**BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT FC**

SEASON LEAGUE P W D L F A P POS

[2011-12 EAST-1](http://fchd.info/lghist/east2012.htm) 30 17 1 12 55 47 52 5/16

[2012-13 EAST-1](http://fchd.info/lghist/east2013.htm) 34 22 6 6 90 29 72 3/18

[2013-14 EAST-P](http://fchd.info/lghist/east2014.htm) 38 25 8 5 87 41 83 2/20

[2014-15 ISTH-1N](http://fchd.info/lghist/isth2015.htm) 46 25 7 14 88 57 82 6/24

[2015-16 ISTH-1N](http://fchd.info/lghist/isth2016.htm) 46 22 11 13 76 55 77 8/24

2016-17 ISTH-1N 46 32 7 7 114 57 103 1/24

2017-18 ISTH-P 46 13 9 24 67 89 48 20/24

2018-19 ISTH-P

2011-12 Joined Eastern Counties League (from Essex & Suffolk Border

League)

2012-13 Promoted to Premier Division

2013-14 Eastern Counties League runner-up (lost title on goal difference)

2014-15 Joined Isthmian League Division One North

2016-17 Isthmian League Division One North Champions

Promoted to Premier Division

BRIGHTLINGSEA Regent boss Tom Rothery is relishing the prospect of another road trip after his side were handed an FA Cup second qualifying round tie at Egham Town.

The R’s were on their travels in the competition on Saturday and held their nerve to prevail 4-3 at Cambridge City.

It meant their name was in the hat for today’s draw, with 80 ties pulled out of the famous velvet bag at Wembley Stadium.

While most onlookers may have expected the R’s to be craving a home tie, Rothery has no qualms about another match away from the Taydal Stadium.

“We play well away from home,” he told the Gazette, looking ahead to the showdown at Bostik League division one central side Egham on September 22.

“In many ways it suits us and I’m not massively fussed about the fact we’re on our travels again. It doesn’t bother me at all. When you go away, the emphasis is on the home team to attack and that often works to our advantage. Sometimes it feels like more of an occasion when you’re on the road, too. That was the case on Saturday. We took a decent following and they travelled with us on a coach, bringing their flags and drums and really creating an atmosphere. It helps create a mentality of all being in it together, win, lose or draw.”

Rothery is enjoying his side’s stay in the world-famous competition and wants it to continue as long as possible.

“It’s really exciting,” he said. “The FA Cup has been devalued in some people’s eyes but not in mine. To me, cup days are still the biggest in the calendar and what football’s all about. It’s massive for non-league teams, in terms of prize money and profile, and we want to stay involved for as long as possible. Egham will be tough, though - perhaps a tougher tie than it looks on paper.

They might be second or third from bottom in their division but they beat a step three side in Staines Town on Saturday. They’ve replaced their manager in the last ten days or so and you always get a bounce affect when that happens. Hopefully we can have them watched on Saturday.”

The R’s went behind twice at Cambridge but eventually progressed thanks to goals from Matt Baxter, Jake Clowsley and a brace from Billy Hunt. The latter’s second came from the penalty spot. “The main thing in a cup tie is simply going through,” added Rothery.

“It’s as simple as that and anyone who says differently is lying. That said, I still had to have a word with the boys afterwards because they started so poorly again. We're still not playing with the same intensity and focus for 90 minutes. “The goals we conceded were poor but, on the flip side, we scored some very good ones of our own. The boys showed real character and so while there were negatives, there were also massive positives.”

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| Date | H/A | Opponent | Competition |  | | | Scorers |
| Sat 11th Aug | A | Kingstonian | Bostik Premier | 3 | - | 2 | Hodd (2), Hunt |
| Tue 14th Aug | H | Haringey Borough | Bostik Premier | 0 | - | 2 |  |
| Sat 18th Aug | H | Margate | Bostik Premier | 0 | - | 3 |  |
| Sat 25th Aug | A | Merstham | Bostik Premier | 0 | - | 1 |  |
| Mon 27th Aug | H | AFC Hornchurch | Bostik Premier | 1 | - | 1 | Turner |
| Sat 1st Sep | A | Corinthian-Casuals | Bostik Premier | 1 | - | 1 | Baxter |
| Sat 8th Sep | A | Cambridge City | FA Cup 1Q | 4 | - | 3 | Baxter, Clowsley, Hunt (2, 1 pen) |
| Sat 15th Sep | H | Tonbridge Angels | Bostik Premier |  | | |  |