TODAY’S SQUADS

ST MARY’S
from:
1 Paul GROVES
2 Alex PORTER
3 Kevin WILSON
4 Paul KERSLAKE
5 Jason CLARK
6 Simon WALKER
7 Matt THOMAS
8 Chris WHISKIN
9 Tom BROADHURST
10 Gordon WILSON
12 Bill SUGGITT
14 Alex CREASY
15 Richard STANNARD
16 Stuart WEBB
17 Matt GLADMAN

Manager
Craig NICE

Assistant Manager
David TAYLOR

Colours
Maroon & Orange

ROMFORD
from:
J BOSDET
D SANDILANDS
A MAJOR
D EAST
J PEARMAN
A TREW
T GRIFFITHS
J ISHMAIL
B DOWNES
T WILSON
M CLARKE
W BLOHM
M BEGG
B FAIRBANKS
D PENFOLD
R COSSON
B PROOTHEROE

Manager
Chris AUGER

Colours
Blue & Yellow

Referee
Stuart BOOKEY

MALDON ST MARY’S
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**MALDON ST MARY’S**

**Welcome**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Promenade Park for our opening home fixture of the season.

We’d like to welcome all connected with Romford FC to Maldon and we hope you enjoy your short stay in our town and have a safe journey home afterwards. A warm welcome of course to everyone backing St Mary’s today.

Last season was hugely successful for us, finishing fourth in our first Olympic League campaign as well as reaching the final of the Essex Premier Cup, hopefully this season will bring further success!

Indeed, we have expanded the Club to three teams, with a reserve side, led by Ron Seeley, competing in Olympic Reserve Division Three and Kevin Whiteley’s Third Team in Division Five of the Mid-Essex League. We welcome both teams to St Mary’s and wish them the best for a successful first season with us.

Enjoy today’s game!

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**MALDON ST MARY’S**

**Club Honours**

**MID-ESSEX LEAGUE**

Premier Division
Champions: 1975-6, 1976-7
Runners-Up: 1987-88

Division One
Champions: 1926-27 (West Division)
Runners-Up: 1927-28 (West Division), 1974-75

Division Two
Champions: 1913-14, 1925-26, 1962/63 (B Division), 1973-74
Runners-Up: 1912-13

Division Four
Champions: 1977-78 (Reserves)

Division Five
Champions: 1976-77 (Reserves)

Division Six
Runners-Up: 1975-76 (Reserves)

Premier Division Cup
Runners-Up: 1980-81

Division One Cup
Winners: 1974-75

Division Two Cup
Winners: 1962-63 (B Division), 2005-06 (as Welcome FC)

Division Three Cup
Runners-Up: 1978-79 (Reserves)

Division Four Cup
Runners-Up: 1986-87 (Reserves)

Division Six Cup
Winners: 1973-74 (Reserves)

ESSEX OLYMPIAN/INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Reserve Division Three
Champions: 1991-92 (Reserves)

COUNTY CUPS

Essex Junior Cup
Runners-Up: 1975-76, 1976-77

Essex Premier Cup
Runners-Up: 2008-09

Tolleshunt D’Arcy Memorial Cup
Winners: 1975-76, 1976-77
Runners-Up: 1963-64

OTHER COMPETITIONS

North Essex Cup
Winners: 1920-21

Suffolk & Border Cup
Winners: 1920-21

Chelmsford Charity Shield
Winners 1920-21

Tiptree Charity Cup

Burnham Charity Cup
Winners: 2005-06 (as Welcome FC)

The FA Charter Standard Awarded 2008
equalise. After this Sawbridgeworth had several chances to go ahead but the defenders were now showing their skills and managed to hold out to half time.

With more players now carrying injuries Manager Craig Nice changed players around and the supporters were given a great game of football to watch with both teams going close. Groves in the Maldon goal making a superb one handed save to stop Maldon falling behind.

With a half an hour to go Matt Gladman just couldn’t continue any more and was replaced by Tom Suggitt who came on and caused problems for the Sawbridgeworth defenders. Straight away he had a goal disallowed after a goal mouth melee but this seemed to spur his St Marys team mates on and with only three minutes to go Alex Creasy blasted the ball home after another goalmouth melee.

Referee: Morgan LaForce.

Report courtesy of Brian Lloyd.
The Original Club

Maldon St Mary's FC were formed by Reverend Thomas Wilfred Ward (MA) in 1894 with firm links with St Mary's School. Wilfred was vicar of St Mary's Church in Maldon and formed the team to get youngsters off the streets at a time when many ships were entering the Hythe regularly looking for cheap labourers.

After a number of years without committing themselves to playing any serious football, the team eventually joined The Mid-Essex Football League in 1911 in its Second Division and attained a respectable third place in their first season. The Club had started playing its football at Brick House Meadow, but moved onto the Promenade Park while making its base at the Ship & Anchor Public House. The Club also latterly played at King George VI Playing Fields in Heybridge.

Division Two of the Mid-Essex League was won in 1913-14 having finished as runners-up to Billericay the previous season, earning St Mary's a first honour and with it promotion to Division One.

The First World War provided an interlude to Mid-Essex football and St Mary's didn't return to action for a further twelve months following resumption, reappearing in Division Two North in 1920-21. It wasn't long before honours arrived once more though, with the Division Two title clinched during 1925-26 under the guidance of WG Thorogood, before going on to lift the Division One West crown twelve months later. Season 1927-28 also saw St Mary's claim runners-up spot in Division One West before the club took a break from competitive football in 1930, not returning until 1951 with Brian Law at the helm.

Season 1953-54 saw a reserve side introduced for the first time, competing in Division Two A.

After several years keeping the club afloat but with little success, Brian handed the reigns to Tom Goodrick in 1958, who ran the club single handedly. His roles ranged from kit-washer to Manager and it was through his perseverance the club was about to embark on its most successful era, starting with the Mid-Essex Division Two B League and Cup double in 1962-63. Before passing away in 1972 at the age of 82 Tom had handed the job to Brian Lloyd, who was to become an important member of the club for many years. Unfortunately, Brian had little success whilst in charge of the team, but through a chance meeting invited former Tottenham Hotspur, Juventus and Torino player Tony Marchi to help manage the side ‘every now and then’. Tony had just been sacked by Heybridge Swifts and upon hearing of his new managerial role was soon to be joined by over half of Swifts first team squad.

Boro finished the League season unbeaten away from home, went 29 games without defeat and lost only twice.

With McGovern and Manson moving on, former reserve team manager Les Whitton was promoted to become first team manager in the summer of 1997. The Club reverted to its original title and the following season the name of Romford appeared in the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time since 1975-76. Boro also reached the quarter-finals of the League Cup and won the East Anglian Cup, recovering from 2-0 down to beat Aveley 3-2 at Sungate in the final. Boro finished seventh in Division One, top scorers with 92 goals.

The tail end of the season had been largely overshadowed by concern over the Club's future, and the eventual defeat of a takeover bid resulted in the departure of several Club personnel and the entire first team management, leaving a committee almost entirely hand-picked from the terraces, while Dave Howie returned after three years away. Reserve team manager Steve Wheeler took over the first team and managed to keep the side in the top half of the table on a reduced budget, but at the end of January chairman John Goodwin left to take over at Bishops Stortford, taking Wheeler and several players with him.

First team coach Amin Levitt was immediately appointed manager, and plenty of fresh blood was quickly recruited with reserve team players also being promoted. The response was magnificent and the team remained unbeaten in the league for several weeks, however just when things were settling down again another bombshell came when the Sungate ground was closed by the League, due to the deterioration of the pitch and other facilities. Romford's last six home games had to be played at other grounds with reserve and youth sides also being promoted. The latter movements broke several Club records. Boro finished a creditable tenth. Some consolation was found in the reserve and youth sides, the latter making Romford the only non-League club to reach the Third Round proper of the F A Youth Cup. The Club also won the Umbro Fair Play Award for Division One.

Following a number of delays, Sungate's grading was finally re-instated on the opening day of the 1999-2000 season. The return to Sungate had a profound effect on the team as they won ten of their next thirteen games and reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, a 6-0 win over Congleton Town earning Non-League Team of the Week honours in The Sun. However the Club soon found itself fighting relegation, and Sungate went through another period of closure while urgent electrical work was carried out, requiring another three games to be played elsewhere. The relegation threat was finally put to rest with three matches remaining, and Boro were more than happy with a final position of nineteenth.

Still the summer was not without its problems as the clubhouse suffered major fire damage, and complications arising from that and the subsequent delay to the completion of other rebuilding works prevented any matches from taking place at Sungate for a long time. The constant uncertainty finally took its toll and Amin Levitt resigned in October to be replaced by John Bennett, but after a brief revival came a further shock in December as Boro were suspended by the Ryman League with no return to Sungate in sight - Bennett left and Romford were left with no option but to release the entire first team squad.

The Club were finally able to return to Sungate in mid-January, and former reserve team manager Paul Withey was appointed to the first team. Early results were encouraging as the side posted three wins in four games, but as the fixture backlog increased with the continued wet weather the task of keeping the Club in Division One proved to be beyond everybody, with Boro having to play eighteen games in the final 33 days of the season.

Sadly, despite an injection of fresh blood the poor run of form continued into the 2001-02 season, and Withey was replaced as manager by Paul Joyes at the end of August. Although performances improved considerably, Boro still finished the season well adrift at the bottom of Division Two. Meanwhile several issues at Sungate were never satisfactorily resolved and the Club moved out mid-season, once again playing out the season on borrowed grounds and reluctantly forwarding its resignation from the Ryman League.

A return to familiar territory in the Essex Senior League and back at Rush Green Road saw a strong recovery after the struggles of recent years, and Boro stayed on the edge of the leading pack all season, finishing fifth with a late-season run of form breaking several Club records.

Paul Joyes took up an offer to return to the Ryman League with Tilbury and popular former Boro player Mark Reed stepped in to replace him, emulating the previous season's fifth-place finish after leading the table for two months, reaching the semi-final of the Essex Thames-side Trophy and adding the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy.
ROMFORD
Club History

This is the third Romford Football Club, both their predecessors having competed at some point in the Southern League, each having been defunct for fourteen years before the name was revived.

All three versions have had their moments, although the present model has yet to emulate previous achievements on the national stage.

The original club was founded in 1876 and reached the last six of the FA Cup in 1880-81, then in 1884-85 visiting a Blackburn Rovers side on their way to completing a hat-trick of FA Cup wins. The club joined the Southern League in 1909 but failed to complete their fixtures in their first season, and after an internal dispute which saw a breakaway club formed and a change of name to Romford Town, folded during the First World War.

For a while there was no senior football at all in Romford, but the situation was addressed in 1929 when local figure Tom MacPherson, later to become MP for the area and subsequently Lord MacPherson, took charge of re-forming the Club after a public meeting at the Corn Exchange, which was so well attended that the crowd spilled out on to the street outside, to the annoyance of the police. The meeting was advertised by a poster proclaiming a match between Romford and Aston Villa, revealed to be hypothetical in the small print. The New Club moved into the local Brooklands stadium, which was bought by the Club when it became a limited company in the mid-1930s, possibly the first Amateur club to do so. After two seasons in the London League, Romford were promoted into the Athenian League in 1931, and between 1935 and 1938 won two championships and twice reached the semi-finals of the FA Amateur Cup.

After the Second World War the Club, who had acquired the nickname Boro after the Borough of Romford was created in 1937, competed in the Isthmian League and finished third in each of their first two seasons. The highlight of this era was reaching the Final of the FA Amateur Cup in 1949, losing 1-0 to Bromley in front of 95,000 spectators in the Final to be held at Wembley. However, fortunes then plummeted and after finishing in the bottom three five times in a row, Romford took the bold move of turning professional and joining the Southern League in 1959. Promotion was achieved at the first attempt and, after a near miss in 1963-64 when Boro finished fifth after remaining unbeaten until the New Year, the enormous Championship shield came to Brooklands in 1967. Romford were perennial (and unsuccessful) applicants for membership of the Football League but, apart from third place in 1970-71, never looked like repeating their title success and eventually were relegated in 1975.

Boro's failure to make it into the Football League had left huge debts, but only when the ground was sold did the extent of the Club's problems come to light. 90% of the proceeds of the sale of Brooklands were eaten up in debt repayments and tax, leaving barely £60,000 to finance a new stadium, and the 1977-78 season was spent playing home matches at borrowed grounds - indeed the last match, at home to Folkestone & Shepway, was eventually played at Folkestone with Boro only able to field ten players including the manager, Romford Football Club closed down in 1978 and the site of the unfinished stadium in Oldchurch Park became Romford ice rink.

Appropriately, it was at the Ice Rink that the first meeting took place in February 1992 to gauge interest in reviving the Club. Over 150 people attended to hear the ideas of Dave Howie, and very soon the Club was formed, a ground-share arranged with Hornchurch and Senior status granted from FA Cup qualifying rounds. The highlight of this season was the Club's first entry into the FA Cup, when Boro made national headlines by beating Grays Athletic and Hayes, and almost took St Albans City to a replay before going down 1-0 at Clarence Park in a match that was featured on Grandstand.

The summer of 1995 was all change, as Dave Howie stepped down and Lyndon Lynch chose to move on. With an almost entirely new committee and considerably improved financial backing, Boro started again from scratch, moving in with Essex Senior League rivals Ford United and appointing as joint managers the local dream ticket of Donal McGovern and Alan Marson, a partnership with a phenomenal record at this level and higher. They brought several of the squad with whom they had won the previous year's Isthmian League Division Three championship at Collier Row, and proceeded to win the Essex Senior League with a record total of 91 goals from just 28 games. This success brought several of the squad with whom they had won the previous year's Isthmian League Division Three championship at Collier Row, and proceeded to win the Essex Senior League with a record total of 91 goals from just 28 games. This success brought Promotion was achieved at the first attempt and, after a near miss in 1963-64 when Boro finished fifth after remaining unbeaten until the New Year, the enormous Championship shield came to Brooklands in 1967. Romford were perennial (and unsuccessful) applicants for membership of the Football League but, apart from third place in 1970-71, never looked like repeating their title success and eventually were relegated in 1975.

There was another period of upheaval for Romford in 1996, when the agreement with Ford was terminated and Boro finished the season sharing with Collier Row at Sungeate. A merger was arranged between the two clubs and the new club, known as Collier Row & Romford, took Row's place in Division Two of the Isthmian League. A run to the last sixteen of the FA Vase contributed to a fixture backlog that meant Boro had so far had to play exactly half their league fixtures in March and April. However promotion was secured with three games to play and Boro took over the table for the first time going into the final match, where a 3-0 win at home to Hungerford Town brought the championship to Sungeate.

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Saturday 29 August 2009
Olympian League Senior Division Two

The LFC Insurance Group Essex Olympian League Senior Division Two opening fixture saw Maldon travel to nearby Broomfield.

After a long pre-season spell of friendlies it was no surprise that St Mary’s went into this first league game of the season with a number of players out through injuries.

And it showed up in the first ten minutes of the game when St Mary’s backline struggled to contain the Broomfield forwards. But after 9 minutes of being on the back foot Tom Broadhurst left all behind him as he went down the right wing where his pinpoint shot was met with a delighted Tom Broadhurst who never gave up chasing the ball forced the Broomfield goalkeeper to make a mistake, he pounced on the ball and placed it into the top corner of an empty net from 25 yards out. After this St Marys should have made the game safe but some good chances were wasted.

With the wind now giving Broomfield the edge in the second half it came as a surprise when St Marys increased there lead when Gordon Wilson closed in on a dropped ball by the keeper. The rebound fell to Alex Creasy whose rasping shot was some how cleared off the line to rebound to Matt Gladman who was on hand to blast the ball into the net to make it three.

As expected Broomfield came back at St Mary’s and got themselves back in the game after 61 minutes when after some good play down the left flank the ball was crossed in the path of Steve Andrease who made no mistake. But instead of seeing Broomfield come back the supporters witnessed some excellent defending from Simon Walker and his team which left Broomfield having to take long distance shots which never really caused a problem for St Mary’s stand in keeper Paul Groves.

A good Start for new Manager Craig Nice who now has too put together a team with several players out through suspensions and injuries for the following Saturday’s away game against Sawbridgeworth Town.

St Mary’s: Groves, Porter, K. Wilson, S. Walker, Clark, Creasy, Jones, Whiskin, Broadhurst, G. Wilson, Gladman. Subs: Elderton, Nice.

Referee: Stuart Battye.

Report courtesy of Brian Lloyd
### First Team Fixtures & Results:

**Date** | **Opponents** | **Comp.** | **Res.** | **Scorers**
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Sat 29 Aug | Broomfield | EOL2 | W3-1 | Gladman 2, Broadhurst
Sat 5 Sept | Sawbridgeworth Town Res. | EOL2 | W2-1 | Pitt, Creasy
Sat 12 Sept | Romford Res. | EOL2 | 2.30pm |
Sat 19 Sept | Old Chelmsfordians | EOL2 | 2.30pm |
Sat 26 Sept | Runwell Hospital | BSC1 | 2pm |
Sat 3 Oct | Runwell Hospital | EOL2 | 2.30pm |
Sat 7 Nov | Waltham Abbey Res. | EPC2 | 1.30pm |
**TBC** | Witham Town | TDC1 | 7.45pm |

### Reserve Team Fixtures & Results:

**Date** | **Opponents** | **Comp.** | **Res.**
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Sat 29 Aug | Southminster St Leos. Res. | EOR3 | L1-3 |
Sat 5 Sept | Shenfield Association Res. | EOR3 | L2-4 |
Sat 12 Sept | Sandon Royals Res. | EOR3 | 2.30pm |
Sat 19 Sept | Springfield Res. | EOR3 | 2.30pm |
Sat 26 Sept | Upminster Res. | EOR3 | 2.30pm |
Sat 3 Oct | Upminster Res. | EOR3 | 2.30pm |
Sat 24 Oct | West Bergholt Res. | EJC2 | 2pm |

### Third Team Fixtures & Results:

**Date** | **Opponents** | **Comp.** | **Res.**
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Sat 5 Sept | Burnham Ramblers IV | MEL5 | W6-2 |
Sat 12 Sept | Old Chelmsfordians A | MEL5 | 2.30pm |
Sat 19 Sept | Crays Hill United | DSC1 | 2pm |
Sat 26 Sept | Beacon Hill Rovers A | MEL5 | 2.30pm |
Sat 21 Nov | Bradwell United Res. | EJT2 | 1.30pm |

All further fixtures are to be confirmed. Home fixtures highlighted in **bold**.

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