

# ABANDONED CRAY WANDERERS MATCHES

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2006-07 was the only season that Cray have had three abandoned matches. Our first recorded abandonment occurred in a pre-1900 Kent League match, which was abandoned after 79 minutes with Cray 3-1 up. A few weeks later the remaining 11 minutes were played with a final score of 4-1.

Recorded below are the other abandoned games, together with the respective final results where played, to date.

						Final Result	
1911-12	Chatham Town	A		Kent League	0-0	1-1	
1911-12	Sittingbourne	A		Kent League	1-3	0-2	
1925-26	GER Romford	H	86 mins	LSC	1-2	No record of rematch	
1928-29	Custom House	A	85 mins	London League	9-0	4-1	
1935-36	Tunbridge Wells	A		Kent League	0-2	3-1	
1936-37	Bostall Heath	H	In ET	KSC Replay	3-3	Cray withdrew	
1946-47	Foots Cray	H	In ET	KSC	2-2	0-2 replay away	
1950-51	Foots Cray	A		Kent Am League	3-3	7-1	
1951-52	Dartford Res	H		London League	0-0	2-1	
1953-54	Wingate	H	fog	London League	0-1	2-0	
1957-58	Chingford	H	80 mins	London League	11-3	4-0	
1963-64	Ford United	A	indiscipline	Aetolian Lgue Cup	2-3	6-0	
1974-75	Hitchin Town	H	80 mins	LSC	2-2	0-3	
1979-80	Tunbridge Wells	H	88 mins	Kent League	4-2	3-0	
2002-03	Thamesmead Tn	H	Floodlights	Kent League Cup	1-1	2-1	
2002-03	Thamesmead Tn	H	Ice	Kent League	0-0	1-2	
2004-05	Margate	A	48 mins fog	KSC	3-0	3-4 (aet)	
2006-07	Boreham Wood	A	47 mins fog	Isthmian Lgue Cup	0-1	2-1	
2006-07	Ashford Town	H	HT water	Isthmian Lgue 1S	0-2	0-4	
2006-07	Molesey	A	74 water	Isthmian Lgue 1S	0-2	3-5	

1925-26 Presumed this match was awarded to GER Romford.

1957-58 A remarkable match, in which the ref guessed wrongly that it would be too dark to finish, 10 minutes early. Also remembered for prolonged argument, between Chingford's 50-year-old player/manager who wanted to play on as "his team were getting on top"! (having just pulled the score back from 1-10 to 3-11) and the ref. Strangely, the 4-0 rematch score improved Cray's goal average.

1963-64 This match was a replay of a two-leg match spread over 3 months., eventually lasting 5 hours and 50 minutes, being the Wands' longest-ever cup-tie. The referee gave up because 'unable to control'. The fourth match generally acknowledges as one of Cray's best-ever performances, and eventually led to them winning the cup in May.

1974-75 Older supporters will remember the extended stoppage following Cray's 'keeper Mal Sutton suffering a triple leg fracture when the Wands were 2-0 up.

1979-80 At the time very few spectators realised this match had not been completed.

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