his replacement Paul Bonner. The final games of the season were overseen by Phil Ruggles and his team as COVID19 shut us down

2020/21 The season saw Phil expand his coaching staff and assemble a competitive squad that promised a far more relaxing season for Godalming supporters before its cancellation in December

Football restarted with a small round robin combination culminating in a penalties victory for the G's in the Cherry Red Challenge Cup

# Fixtures

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## First Team

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Div1	15/04/23 15:00	Godalming Town 	VS  Oakwood	GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
Cup	19/04/23 19:45	Dorking Wanderers 'B' 	VS  Godalming Town	ALFOLD RECREATION GROUND
Div1	22/04/23 15:00	Godalming Town 	VS  Worthing United	GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

## U18s

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
C	11/04/23 19:30	Godalming Town 	VS  Camberley Town	Godalming Town FC U18	Central Division	Postponed
C	17/04/23 19:45	Frimley Green 	VS  Godalming Town	Frimley Green U18 Youth	Central Division	
C	25/04/23 19:30	Godalming Town 	VS  Frimley Green	Godalming Town FC U18	Central Division	
C	27/04/23 19:45	Wokingham & Emmbrook 	VS  Godalming Town	EMMBROOK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Central Division	

## Visitors History

Founded in 1962 by pupils from St Wilfrids school which was predominantly biased towards Rugby football, Oakwood FC took its name from the estate where the school was situated.



After three seasons competing against other local school teams, it was decided that the club was established enough to apply to join the Crawley and District Football League for the 1966/67 season.

The Oaks worked their way up through the Divisions and after 5 years had reached C&DFL Division 1. During the 1972/73 season the club reached the Sussex FA Junior Cup Final losing 1-0, and were again runners up in the same competition the following season to the same score-line.

However by the time they had reached their second consecutive County Final, they had been crowned Crawley League Division 1 Champions and Winners of the Crawley Senior Cup.

By 1980 the club was beginning to re-structure and joined the Southern Counties Combination League, where they finished a creditable 4th in the first season, and incredibly runners up the following year also winning the league Cup.

1983 was an important milestone that saw the club purchase its present home at Tinsley lane, Oakwood Park, and begin to lay the foundations for the future. With the extension of the Sussex County Football League by introducing a Third Division for season 1984/85, the club were accepted on application and emerged as Champions at the first attempt.

After promotion and adjusting to life in Division 2 the club finished third during their third year, and should have missed promotion as the old ruling was two down two up.

However promotion was granted to Division 1 as Bexhill Town, who had finished as runners up, did not have adequate facilities for the top Division at that time. Unfortunately Oaks found life very difficult and were relegated after just one season.

Another landmark event for the club was the installation of the floodlights for the 1989/90 season, presenting further evidence of the desire to be involved in staging top flight football. This seemed to give a fresh impetus to the team who finished the season as runners up, ironically to Bexhill Town.

Some consolation was gained though with the first senior trophy for the club in the shape of the Division 2 cup, where they defeated Stamco 2-1 in the final.

1990/91 saw the Oaks back in Division 1 and with a sense of optimism, but with too many clubs competing for too little local talent, some of the previous seasons squad chose to depart, and a closing place of ninth fell below expectations.

A tough season 1991/92 ended with a slip to 14th, before 1992/93 saw a steady climb back up to 8th. 1993/1994 was a memorable season which saw the club reach the final of the Sussex Senior Cup, played at the old Goldstone Ground, former home to Brighton & Hove Albion.

Two notable scores along the way were against Isthmian League teams beginning with the 2-0 home victory over Worthing Town, a team that included the former Irish world Cup star and player/manager Gerry Armstrong.

The result ended Worthing's unbeaten run of thirteen games! That was followed by a 2-1 semi-final win against Bognor Regis Town, played at Queen Street, Horsham, which set up an all County League Final clash, an occasion not witnessed often in recent memory. Oaks opponents were a very strong Wick team at the time who took the honours with a 3-1 win.

There then came a period of struggle which resulted in relegation back into Division 2 at the end of the 1996/97 term after six years in the top Division. With numerous developments being undertaken throughout the region, the on-going saga to find a new home continued, as the present facility dates back to the early fifties.

A move to recruit new talent on the field was needed, and at the end of season 2001-2002 an approach was made to neighbours TSC who were making headway in County Division three but about to lose the use of their facilities.

Both parties agreed and for the start of the 2002/2003 season the rejuvenated club took to the campaign narrowly missing out on promotion by finishing fourth, and the following seasons fifth placing was regarded as a disappointment.

However the club reached two cup semi-finals and the last eight of the Sussex Senior Cup with the playing surface beginning to repay the hard work and money lavished on it over the two summers since the amalgamation.

Allied to the progress made to the playing surface the committees efforts off the field were recognised with the granting of the English National FAs Club Charter Standard award. To date we are the only club to have been awarded the Charter for both Adult and Youth sections independently.

This represented another major leap forward and enabled the club to enter an under 18s squad into the prestigious Southern Youth League, home to some of the best talent around where clubs within the National League pyramid system are to be found.

Widely accepted as one of the best around the Sussex County, The Oakwood Youth Section incorporates some 22 teams to date, ranging from FA Approved mini-soccer age groups from 6-10, through to FA Approved 11-a-side football from age groups 11-16.

In fact there are more than twenty club coaches several managing within the youth section, at least twelve qualified at level 1, five at level 2 and three at level 3, and one coach in his final year for obtaining a UEFA A license which would mean he would be able to coach at a professional level.

By forging links with recognised coaching organisations there is always potential for players to progress through the system at Oakwood and become involved at professional clubs.

Last year three players who started in the Oakwood Youth Section were awarded professional scholarships with Crystal Palace, Milton Keynes Dons and Brentford respectively, and so far this year one player has been given a one year apprenticeship with Brighton & Hove Albion.

Bridging the gap from youth to senior football Oakwood has now embarked upon an ambitious local school link programme currently re-forging links with its roots of origin at St Wilfrids School, to continue the clubs long standing association with the people of Crawley.

# Southern Combination Division 1 Table 2022/23

## League Table (14/04/23)

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shoreham	29	19	8	2	74	26	48	65
2	Dorking Wanderers 'B'	31	19	5	7	58	30	28	62
3	Epsom & Ewell	29	17	5	7	60	37	23	56
4	Godalming Town	30	16	7	7	60	34	26	55
5	Wick	29	16	5	8	54	39	15	53
6	Selsey	29	15	7	7	53	33	20	52
7	Arundel	28	13	7	8	63	47	16	46
8	Billingshurst	30	12	5	13	51	66	-15	41
9	Mile Oak	29	8	9	12	37	53	-16	33
10	Worthing United	30	9	5	16	37	50	-13	32
11	East Preston	30	9	5	16	35	50	-15	32
12	Chessington & Hook United	28	8	7	13	45	44	1	31
13	Oakwood	30	9	5	16	36	47	-11	31*
14	Forest Row	31	8	5	18	39	75	-36	29
15	Seaford Town	28	7	7	14	34	44	-10	28
16	Montpellier Villa	30	7	5	18	30	65	-35	26
17	Hailsham Town	29	6	7	16	29	55	-26	25

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## Wick 0 (0) v (0) 1 Godalming

A big gutsy performance from the Gee's who brought home all three points from a tough fixture against the team lying in 5th, just one place below us before the start. An even more impressive performance after reading on our return that our goal was the first that they had conceded in their last 576 minutes of play.

Godalming now have three league games left and are sitting in 3rd place, this result was a massive boost to our ambitions for the season and a word about the promotion/playoff position later. But first to the game itself. The starting line up was Alfie Mickley in goal, the back three of James Colinese, Skipper Luke Beale and Ollie McAleese with Connor Blanchard and Matt Cox in the wider positions on the right and left respectively. A midfield of James Mariner, Rob Parrott and Liam Avery with Kurt Greenaway and Rob Cheek up front. The bench held Tom White, Jason Cotton, Rikkie Letch, George Broad and the still available James Frudd.

A close first half finished goalless, Matt Cox was very unlucky early on. Gee's first corner came on 26 minutes when a Ross Cheek free kick was touched over by the keeper. Kurt Greenaway was pulled down some 40 yards out and James Mariner's freekick into the area was placed just over by Kurt. Minutes later Rob Parrott was fouled and Mazza's free kick was gathered by the keeper just in front of Kurt. Alfie apart from a couple of early efforts hadn't had very much to do. On the whistle there was not all that much between the sides, Godalming just about shaved for me on chances.

No changes for the second half and Wick quickly got in a long-range effort which didn't really test Alfie. Rob and Connor combined well and Connor's cross was cleared only to be handled by a Wick player outside the box. Cheeky's free kick went into the wall and Kurt's shot from Connor's cross from the rebound went wide. The honour of putting the first ball on to the Railway line then fell to the home side.

On 55 minutes Gee's first substitution saw Tom White replace Kurt. Tom immediately got into the game picking up a Coxy throw, turning and crossing but his ball went unmet across the box. A challenge on Connor which saw him bundled into the perimeter fence also saw Wick's first yellow card. A James Colinese free kick was headed on by Luke but Rob Parrott's effort went wide.

Although a Wick free kick was deflected for a corner and Alfie had to be alert to punch it clear the Gee's seemed to be gaining the upper hand. On 67 minutes Mazza was injured, let's hope not too badly, and unable to continue, James Frudd came on to replace him. Straight in and Fruddy combined well with Coxy and Cheeky only for the latter to be pulled up for a foul, very harsh in my view. Rob Parrott picked up a yellow card but redeemed himself with his tireless efforts including chasing down a dead ball on the right and winning a corner.

77 minutes gone Rob picked up a Connor throw in and crossed the ball from the right for Tom White to smash the ball into the net, 1-0 Gees! And they kept coming, Ollie headed home a Cheeky free kick only to see it struck off for offside. Rob Parrott tried an overhead kick into the area which the keeper beat Fruddy to by the narrowest of margins. A small scare as with 3 minutes left Alfie seemed to leave a speculative ball coming over from the left which their forward put wide. James's stout clearance evened up the Balls on the Railway Tracks at 1-1. Seconds left and Fruddy broke through, he picked up a poor keeper's clearance from his original shot only to hit the return inches wide.

That would have settled the game and the nerves. As ever we then found ourselves having to defend two successive corners before the Ref blew the whistle. Three deserved points.

Where does that leave us then? We have three league games to go, a Cup Final and a Cup Semi Final for sure. Shoreham have won the League. Which leaves us the prospect of the Play-offs. That is in our hands, we know we can win all three of those games. Look at the pluses, the biggest positive goal difference I can remember, our guys are the joint 2nd highest scorers and have the 3rd tightest defence in the division. Credit all round.

However, what I think is totally unacceptable is that for a second season the Clubs have had to wait until the last knockings for a decision from League or FA, I don't know which, as to the eligibility of Dorking Wanderers B/Reserves/U23/Academy for promotion. I understand it's a no. It was a no last season when they finished 3rd. Last season 2nd, 4th 5th and 6th contested the playoffs. Yet yesterday in the Wick programme we read it is now the view, possibly, maybe, that it will be a three team playoff this season, one semi to play the highest eligible finisher in a final. Surely all this should have been decided at the start of the season. You just can't make non-league football up can you.

## Dorking Wanderers 3 (0) v (0) 1 Godalming Town

A disappointment for the lads in the end, when they had been by far the better side in the first half with many more corners, attempts on goal, territory, and possession. But unfortunately profligate with the opportunities to put the game to bed in the first 45 minutes. But that is the way it goes sometimes.

A second game in the League for the Gs in under 48 hours (44 hrs to be precise) after their journey to Wick on Saturday. Someone like me wonders why that is the case, when we have also had weekends where we have had no game at all. Dorking do not appear to have had a game for over a week. Again, I suppose, it is what it is and we have to get on with it, particularly when the Gs success in the cup competitions means that we will have more games in the next few weeks, crammed in and hopefully the playoffs as well.

The line-up was Matt Cox, Luke Beale, James Colinese, Ollie McAleese in what appeared to me to be an opening back four, in front of Alfie Mickley in goal. James Mariner picked up an injury at Wick so the ever young and energetic Kurt Greenaway was in front of them, with Connor Blanchard, Rob Parrott, and Liam Avery in the middle and Ross Cheek and Tom White upfront. A strong bench showed Rikkie Letch, Jason Cotton, James Frudd, George Broad. James Mariner was also there but said when chatting at half time he was not really expecting to be coming on.

It all started well with the Gs pressing their hosts from the off. Liam Avery with a chance in the opening minutes.

The home keeper miss-kicked a clearance from hand and the ball screwed into the air and Tom was on it and drove into the area before hitting a shot that deflected off a defender and looked to be dropping towards the goal, before a teammate headed the ball out for a Gs corner.

A freekick for the Gs saw Rob Parrott get up to it but his header went narrowly wide of the far post.

The Gs were dominating possession, to the frustration of the home management who were urging their squad to "get a hold of the ball and keep it".

A good corner from the Gs, Connor Blanchard on the right found Liam Avery near the far post, but his header, although on target, was saved by the home stopper.

Liam was soon after taken out with a late tackle that brought the first yellow of the game for the home number 6. Chances came and went for the Gs with the home side blocking shots with their bodies and the Gs corners racking up.

Some great approach work and neat passing on the 3G pitch, down the right side, saw the ball played in to the edge of the box where Ross Cheek swivelled and hit a dream shot on the volley that hit the Dorking cross bar. It was that sort of day.

Another attack down the right saw more good interplay from the Gs, before the ball came in and Rob Parrott showed some nifty footwork and almost played the ball behind him through his legs and into the goal, but did not quite get enough on it. Tom was at the far post, but was just beaten to it by the home keeper.

Connor then had a run into the box himself, but his shot was blocked by the onrushing keeper. The ball just was not going in for the Gs.

Somehow the score remained 0 - 0 at half time. You know what tends to happen if you do not take your opportunities in football. You get punished.

The Gs started as they had finished the first half and won a couple of corners, before the home side were able to clear the ball down their left touchline. Unfortunately, a Gs defender totally failed to make contact with the ball, which allowed a Dorking forward to bear down on Alfie and open the scoring with the first real attempt on goal for the home side.

The Gs kept attacking and Kurt got forward and hit a powerful shot, but over the bar. Ollie McAleese following a nasty tackle received a long period of treatment on the pitch from physio Steve Snelling.

Ross Cheek got in another volley that went just wide. Kurt then got a yellow card for a tackle in the middle of the park.

Ollie was struggling and he had to be replaced. Fruddy coming on for him up front with Matt Cox moving to left back and Connor dropping back to right back.

Perhaps the Gs were feeling it in their legs by now, as very strangely they seemed to allow a bit too much space in the middle, as the home side attacked and were able to pass through the Gs defence on only their second real attack of the game, leaving Alfie no chance as they scored from close range.

The Gs were still pushing and they finally got some joy when Ross Cheek took a great free kick that this time hit the inside of the post low down and bounced across the face of the goal where Fruddy was on hand to tap the ball home. So now 2-1 to the home side.

Rikkie came on to replace Kurt, probably being protected as he was on a yellow and will be essential in the next few games.

Dorking really sealed the result when they won a corner on their right and it was met by there tall number six, who found the net beyond Alfie.

Tom White produced a very decent shot from the left, at an acute angle, but the Dorking stopper was able to beat it away.

Shortly after that Tom was replaced by Jason Cotton. George Broad also came on for Connor Blanchard.

More yellow cards came from the ref and, after a free kick by Ross Cheek, the ball was headed on a couple of times by Rob and Rikkie and somehow the ball was allowed to tantalisingly bounce across the Dorking goal, but there was no Gs player there to tap it in.

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## Half Time Quiz



1. Which team did Tottenham beat to win the 1973 League Cup?
2. Which player scored for both sides during the 1987 FA Cup Final?
3. Which national team did Hungary beat 4-2 to win the 1938 World Cup?
4. How many players are there in a Gaelic football team?
5. How many goals did Gary Lineker score for England?
6. Which football club did Jimmy Greaves play for between 1977 & 1979?
7. Who was the first British player to play 100 Champions League matches?
8. Which club did Nicolas Anelka start his managerial career?
9. In which country would you find the world's largest football stadium?
10. Which club has won the Oceania champions league for the last five seasons?
11. Aberdeen travelled 3500 miles to play which Kazakh side in the Europa League?
12. Diego Forlan signed for which Japanese club in 2014?
13. In which country would you find the home of FC Santa Claus?
14. In which Brazilian city are club Vasco Da Gama based?
15. Where was Vasco Da Gama the explorer born?

## ANSWERS

1. Norwich City
2. Gary Mabbutt
3. Italy
4. 15
5. 48 goals
6. Barnet FC
7. David Beckham
8. Mumbai
9. North Korea
10. Auckland City
11. Kairat Almaty
12. Cerezo Osaka
13. Finland
14. Rio De Janeiro
15. Portugal



### Godalming Town

Luke Beale  
Connor Blanchard  
Samuel Boultonwood  
Ross Cheek  
James Colinese  
Jason Cotton  
Matthew Cox  
James Frudd  
Kurt Greenaway  
Rikkie Letch  
James Mariner  
Ollie McAleese  
Alfie Mickley  
Daniel Mills  
Ryan O'Sullivan  
Rob Parrott  
Luca Scanella  
Liam Vaughan  
Thomas White

**Manager:** Phil Rugges  
**Asst Mgr:** Tony Roberts  
**Asst Mgr:** Scott Kemper  
**Coach:** Warren Burton  
**GK Coach:** James McArthur



### Oakwood

Tom Agate  
Darrell Agyemang  
Sam Cane  
Blair Cooney  
Noel Etherington  
Ryan Farrar  
Oliver Fensom-Gobel  
Jake Gadd  
Finlay Gadd  
Andy Goodwin  
Andrew Greaves  
Anthony Harris  
Paul Johnston  
Aaron Loftus  
Finley Macleod  
Joshua Mamo  
Aaron Ryder  
Arnold Saurombe  
Lee Thomas  
Jack Walter

Mark Gilbert  
Neill Wilkinson

### Match officials

Adam Bensureiti : Barry Cox : Daniel Hague

### Upcoming fixtures

Wed 19 April – Dorking Wanderers B – 19:45pm KO (Semi-final Div 1 Cup)

Sat 22 April (H) – Worthing – 3:00pm KO (League)