

# WHO KILLED THE COCK ROBINS?

## SUPPLEMENT TO THE SECOND EDITION

### RESULTS OF THE AMATEUR CROYDON COMMON CLUB

The results of the matches known to have been played by the amateur Croydon Common club are set out below. However, this is still a work in progress. The matches shown are those reported in the local press, but there were certainly several more games played; for example, the results of some of the club's league matches went unreported. Added to this, scheduled friendly matches were regularly listed in the fixtures sections of the local press but the results, or indeed whether or not the games were actually played, went unreported; perhaps because the club did not inform the newspapers of the results of those that were lost. Also, reported scheduled games were regularly replaced by matches against different opponents. It is anticipated that further matches will be added to each season if and when the relevant years of the Croydon Advertiser are digitised by the British Newspaper Archive.

#### Season 1896-97

As explained in Chapter 1 of the book, the amateur Croydon Common club commenced playing in the 1897-98 season, but an earlier club based at St. Luke's Mission Church, named Bensham Rovers, played some games the previous year. For completeness, the results of the matches reported in the local press as having been played by that club are included below, although others were almost certainly played.

##### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	28.09.96	Leigham Court Reserves		H	3-1	Smith, Severs, Freeman
Sa	03.10.96	Wickdene	<i>a</i>	A	0-2	
Sa	24.10.96	Moffat		A	3-1	Harriss, Haley, Holman
Sa	05.12.96	Sunderland	<i>b</i>	A	0-1	
Sa	19.12.96	New Beckenham Albion		A	0-5	
Sa	26.12.96	Walworth St. Albans		H	2-2	●
Sa	13.02.97	Beckenham Swifts	<i>c</i>	H	0-0	

- a* The match report in the Croydon Guardian stated that Bensham Rovers conceded both goals in the first half and that goalkeeper Wilkins kept the score down with a splendid display, with Baldock and Herbert also playing well. Wickdene were based in Penge.
- b* The newspaper report in the Croydon Guardian states that Haley, Folston, Baldock and Collison, together with Phillips in goal, played well, but that Herbert was missed. Sunderland were based in Sydenham.
- c* Beckenham Swifts arrived with only eight men, as the other three selected players missed their train, but they picked up two willing players at the ground. The match report in the Beckenham Journal refers to them as "A Sub" and "A N Other".

#### Season 1897-98

This was the first season of the amateur Croydon Common club.

##### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	02.10.97	Linden Reserves		H	4-2	Chick, Harriss, Stockdale G 2
Sa	16.10.97	Moffat Reserves		H	5-0	Stockdale G, Oxford, Chick 3
Sa	23.10.97	Linden Reserves		H	4-0	●
Sa	30.10.97	Bensham Manor Reserves		A	4-0	Stockdale G, Chick, Miriam 2
Sa	06.11.97	Moffat Reserves		H	7-0	Taylor T 2, Chick 2, Garman 2, Smith
Sa	13.11.97	Moffat Reserves		H	1-0	Gatfield
Sa	04.12.97	Croydon Glenrose Res.		A	1-4	●
Sa	11.12.97	Bensham Manor Reserves		H	2-0	Harriss, Stockdale G
Sa	25.12.97	Croydon Adult School Res.		A	1-1	Oxford
Mo	27.12.97	Ashdown	<i>a</i>	H	7-0	Stockdale G 4, Harriss 2, Chick
Sa	15.01.98	Sutton St. Nicholas	<i>b</i>	A	4-0	Stockdale G, Chick, Harriss, Parrish
Sa	22.01.98	Croydon Adult School Res.	<i>c</i>	H	1-1	Stockdale G
Sa	05.02.98	Croydon Glenrose Res.		H	2-2	Miriam, Stockdale G
Sa	12.02.98	Shelbourne Reserves	<i>d</i>	H	4-0	Smith, Stockdale G, Oxford, Harriss
Sa	19.02.98	Carshalton St. Andrew's		A	3-0	Taylor T, Chick, Taylor W
Sa	19.03.98	Pelham	<i>e</i>	H	2-0	Harriss, Chick

- a Ashdown were from Kentish Town.
- b This match replaced a fixture that was advertised in the Croydon Times on the previous Wednesday v. Carlisle United; not the future Football League club, but rather a side from somewhere in West London. The fact that not all the club's match results appeared in the local press is demonstrated by the Croydon Times reporting that, after this game, Croydon Common's record for the season was P13, W8, D3, L2, F42, A11. If this was correct, two matches had gone unreported; one draw and one defeat, with an aggregate score of 2-4.
- c This replaced the scheduled match at home to Laconham Swifts, which was advertised in all the local newspapers.
- d This match replaced another advertised home fixture against the mysterious Carlisle United.
- e Pelham were from Wimbledon. The match was stopped after fifteen minutes of the second half due to bad light.

## Season 1898-99

### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	03.09.98	Norwood United Reserves	a	A	2-0	Stockdale G, Taylor T
Sa	01.10.98	Croydon St. James	b	A	5-1	Stockdale G 3, Chick, Harriss
Sa	08.10.98	Crown United	c	H	1-0	Oxford
Sa	15.10.98	Pelham	d	H	2-4	
Sa	22.10.98	Linden		A	1-1	Stockdale G
Sa	29.10.98	Moffat Reserves		A	2-1	●
Sa	12.11.98	Bensham Manor		A	1-2	●
Sa	19.11.98	Dartmouth	e	A	4-0	Hodges 2, Taylor T, Perham
Sa	26.11.98	Croydon Parish Church R.	f	H	2-1	Taylor T, Worsfold Smith
Sa	03.12.98	Selbourne Reserves		A	4-0	Hodges 2, Taylor T, Lock
Sa	10.12.98	Moffat Reserves		H	7-0	Taylor T 4, Taylor W, Stockdale G, Hodges
Sa	17.12.98	Crown United		A	2-0	Stockdale G, Taylor W
Sa	24.12.98	George Street Ramblers		H	3-0	Stockdale G 2, Own Goal
Sa	21.01.99	Christ Church C.L.B.	g	A	5-0	Harriss 2, Worsfold Smith 2, Rouse
Sa	04.03.99	St. Albans		H	12-1	●
Sa	11.03.99	St. Andrew's Reserves		H	4-1	Beckett 2, Stemp 2
Sa	18.03.99	George Street Ramblers		A	3-3	Hodges 2, Beckett
Sa	01.04.99	Dartmouth		A	1-0	●

- a The report of the match in the Croydon Guardian ended with the comment that Croydon Common required two full backs and a left forward and potential players were invited to contact Frank Worsfold Smith.
- b Croydon Common fielded a team containing five reserves.
- c Crown United were from Biggin Hill.
- d Pelham were from Wimbledon.
- e Dartmouth were from Forest Hill.
- f It is not known whether Frank Worsfold Smith, the club's honorary secretary, played in this match, and the later one against Christ Church CLB, on merit or because the side was a player short.
- g Christ Church CLB were from Tooting. Unlike the other local newspapers, the Croydon Advertiser reported the match as a reserve fixture.

## Season 1899-00

Although this was the club's first season of competitive football, the matches were very poorly reported; perhaps because, due to a lack of success, the club no longer submitted reports to the local press.

### Croydon Charity League

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	04.11.99	Croydon Excelsior	a	A	1-2	●
Sa	11.11.99	Croydon Parish Church		A	0-0	
Sa	13.01.00	West Croydon Reserves	b	H	Lost	
Sa	20.01.00	Croydon Parish Church		H	1-1	●
Sa	03.03.00	Croydon Adult School		A	0-4	

The results of the other three matches are still being sought; Croydon Excelsior (h), West Croydon Reserves (a) and Croydon Adult School (H). The final league suggests that one was won and that the other two were lost. Given that Croydon Excelsior only had one win in the competition, Croydon Common must have won the return fixture, which suggests that the games with West Croydon Reserves and Croydon Adult School were both lost.

- a Future Croydon Common player Russ scored the first goal for Croydon Excelsior.
- b The local press reported that West Croydon Reserves had won comfortably, but did not provide the score.

### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	25.11.99	Woodville	a	A	2-0	Beasley, Stevens

- a Woodville were probably from the Clapham area, given that the match was played on Clapham Common.

## Season 1900-01

### Croydon Charity League

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	10.11.00	Croydon Carlton	H	1-1	●
Sa	24.11.00	South Norwood Athletic	A		
Sa	05.01.01	South Norwood Athletic	H		
Sa	02.03.01	Croydon Carlton	A	9-0	●
Mo	08.04.01	Greenbroom Athletic (F)	a N	2-4	Hollidge (pen), Lisney

The results of the two matches against South Norwood Athletic, which were scheduled on the dates shown, are still being sought. The final table suggests that one was won 1-0 and the other was drawn 0-0.

a The match was played at the ground of West Croydon F.C.

### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	03.11.00	Curwen	H	4-0	●
Sa	01.12.00	Bickley Rustic Works	A	1-0	Own Goal
Sa	16.02.01	Stanley	A	1-0	●
Sa	21.03.01	Croydon Glenrose	H	0-2	

## Season 1901-02

### Croydon Charity League

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	12.10.01	Croydon Adult School	A	7-1	●
Sa	19.10.01	South Norwood Athletic	a H	2-0	Lock, Moreton
Sa	23.11.01	Central Croydon Rovers	H	5-0	Russ 3, Taylor W, Lisney
Sa	30.11.01	St. John's	b H	3-0	Moreton, Russ, Lisney
Sa	07.12.01	South Norwood Athletic	A	1-2	●
Sa	21.12.01	Purley Oaks	A	1-1	●
Sa	04.01.02	Central Croydon Rovers	A		
Sa	11.01.02	Croydon Adult School	H		
Sa	18.01.02	St. John's	A		

The results of the final three matches shown above, which were scheduled to have been played on the dates shown, along with the final fixture against Purley Oaks (H), are still being sought.

a The match was played in torrential rain.

b Croydon Common had two first half goals disallowed.

### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	14.09.01	Brockley	H	1-2	Russ
Sa	21.09.01	Dartmouth	H	7-1	●
Sa	28.09.01	Beckenham St. Michael's	A	2-2	Stemp, Lock
Sa	26.10.01	Norwood Swifts	H	2-0	●
Sa	09.11.01	Greenbroom Athletic	A	3-1	Moreton, Lock, Russ
Sa	01.03.02	Oxted & District	A	2-4	●

## Season 1902-03

### Croydon Charity League

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	11.10.02	Waddon United	a H	8-0	Russ 3, Browne 2
Sa	25.10.02	East Croydon	H	7-0	Russ 3, Browne 3, Potter
Sa	15.11.02	Greenbroom Athletic	b A	2-1	●
Sa	29.11.02	Pitlake Swifts	H	5-2	Browne, Hollidge (pen), Russ 3
Sa	06.12.02	East Croydon	A	3-0	●
Sa	10.01.03	St. George's Albion	c A	2-1	●
Sa	17.01.03	Greenbroom Athletic	d H	1-0	Hollidge (pen)
Sa	31.01.03	Pitlake Swifts	A	3-1	●
Sa	07.02.03	Waddon United	A	7-0	Browne 3, Russ 3, Potter
Sa	14.02.03	St. George's Albion	e A	2-1	Browne, Lock
Mo	13.04.03	South Norwood Athletic (F)	f N	4-0	Browne 2, Russ, Chick

- a The scorer(s) of the other three goals went unreported.
- b The match was watched by a crowd of over 1,000.
- c The score derived from the goals totals in the final published table, with Croydon Common reportedly scoring twice.
- d The Sporting Life reported that more than 5,000 watched the match, whereas the Croydon Guardian, Croydon Times and Surrey County Gazette assessed the crowd at a more probable 2,000 spectators. Hollidge's penalty was initially saved but, due to encroachment, it was ordered to be retaken.
- e St. George's Albion started the match with only ten men.
- f The Croydon Guardian and Surrey County Gazette assessed the size of the crowd at the ground of Croydon F.C. at 3,500.

#### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	13.09.02	West Croydon Reserves	A	3-0	●
Sa	27.09.02	Oxted & District	A	2-2	●
Sa	18.10.02	South Norwood Athletic	a H	4-2	Browne 3, Own Goal
Sa	08.11.02	Leatherhead	H	4-3	●
Sa	13.12.02	South Norwood Athletic	H	1-0	●
Sa	27.12.02	Crown United	b H	1-2	●
Sa	24.01.03	Redhill Reserves	c H	3-1	●
Sa	21.02.03	Granville	H	4-3	●
Sa	14.03.03	Oxted & District	A	4-1	●
Sa	25.04.03	Croydon Charity League	d H	5-2	Russ 3, Lisney, Own Goal

- a The attendance was 500.
- b The Croydon Common team reportedly contained five reserves. Crown United were top of the Sydenham & District League.
- c The Surrey Mirror claimed that two of the Croydon Common goals should have been disallowed, one for offside and one for handball, and that Redhill Reserves should have had another goal as a cleared shot had clearly crossed the line.
- d The match was played at the ground of Croydon F.C.

#### Season 1903-04

##### Croydon Charity League

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	31.10.03	South Norwood Athletic	A	2-1	Browne 2
Sa	14.11.03	Pitlake Swifts	a A	0-1	
Sa	21.11.03	Reliance Ironworks	b A	13-0	Browne 4, Russ 3, Potter 2, Lisney, Kirk, Stockdale, Own Goal
Sa	12.12.03	Waddon United	A	6-0	●
Sa	19.12.03	Waddon United	c H	5-0	●
Sa	20.02.04	South Norwood Athletic	H	4-0	Lock 2, Lisney, Potter
Sa	27.02.04	Stanley	H	6-1	●
Sa	12.03.04	Pitlake Swifts	d H	3-0	Mitchell 2, Browne
Sa	26.03.04	Stanley	A	8-1	●
Mo	04.04.04	Greenbroom Athletic (F)	e N	0-2	

- a The match finished ten minutes early due to bad light and the league stated that the final minutes would have to be played immediately prior to the start of the return fixture; however, when the extra time was played, there was no further score.
- b Reliance Ironworks later withdrew from the league and all matches were deemed to be 1-0 losses; so the Robins "lost" 12 goals.
- c The Croydon Chronicle reported that the five goals were scored by the five forwards; one goal each.
- d The match was apparently very rough and one of the Pitlake Swifts players was sent off, although for dissent. The first match (see a above) was completed first, by playing five minutes each way, with no score. In order to allow the taking of gate money for charity, what was nominally a home match for the Robins was played at the ground of Croydon Adult School in Coombe Lane and over 1,000 spectators paid 3d each.
- e The match was played at the ground of Croydon F.C.

##### London Junior Cup

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	10.10.03	Wingfield House Res. (1)	a A	4-1	Browne 2, Russ, Lisney
Sa	24.10.03	Sutton United (2)	b A	1-2	Potter

- a The match was watched by only 120 spectators.
- b The goal was recorded as having been scored by Potter; however, for both this and the following season, the club had forwards named Lenny Potter, Jim Porter and Tom Porter and it was not unusual for match reports to confuse the three.

##### Surrey Junior Cup

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	17.10.03	Nutfield (1)	a H	5-1	Browne 2, Kirk, Russ, Potter
Sa	07.11.03	Warlingham (2)	b H	5-0	Browne 3, Russ 2
Sa	28.11.03	Redhill Reserves (3)	A	7-2	Browne 4, Kirk, Russ, Hollidge
Sa	02.01.04	Guards Depot Reserves (4)	H	2-0	Lisney, Browne
Sa	30.01.04	Barnes Reserves (5)	c H	2-1	Moreton, Lisney
Sa	13.02.04	Old Tiffinians (SF)	d N	1-0	Lisney
Sa	19.03.04	Dorking (F)	e N	1-2	Browne

- a The match was watched by around 600 spectators.
- b The Surrey Comet reported the result as 6-0, but all the Croydon newspapers agreed that the score was 5-0. The Croydon Chronicle credited one of Browne's goals to Potter in variance to the other reports.
- c The match was due to have been played the previous Saturday, but it was postponed due to fog and frost. The match was played in driving rain on a pitch described as a quagmire in the Croydon Times, watched by around 150 hardy souls. The Robins played with only ten men as Russ failed to arrive. In the previous round, Barnes Reserves apparently beat St. Mary's Recreation three times, with the first two wins each being set aside after protests.
- d The match was played at the ground of Croydon F.C., on a muddy pitch before a crowd of around 1,200. Russ could not play as he was injured and so was replaced by Evans, who was a defender. The goal was scored when the goalkeeper caught a corner from Kirk and Lisney bundled him into the net, with one newspaper claiming that the ball had already crossed the line and hence the goalscorer was Kirk.
- e The match was played at the ground of Croydon F.C.

#### Surrey Herald Cup

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
		Leatherhead (1)	a	A	
Sa	05.03.04	Pitlake Swifts (SF)	b	H	1-0 Lisney
Sa	30.04.04	Sutton United (F)	c	N	2-3 Browne, Kirk

- a Several newspapers reported that the Robins would meet Leatherhead away in the 1st. Round, but it has proved impossible to ascertain the result or even if the match was played. However, the Robins proceeded to the semi-final, so they either won the match or perhaps Leatherhead withdrew from the competition.
- b The match was played at Heaver's Farm, which the club had rented to meet the demands of running three sides.
- c The match was played at the ground of Sutton Rugby Club. Extra time of ten minutes each way was played, as the score was 2-2 after 90 minutes.

#### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	12.09.03	Carshalton St Andrew's		A	1-4 ●
Sa	19.09.03	Redhill Reserves		A	4-1 ●
Sa	26.09.03	Oxted & District		A	1-0 Browne
Fr	25.12.03	Croydon Charity League	a	H	5-0 Lock, Potter, Browne, Lisney, Mitchell
Sa	26.12.03	Essex Wanderers		H	6-0 Kirk 2, Potter, Browne, Porter, Lisney
Sa	16.01.03	Central Croydon	b	A	2-0 Kirk, Potter

- a The Sporting Life reported the attendance as "immense", but the Croydon Guardian reported it as around 800.
- b By all accounts, it was a rough match.

#### Season 1904-05

##### Surrey Junior League : Group IV

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	01.10.04	Carshalton St. Andrew's		H	2-0 ●
Sa	29.10.04	Ashtead		A	6-0 ●
Sa	03.12.04	Guards Depot Reserves		H	
Sa	10.12.04	Guards Depot Reserves		A	
Sa	24.12.04	Sutton United		H	
Sa	21.01.04	Ashtead	a	A	w/o
Sa	28.01.05	Sutton United			0-2
Sa	11.02.05	Carshalton St. Andrew's		A	0-3

- a Ashtead cancelled at the last moment and so Croydon Common were awarded the two points.

##### Sydenham & District League: Premier Division

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	17.09.04	Beckenham Rovers		A	0-2
Sa	22.10.04	Cold Blow United		A	1-0 ●
Sa	19.11.04	Fairholme		A	0-1
Sa	17.12.04	Beckenham Rovers		H	1-2 Browne

Although the newspapers regularly announced further scheduled matches in this league, ultimately Croydon Common conceded all the remaining fixtures. However, the local press did not report the reason for this wholesale concession.

#### Surrey Junior Cup

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	15.10.04	Sutton United (1)		A	2-1 Porter, Moreton
Sa	05.11.04	Carshalton St Andrew's (2)		A	0-1

## Surrey Junior Charity Shield

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	04.02.05	Carshalton St. Andrew's	H	4-1	Kirk 2, Moreton, Porter
Sa	11.03.05	Dorking Reserves	A	5-2	Hollidge 2 (inc. 1 pen), Chick, Russ, Lock
Tu	25.04.05	Old Tiffinians	a N	1-5	Hollidge

a The match was played at the ground of Croydon F.C. in what were described as very wet conditions.

## Surrey Herald Cup

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	15.04.05	Pitlake Swifts (SF)	a A	4-1	Hollidge, Porter J, Stockdale E 2
Sa	01.05.05	Beddington Comer (F)	b N	1-0	Stockdale E.

a For several weeks prior to the semi-final, the Croydon Times repeatedly reported that Croydon Common would be playing Carshalton St. Andrew's in this competition (see note f under Friendly Matches below) but, each time the newspaper announced that the match would be played on the following Saturday, it thereafter reported that the match had been postponed. It is unclear whether the match was ever played, if Carshalton St. Andrew's ultimately withdrew or whether the newspaper was mistaken all along.

b The match was played at the ground of Sutton United.

## Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	03.09.04	Chesham Town	a H	1-3	Russ
Sa	10.09.04	Guildford Reserves	H	3-1	Russ, Porter, Moreton
Sa	24.09.04	Oxted & District	A	6-0	Potter 4, Kirk, Russ
Sa	08.10.04	Metrogas	H	2-2	●
Mo	26.12.04	St. George's Albion	b H	3-2	●
Tu	27.12.04	Sheffield Wycliffe	c H	0-1	
Sa	14.01.05	Clapton Orient Reserves	d	1-1	Potter L
Sa	18.02.05	Pitlake Swifts	e H	2-4	Russ 2
Sa	04.03.05	Old Holloway Collegians	f H	3-0	Lock 2, Porter J
Sa	25.03.05	Streatham	A	5-1	Stockdale E 2, Kirk, Browne, Russ
Sa	08.04.05	St. George's Albion	H	6-2	Lisney 2, Russ, Moreton, Stockdale E, Porter J
		Boulogne	g A	5-1	Kirk 3, Lock, Lisney

a Chesham Town were then in Division Two of the Southern League and the current holders of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup.

b Although apparently deemed a first team fixture, Croydon Common fielded a relatively weak side, presumably due to the match the following day.

c The attendance was variously estimated as between 3,000 to 4,000. The second half was played in fog.

d At that time, Clapton Orient were in Division Two of the Football League and so a draw against the club's reserve side was creditable. The press reports suggest that the game was somewhat marred by appalling refereeing. The Robins played for the first few minutes with only ten men.

e The match was a benefit match for Tommy Kirk and P. Anderson, who had both been injured playing for the Robins and so had been unable to undertake their normal employment.

f For some reason, the advertised match against Carshalton St. Andrew's in the Surrey Herald Cup was postponed and so, in the Morning Leader on 2 March, Jack Bartlett advertised for opponents for a friendly. Old Holloway Collegians arrived with only eight men, but borrowed three players from the Robins; Todd, Bourner and goalkeeper Besley's younger brother. The Robins put out a fairly weak side, which included Jack Bartlett at full back.

g The match was watched by a crowd of around 2,000 and twenty supporters paid 13/6 to make the trip.

## Season 1905-06

### Croydon Charity League : Division I

Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	23.09.05	Greenbroom Athletic	H	3-1	Stockdale G, Porter J 2
Sa	28.10.05	Woodside United	H	2-1	Sawyer, Stockdale E
Sa	04.10.05	Greenbroom Athletic	A	6-0	Browne 2, Moreton 2, Russ 2
Sa	11.11.05	South Croydon	H	2-0	Stockdale E 2
Sa	20.01.06	South Norwood Athletic	a A	5-1	●
Sa	07.04.06	St. Georges Albion	b H	2-3	Moreton (pen)
Mo	16.04.06	North Croydon (F)	c N	4-0	Browne, Russ, Willett, Moreton (pen)

The results of the remaining matches are still being sought: Woodside United (A), St. George's Albion (A), South Croydon (A) and South Norwood Athletic (H). With regard to the last of these, the Croydon Times stated in its report of Croydon Common's 5-1 away win that there had been reports that South Norwood Athletic had immediately conceded the return and that the Robins would be awarded the two points. However, it has not yet proved possible to verify this.

a South Norwood Athletic started the game with only seven players. The club withdrew from the competition before the season ended, but its results were not expunged, with the result that the final league table did not add up correctly.

b The scorer of the other goal was not reported.

c The Croydon Charity League final was played at the ground of Croydon F.C. in the morning and the Surrey Junior League final was played on the same ground in the afternoon (see below).

Surrey Junior League : Group IV

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	30.09.05	Ashtead		H	6-0	Lisney 2, Stockdale E, Porter 3
Sa	07.10.05	Dorking Reserves		A	3-1	Browne, Moreton, Kirk
Sa	21.10.05	Dorking St. Paul's		H	10-2	Stockdale E 3, Browne 3, Russ 2, Kirk, Hollidge
Sa	02.12.05	Epsom		A	4-0	Browne 3, Hollidge
Sa	13.01.06	Epsom	a	H	3-0	Moreton, Russ, Hollidge
Sa	03.02.06	Dorking St. Paul's	b	A	1-1	Sawyer
Sa	10.02.06	Dorking Reserves		H	1-1	Stockdale E
Sa	24.02.06	Carshalton St. Andrew's		H	2-1	Stockdale E, Moreton
Sa	03.03.06	Greenbroom Athletic		H	4-1	Russ 4
Sa	10.03.06	Greenbroom Athletic		A	5-1	Willett, Russ 2, Browne 2
Sa	31.03.06	Norwood Granville (SF)	c	N	6-3	Russ 3, Willett, Stockdale E, Bennett
Mo	16.04.06	Woking St. Martha's (F)	d	N	2-0	Russ, Moreton

The results of the two other matches are still being sought; Ashtead (A) and Carshalton St. Andrew's (A).

- a The match was kicked off by Mr. Henry Charles Somers Augustus Somerset, the Liberal Party candidate who unsuccessfully stood for the Croydon seat in the 1906 General Election. In either this match, or the return the following month, the Robins fielded an ineligible player and had two points deducted.
- b The Robins played with only ten men as Kirk failed to arrive.
- c The match was played at the ground of Beddington Corner.
- d The Surrey Junior League final was played at the ground of Croydon F.C. in the afternoon after the Croydon Charity League final had been played on the same ground in the morning (see above).

Surrey Junior Cup

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	14.10.05	Mitcham (1)	a	A	4-0	Browne 2, Stockdale E, Smith
Sa	18.11.05	Carshalton St. Andrew's (2)		H	5-1	Russ 3, Moreton, Browne
Sa	25.11.05	Sutton United (3)	b	A	3-2	Russ, Moreton (pen), Stockdale E
Sa	09.12.05	Sutton United (3R)		A	1-1	Browne
Sa	16.12.05	Sutton United (3R)	c	H	4-2	Russ 2, Stockdale E, Kirk
Sa	30.12.05	Beddington Corner (4)	d	A	0-1	

- a Although Mitcham was drawn as the home team, it agreed to switch the match to The Crescent in return for what the local press described as "a consideration"; presumably a financial payment.
- b The game was cut short due to bad light, caused by Croydon Common's late arrival, and the match was ordered to be replayed.
- c The deciding match with Sutton United drew an attendance of 2,300.
- d This appears to have been the only match in the entire season in which the Robins failed to score.

Surrey Junior Charity Shield

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	23.12.05	Carshalton St. Andrew's (1)		A	1-0	Browne
Sa	27.01.06	Dorking Reserves (SF)	a	H	6-1	Russ 4, Smith, Stockdale E
Sa	24.03.06	Woking St. Martha's (F)	b	N	5-2	Russ 3, Browne, Stockdale E

- a Dorking Reserves turned up 30 minutes late for the match.
- b The final was played on a neutral ground at Guildford, with some newspapers crediting Stockdale's goal to Browne.

Sutton Hospital Cup

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	17.03.06	Beddington Corner (1)	a	H	5-0	Russ 3, Stockdale E, Stockdale G
Fr	13.04.06	Bampfylde (SF)		A	3-1	Stockdale E 2, Browne
Sa	21.04.06	Sutton United (F)	b	N	1-0	Chick

- a Beddington Corner had another match in a different cup competition on the same day and so sent a reserve side.
- b The Sutton Hospital Cup final was played at the ground of Sutton Rugby Club, with some newspapers crediting the goal to Browne, who certainly had one disallowed.

Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	02.09.05	North Croydon		A	3-0	Stockdale E 3
Sa	09.09.05	Page Green Old Boys		H	1-0	●
Sa	16.09.05	Pitlake Swifts		H	1-0	Bashford
We	27.12.05	Thornton Heath Wednesday	a	A	1-4	Willett
We	07.03.06	Thornton Heath Wednesday	b	A	5-1	Russ 2
Sa	28.04.06	Page Green Old Boys			2-1	●

- a Future Commoner Ernie Colpus played for Thornton Heath Wednesday, as did George Woodger who would shortly join Crystal Palace and make 150 appearances for the club. The match attracted a large crowd reported as either 1,500 or 2,000 and Woodger scored twice for Thornton Heath Wednesday.
- b The friendly was a benefit for half back Richard King, who had played for both clubs, as he was emigrating to Canada. Russ scored twice in the first half, but the scorer(s) of the three second half goals went unreported.

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#### Southern Suburban League : Division II

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	01.09.06	West Beckenham	a	H	1-1	Browne
Sa	08.09.06	Dulwich St. John's		H	3-0	Kirk, Jordan, Sawyer (pen)
Sa	29.09.06	Carshalton St. Andrew's		A	2-5	Hathaway, Kirk
Sa	10.11.06	Tooting Graveney	b	A	3-3	Smith, Kirk, Stockdale E
Sa	17.11.06	Clapham Reserves	c	H	6-0	Browne 2, Own Goal, Hathaway 2, Kirk
Sa	15.12.06	Carshalton St. Andrew's		H	0-0	
Sa	22.12.06	Clapham Reserves		A	3-1	Hearn, Kirk, Hathaway (pen)
Tu	25.12.06	Sutton United		H	2-2	Kirk, Hathaway (pen)
Sa	05.01.07	West Beckenham	d	A	0-6	
Sa	19.01.07	Tooting Graveney	e	H	0-5	
Sa	26.01.07	Southfields	f	A	1-1	Sawyer
Sa	09.03.07	Southfields		H	5-2	Stockdale E 2, Browne, Hollidge (pen), Hathaway

The results of the two other Matches are still being sought; Sutton United (A) and Dulwich St. John's (A)

- a One newspaper recorded the scorer as Jordan.
- b George Stockdale again kept goal when Tully failed to arrive.
- c Clapham Reserves only had eight players at the start, but a ninth arrived shortly afterwards.
- d This fixture was fulfilled by Croydon Common Reserves, with only eight men, as the first team was playing Old Tiffinians (who only had seven men) on the same day.
- e The match was played at the ground of Old Bostonians, as Croydon Common Reserves needed to play a rearranged cup tie caused by the side appearing against West Beckenham in lieu of the first team two weeks earlier. Croydon Common started the match with only eight men (goalkeeper Tully, Bennett and Corbett did not arrive) and then lost Hearn early in the game.
- f The published final league table suggests that champions Southfields did not draw any matches; however, every newspaper reported this match as a 1-1 draw.

#### Mid Surrey League : Division II

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	15.09.06	Redhill	a	H	4-1	Stockdale E 2, Palmer, Hollidge (pen)
Sa	22.09.06	Guildford		H	0-2	
Sa	06.10.06	Leatherhead		H	3-1	Browne, Hathaway, Own Goal
Sa	27.10.06	Old Tiffinians	b	A	1-2	Stockdale E
Sa	24.11.06	Balham	c	A	0-1	
Sa	08.12.06	Croydon Reserves	d	H	1-0	Hathaway (pen)
Sa	05.01.07	Old Tiffinians		H	12-1	Hearne 3, Stockdale E 2, Hollidge (pen), Browne 3, Hathaway 2, Sawyer (pen)
Sa	12.01.07	Balham		H	0-3	
Sa	02.02.07	Leatherhead	e	A	0-2	
Sa	16.02.07	Guards Depot		A	0-3	
Sa	23.02.07	Croydon Reserves		A	2-0	Stockdale E, Russ
Sa	02.03.07	Wallington		H	4-1	●
Sa	16.03.07	Wallington		A	5-4	Russ 3, Hathaway, Smith
We	20.03.07	Guards Depot	f	H	1-0	Russ
Sa	23.03.07	Dorking		H	1-4	Russ
Mo	01.04.07	Dorking	g	A	1-5	●
Sa	20.04.07	Guildford	h	A	2-9	●
Sa	27.04.07	Guards Depot	j	H	1-2	●

- a Redhill was later ejected from the league for fielding weak sides and the club's results were expunged from the records.
- b The match was cut short by eight minutes due to bad light, but it does not appear to have been later replayed. Due to a mix-up, two Croydon Common goalkeepers - Griffin and Bourner - turned up at Selhurst for a reserves match, whereas the former should have travelled to Surbiton to play in this game. George Stockdale went in goal, although he was temporarily replaced by Sawyer for the penalty that saw Old Tiffinians score their second goal.
- c Croydon Common arrived 30 minutes late and so the game was shortened to 35 minutes each way.
- d A crowd of Croydon Common spectators apparently stood outside the visitors' dressing room and loudly booed each of the opponents as they arrived.
- e The club fielded a weak eleven for the game and, once again, a goalkeeper failed to arrive and so Sawyer played in goal. The following Saturday, 9 February, the club did not have a fixture and so Bartlett placed an advertisement in the Morning Leader on 6 February reading "Croydon Common (strong senior) want match away, guarantee if far", but no match seems to have been arranged.
- f The result of a 1-0 win was set aside after Guards Depot successfully appealed on the grounds that the referee had not allowed the full 90 minutes, with the game being replayed the following month.



- g In the absence of a recognised goalkeeper, George Stockdale played in goal. The attendance was the largest for a home match at Dorking that season.*
- h Croydon Common fielded a team of ten men largely made up of reserves and without a recognised goalkeeper.*
- j This was the replay of the match that had ended early due to referee error on 20 March. The match was originally due to have been played on 13 April at the ground of Leslie United, and a large crowd gathered for the game, but Guards Depot refused to play on the grounds that the pitch was too muddy.*

#### Surrey Senior Cup

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	13.10.06	Parthians (1)		A	1-1	Hathaway
Sa	20.10.06	Parthians (1R)	a	H	1-0	Browne
Sa	03.11.06	Guys Hospital (2)		A	1-5	Hollidge (pen)

- a This replay, which was watched by a crowd of around 1,000, caused the postponement of the scheduled away match at Old Tiffinians in the Mid Surrey League.*

#### Friendly Matches

Day	Date	Opponents		H/A	Score	Scorers
Sa	01.12.06	Limehouse Town	a	H	2-1	Hathaway 2
Sa	30.03.07	Wimbledon	b	A	2-3	●
We	03.04.07	Thornton Heath Wednesday	c	A	1-1	Edwards
Sa	06.04.07	Leslie United	d	A	1-0	Russ

- a This friendly replaced the Mid Surrey League fixture with Guards Depot, who were playing Croydon in a cup match.*
- b It has not been possible to establish if this was in fact a first team match or merely a reserve team fixture, but it is worthy of inclusion given Wimbledon's later history.*
- c It is not entirely clear if this was a first team fixture or a reserves match. Jack Bartlett played in goal and Ernie Colpus, who would later join the Robins, scored the equaliser for Thornton Heath Wednesday.*
- d The players were driven from the pitch by a heavy hailstorm early in the match.*