
REPUBLICATION

News, views, and the occasional bruise from the world of
Republica Internationale FC (Edition: April 2020)



WHAT'S THIS? After several years in the wilderness (facebook?!), Republica's very own newsletter has been resurrected so you never miss our goings-on again. Welcome to the April edition of Republication and thanks to all those who have sent stuff in, keep them coming for the future. Republica has understandably taken a back seat in all of our lives recently. Hopefully everyone's as well as can be in these strange times. Here's the monthly bulletin from your favourite football club to bring some memories and things to look forward to when we can kick a ball at each other again. This month featuring:

- Season 2019/20 update (*spoiler: CANCELLED*).
- Tournaments update (*spoiler: all CANCELLED*).
- Fixtures round-up (*spoiler: fixture round-up...*).
- Republica and YSP fundraiser.
- The social that moved online.
- Request: next month.

Mayday 2020 tournament



Returning in 2021, fingers crossed! Meanwhile, our reluctance to host the network tournament this year has turned out to be a stroke of luck/genius... thoughts on 2021?

Re-pub-lication quiz #1: which esteemed member of Republica proposed (successfully!) to their partner via a powerpoint presentation? **Answer: congratulations, Gemma Taylor! Slides available on request?!**

Re-pub-lication quiz #2: whose penalty was last seen flying over Fratton Park? (see match report on next page...!)

Season 2019/20 – where do we go from here?

Short answer: nowhere (stay at home). Long answer: for all FA grassroots leagues, including ours, this season has been expunged (what a word). So, no more football for the foreseeable, and we wait and see what things look like come August/September. Stay tuned for news, and decisions about club stuff (awards and AGM) will be made when necessary. The Leeds FA have decided however that ongoing cup competitions will be completed as and when possible next season, so the men potentially have a semi-final to look forward. Who knows though, there is a long way to go til we're out the other end of this...

YSP and Republica fundraiser

... which leads us onto a rare bit of good news that has come out of this. We have teamed up with Yorkshire St Pauli in setting up a fundraising page for PAFRAS. As Football for All and all out matches and training are cancelled, we are asking those that can to contribute their subs to supporting PAFRAS. The work they are doing supporting asylum seekers and refugees through this crisis is more important than ever. So far, a whopping £839 has been raised. The page can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/vpo3dvv> We understand you may also be struggling through this and those saved subs are needed, or have other causes that you want to support – anything you can do to support those at the sharp end of things is a big thumbs up.

Summer tournaments – update

Everyone loves the summer... unfortunately and unsurprisingly the summer tournament calendar has been wiped out. No 0161 tournament in Manc, no Mayday tourni, and no trip to Hamburg for the Antira. Boooo. In the meantime, here's one from the archive...



Want to contribute to the Republication? The plan is to have a new issue each month, which relies on you reading this, telling us it's worthwhile, and chipping in with some content... Please send all items, be they stories, match reports, photos (old and new), upcoming events, etc., to: republicanews@hotmail.com

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Photo: Republica and Easton Cowfolk at the tournament hosted by Clapton Ultras, East London, in summer 2017. A day to remember for Ruth who scored the winner in the final. And then spent too long celebrating in the pub and missed the last train back to Leeds...

Republica: the responsible pub quiz

Two weeks into lockdown and keen zoomer and social sec Alice managed to get us online for a pub quiz at a responsible social distance. Which it turns out is nearly as fun (and boozy...) as going to the pub for a real quiz. Highlights were the Republica babes round (it turns out many of us haven't changed much from our early years) and the Alan Shearer round (you had to be there for that one). Thanks for organising, much fun for everyone and lovely to see everyone's pixel-y faces.

Fixtures round-up

More like fixture round-up, with only one game taking place before Covid-19 brought the football calendar to a premature end. At least the women finished on a high following the 6-1 win over Boroughbridge! A result that has since been expunged... (that word again).

The men's section managed one more game before lockdown: it was a big one – semi-final of the Leeds & District cup – and unfortunately ended up in penalty heartbreak after a solid performance against FC Rodley. After 90 mins, in which we both surprised and impressed the Rodley management, the game was poised at 2-2 and went straight to pens. The less said about them the better...!



Look at all those faces. Rumour has it that it was also fun for the organisers at the Heartbreak Hotel, and there may be another one on the horizon. Keep an eye out for that one... and thanks Alice!!

Lining up in a 5-4-1 against the team challenging for the title in the division above, it was very nearly a masterclass from tactician Mr Hood who was ruled out through illness. Rodley were struggling to impose themselves on the game and, with 20 mins on the clock, Jack curled in a deflected free-kick from 25 yards to put us in the lead going into the break. In the second half and after mounting pressure on the Republica defence, Rodley pulled one back with a quality flicked finish from a cross on the left. But after a shaky 15 minutes, Republica rallied superbly and Santos put us ahead with a calm finish when through one on one with the keeper. It should have been more: after the goal, numerous chances came and went as we had full control. Despite the relative luxury of having linesmen, the ref continued to overrule offside decisions from the centre circle, much to everyone's frustration (Linesman #1: "I might as well just go home!"). In the 86th minute and against the run of play, the ref blew for a Rodley penalty after their striker attempted an overhead kick and fell over near our centre backs (Linesman #2: "That was never a pen!"). It was duly converted and we headed for pens feeling deflated, while Rodley knew they had got away with one. As said, our penalties left a lot to be desired, converting only one out of four. We won't name names but one penalty was last seen flying over Fratton Park...

Next month(s)... call for match reports

In place of the absent fixtures round-up for next few editions of Republication, we'll include old match reports from previous seasons. So, if you can recollect (not necessarily faithfully!) old matches or have something down in your archive, please write it up and send it in for us all to have a trip down memory lane. It can be from last season or 1983 or anywhere in between, and if there's a picture to go alongside even better!



Pre-match warm-up, somewhere in Leeds (West Leeds Activity Centre?), 2017 (?).

Regardless of the outcome, great effort by all and a rare enjoyable cup run. Well done to Tom K for his MOTM performance, and a very big thank you to all the fans that came to watch – our biggest gate of the season!