

RAF Football Association - E-Bulletin

RAF FA – Remembrance Matches

The RAF FA has been proud to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War in playing several Remembrance Matches.



On Wednesday 7th November, the RAF FA Men's Senior Representative Team travelled to Kingston Upon Hull to play against a team representing East Riding FA, Chalk Farm FC, for the East Riding FA Royal British Legion Cup. This is an Annual competition between the servicemen and a select team. The game was preceded by a parade of standards from local RBL, RAFA and other Military Associations. The game was superbly hosted by East Riding FA. The match was a tight game with the lead changing hands several times before the airmen took hold to win 5-3.

On Thursday 8th November, the RAF FA hosted the touring New Zealand Defence Force team in 2 special games at St Georges Park, the England National Football Centre. Prior to the games representatives of the RAF FA and the full NZ Defence Squad were joined by Brian Adshead of the FA National Game Board and Staffordshire FA at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas to lay wreaths at the Football Remembers Memorial.



This was followed by 2 matches on the fabulous indoor 4G astro pitch at SGP. The first match saw the RAF FA Ladies Representative team beat the NZ Ladies 8-0 with goals coming from Cpl Impey (3), SAC Welsh (2) and SAC Symons (2). The player of the match award went to SAC Steph Lee.



Whilst in the second game the RAF FA Men's Icarus team beat the NZ Representative Team 2-0. Both games were well fought with poignant silences prior to each game.



The NZ Squad visited Wembley Stadium for a tour on Friday 9th November and they attended the EFP Championship Fixture between QPR and Brentford at Loftus Road on Saturday 10th November before meeting again with members of the Icarus Squad for a Remembrance Ceremony at St Clements Danes and then the ANZAC Memorial on Remembrance Day, Sunday 11th November.

On Saturday 10th November, the RAF FA Icarus team played at Oxhey Jets. The game is another Remembrance fixture with drew a substantial crowd. In addition to the playing side of RAF Football being involved also over the Remembrance weekend the RAF FA were represented by its FA Council Member, Wg Cdr Neil Hope, at the Leicester City v Burnley Premier League fixture and the England v Sweden Ladies Euro Qualifier at Rotherham United FC. This followed earlier attendance at the Burnley vs Chelsea match on 28 Oct.

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