







## Tadley Calleva v Jersey Bulls

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## **Combined Counties Challenge Cup - 1st Round**

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NAME - Jacob Rolfe

POSITION - Midfielder

NICKNAME - Rolfy

FAVOURITE TEAM - Reading

IDOL - My Dad

FAVOURITE FOOD - Yorkie

FAVOURITE DRINK - Apple Juice

PRE-MATCH FOOD - Protein Bars

FAVOURITE TV - Only Fools and Horses

BEST GROUND PLAYED AT - Madjeski

HOBBIES OUTSIDE FOOTBALL - Golf

'NIGHT IN' or 'NIGHT OUT' - Night out

DAFTEST - Connor Thorne

WORST BANTER - Connor Thorne

BIGGEST SUPPORTER - My Parents

HOW YOU GOT INTO FOOTBALL - Enjoyed playing at a young age.

**PRE MATCH SUPERSTITION** - Socks under football socks

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOU? -** Wore a hearing aid at school





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# Jersey Bulls



#### Tonight's Visitors

We welcome Jersey Bulls FC to Barlow's Park tonight in the 1st Round of the Combined Counties League Challenge Cup and the first ever meeting between the two clubs. The Bulls, as they are affectionately known, made national headlines two seasons ago when they went through their entire league campaign undefeated before the season was declared null and void due to Covid-19. The decision effectively stopped them from gaining a deserved promotion to Step 5 after they were mathematically 'out of reach'. They will come into tonight's tie in determined mood after exiting the FA Vase on Saturday against our former Wessex League rivals Fareham Town on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

Founded in 2018, Jersey Bulls is the most southerly football club in the English football league system.
Following in the footsteps of Guernsey FC, The Bulls were conceived by Chairman Russell Le Feuvre to give Island players an opportunity to test their abilities in a more competitive environment. It also gives islanders an opportunity to support a club side in Jersey that competes nationally. In 2018, the Bulls got the official FA approval for their bid to join the English football leagues and one month later the Combined Counties League approved their membership bid to join

Since then, Bulls announced ex-Island representative player Gary Freeman as manager and signed up 32 local players. On 6th July 2019, they played their first ever match at their home ground of Springfield Stadium in a pre-season friendly losing out narrowly by 4-3 to EFL League Two side Stevenage FC. They then hosted their first ever competitive league match against Ash United winning 3-0 with Fraser Barlow, Karl Hinds and Harry Cardwell the scorers. The win began an unexpected and sensational run of 27 league wins from 27 league matches. The unbeaten run resulted in an expected promotion to the Premier Division with their 27th victory being a 2-0 home win over British Airways. This remarkable achievement bringing them to the attention of the national media. The global pandemic resulted in the FA decision to cancel the remainder of the season rendering all results null and void. This sffectively expunged all of Bulls record breaking season.

In 2020-21, the Bulls had it all to do again in Division One, but after only four league wins and an FA Vase tie the season was again curtailed. However, promotion to the Combined Counties League (South) was gained as a result of the FA league re-structure and based on the points per game average earned in league matches over the two previous curtailed seasons.

# A new focus...



#### From the 'dugout'

Good evening everyone. An extended warm welcome to all Jersey Bulls FC management, players, committee, their travelling fans and also to tonight's match officials.

We would both like to thank Tadley Footbaall Club and our amazing supporters for the welcome and for giving us the opportunity to take our club onwards and upwards. This club has always been a special club for us. We know the club very well and have both been involved with the players and staff over a number of years at different times. We use the word 'opportunity' because this club has fantastic facilities and great people behind the scenes with an ambition to drive the club forward. This is exactly what we want. We are here to stay for a long time and promise to deliver.

It's obviously been a very busy first 3 weeks in the job for us. Our first game away at CB Hounslow found us 'light' on the bench and we went down to 10 men after only 30 minutes. After equalising late in the 2nd half to make it 1-1, we felt that we deserved a share of the points at least. However, our opponents nicked all 3 points with a disputed penalty deep into added on time. Nevertheless, the team showed us that there is a terrific attitude within it and a great desire to do well.

Since that game we have adjusted the squad, made a few signings and stabilised the squad both on and off the pitch. The league table position hasn't taken too long to change with 2 wins from our last 2 games.

Additions, such as Ben Wright and Ryan Stephens have added to our firepower and bringing in goalkeeper Craig Atkinson has helped to secure us defensively. The squad is in fantastic shape and with another couple of additions, we believe we will show additional improvement moving forward. The recent results are just a taste of what's still to come. From our short time in charge, we have seen the potential of the squad and the club. We have now climbed out of the bottom 3 and into 15th place. We look forward to the future and are excited about tonight's cup tie before we turn our attention back to league business at Abbey Rangers on Saturday.

Thank you for the welcome you have given us both and we can't wait to witness your continued support over the season.

Enjoy the game!

Ben Dillon and Joe Lawler

# Welcome to Barlows Park —

Home to Tadley Calleva FC

Barlow's Park is a modern football facility consisting of several pitches, changing rooms and a clubhouse bar.

The facilities, which include 6 changing rooms and a board room, are also available for hire by other local organisations.

Situated in Tadley on the Hampshire/ Berkshire border, it is run by volunteers on a non-profit basis, to provide football amenities to the local community. The Park is managed by the BPMA (Barlow's Park Management Association). Since taking over in September 2007 ongoing improvements have and continue to be made in partnership with Tadley Calleva FC.

The latest of which include a new 130 seated stand, 2 covered standing areas, new floodlights and an extension to the clubhouse bar.

For further information on Barlow's Park please call: 0118 9817367



### **Next Fixture**

Sat 30th Oct

ABBEY RANGERS v TADLEY CALLEVA
Combined Counties League - Premier Division (North)

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Addlestone Moor, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2QH - 3pm kick-off

### **League Table**

#### **FULL TABLE DETAIL** >

Pos	Team	Р	w	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hanworth Villa	11	8	3	0	21	27
2	Southall	12	8	1	3	20	25
3	St Panteleimon	11	8	1	2	18	25
4	Abbey Rangers	9	7	0	2	4	21
5	North Greenford United	12	6	2	4	15	20
6	Egham Town	9	6	1	2	10	19
7	Edgware Town	10	5	3	2	15	18
8	Windsor	12	5	3	4	-3	18
9	Ascot United	8	5	1	2	6	16
10	Wembley	11	5	0	6	0	15
11	Spelthorne Sports	10	4	2	4	-1	14
12	Reading City	12	3	4	5	-5	13
13	CB Hounslow United	12	3	1	8	-23	10
14	Virginia Water	11	2	2	7	-14	8
15	Tadley Calleva	13	2	2	9	-16	8
16	Burnham	11	1	4	6	-19	7
17	Wokingham & Emmbrook	9	1	2	6	-9	5
18	Holyport	11	1	2	8	-19	5





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# Six of the Best...

#### Tadley Calleva 6 St Panteleimon 1 Combined Counties League - Premier Division (North) Saturday 16th October 2021

Well I'm 100% certain no one would have predicted this scoreline prior to kick-off, but in truth it was probably an accurate reflection of how the game eventually played out. St Panteleimon arrived at Barlow's Park in a confident mood, sitting second in the league table and a decent record of scoring goals as opposed to conceding.

Tadley introduced three new signings to the squad with former Cove FC goalkeeper Craig Atkinson taking his place between the posts and ex-Hartley Wintney FC duo Ben Wright and Ryan Stephens both starting up front. With several players unavailable and skipper Tom Walsh suspended, Jacob Rolfe made his first start of the season at left back.

It was a pretty even start to the game as both sides were looking for an early breakthrough. St Panteleimon's biggest threat came from several excellent crosses that were comfortably dealt with by the Tadley back line. We eventually opened the scoring on 30 minutes when debutant Ben Wright scored from a well struck free kick that Lewis Everett, in the St Panteleimon goal, got a hand to but couldn't keep out. The home side were now playing some excellent football with Wright, and Stephens linking up well with the Darboe, Thorne, Kinge and Burt in midfield, Wright grabbed his second of the match just before half time. He picked the ball up on the left before stepping inside and curling a great effort past the outstretched hands of Everett giving us a well deserved albeit surprising half time lead. (HT 2-0)

The expected second half response for St Panteleimon failed to materialise as Tadley peppered the visitors goal and only a couple of excellent saves from Everett prevented Connor Thorne and Ryan Stephens from adding to our 2-0 lead. However, after some great build up play, Connor Thorne did make it 3-0 when he drove the ball low and hard into the bottom corner of the goal. St Panteleimon did give themselves a glimmer of hope on 56 minutes after Arash Abdollahi lobbed Craig Atkinson after he beat the offside trap to make it 3-1. Any threat of a comeback was soon snuffed out on 67 minutes when Ryan Stephens' driven cross was put into his own net by the unfortunate Nico Campbell. This seemed to take the fight out of the vistors and Lucas Burt added a 5th after being put through by the impressive Ben Wright. Connor Thornes capped off an excellent individual performance and a great afternoon for Tadley when he added the sixth 10 minutes from time. (FT 6-1)

Team; Atkinson, Harris, Rolfe, Maylen, Neal, Darboe, Thorne (Whittaker), Kinge (Cleary), Stephens, Wright, Burt (East)

Subs (not used); Drammeh, Charsley (Attendance 56)

We followed this victory up with a well deserved 1-0 home win over CB Hounslow United on Saturday with Ryan Stephens making the all important breakthrough. A different proposition to the previous week as the visitors game plan was to sit in and play on the counter.



# The History

Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900's. In the modern era the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995–96, gaining promotion to Division Two.

The club changed it's name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007–08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also very successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year on year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010–11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4–1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013-14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3-2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2-2 draw in 90 minutes.

The club had it's best run in the FA Vase in season 2015-16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4-2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (loW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3-1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016-17, again at The Camrose, and then 5-4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017-18 at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved it's ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division last season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field.



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## Tadley Calleva



## Jersey Bulls



#### Squad

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AIDEN HARRIS
BRAD NEAL

KIERAN MAYLEN

CONNOR THORNE SCOTT KINGE

OUSMAN DARBOE

**ANDREW CHARSLEY** 

LUCAS BURT BEN WRIGHT

RYAN STEPHENS

CALLUM CLEARY

**JORDAN GOATER** 

**FINLEY GUNDRY** 

JACOB ROLFE

TOM WALSH

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JAMES EAST

BRETT DENHAM

**JACOB ROLFE** 

Colours

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Yellow Socks

Joint Managers

Joe Lawler/Ben Dillon

Coaches

George Coffin/Dean Hutchins

GK Coach Darren Heath

Physio

Carolyn Tuttle

Referee

Aleczander Ovens

**Assistants** 

Matthew Barrett Adam Jackson Squad

LUKE DUNCAN

JOE KILSHAW

JOHN LLOYD

**KUSHAL FRANKSON** 

**WILF MORRIS** 

MAX RIVERS

**ROBERT MARTINS-FIGUERIA** 

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Paul Renton

Assistant Manager Gary Freeman

Coach

Kevan Nelson

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