

= Millwall F.C. =

Millwall Football Club ( / ˈmɪlwɔːl / or locally [ ˈmɪw?o ] ) is a professional association football club based in Bermondsey , South East London , England . The team play in League One , the third tier of English football . Founded as Millwall Rovers in 1885 , the club has retained its name despite having last played in the Millwall area of the Isle of Dogs in 1910 . From then until 1993 the club played at The Den , a now @-@ demolished stadium in New Cross , before moving to its current home stadium nearby , also called The Den .

The traditional club crest is a lion rampant , referred to in the team 's nickname " The Lions " . Millwall 's traditional kit consists of blue shirts , white shorts and blue socks . Millwall have a long @-@ standing rivalry with West Ham United . The local derby between the two sides has been contested almost 100 times since 1899 . In the media , Millwall 's supporters have often been associated with hooliganism , with numerous films having been made fictionalising their notoriety . The fans are renowned for their chant " No one likes us , we don 't care " which is sung to the tune of Sailing by Rod Stewart .

In 2004 , the team reached the final of the FA Cup and , in doing so , qualified for the UEFA Cup the following season , playing in Europe for the first time in their history . The club has also reached FA Cup semi @-@ finals on another four occasions , in 1900 , 1903 , 1937 and 2013 . Millwall have spent the majority of their existence competing in the second or third tier of the Football League . The team spent two seasons in the top flight between 1988 ? 90 , in which the club achieved its highest ever finish of tenth place in the First Division . Based on all results during the club 's 89 seasons in the Football League from 1920 ? 21 to 2015 ? 16 , Millwall are ranked as the 39th most successful club in English football .

= = History = =

= = = Beginnings and relocation : 1885 ? 1919 = = =

Millwall Rovers were formed by the workers of J.T. Morton 's canning and preserve factory in the Millwall area of the Isle of Dogs in London 's East End in 1885 . Founded in Aberdeen in 1849 to supply sailing ships with food , the company opened their first English cannery and food processing plant at Millwall dock in 1872 and attracted a workforce from across the country , including the east coast of Scotland , primarily Dundee . The club secretary was 17 @-@ year @-@ old Jasper Sexton , the son of the landlord of The Islander pub in Tooke Street where Millwall held their club meetings . Millwall Rovers ' first fixture was held on a piece of waste ground on Glengall Road , on 3 October 1885 against Fillebrook , a team that played in Leytonstone . The newly formed team were beaten 5 ? 0 .

Rovers found a better playing surface for the 1886 ? 87 season , at the rear of the Lord Nelson pub and it became known as the Lord Nelson Ground . In November 1886 , the East End Football Association was formed , along with the Senior Cup Competition . Millwall made it to the final against London Caledonians , which was played at Leyton Cricket Ground . The match finished 2 ? 2 and the teams shared the cup for six months each . Millwall won the East London Senior Cup at the first attempt . The club also won it the following two years , and the trophy became their property .

In April 1889 , a resolution was passed for Millwall to drop ' Rovers ' from their name and they were now playing under the name Millwall Athletic , inspired by their move to their new home The Athletic Grounds . They were founding members of the Southern Football League which they won for the first two years of its existence , and were runners @-@ up in its third . They were forced to move to a new ground North Greenwich in 1901 , as the Millwall Dock Company wanted to use their land as a timberyard . Millwall Athletic reached the FA Cup semi @-@ finals in 1900 and 1903 , and were also champions of the Western Football League in 1908 and 1909 .

Millwall moved to a new stadium , named The Den , in New Cross , South London in 1910 . The

club had previously occupied four different grounds in the 25 years since their formation in East London ; limited expansion space on the Isle of Dogs meant The Lions had to move to boost support and attendances . The estimated cost of The Den was £ 10 @, @ 000 . The first match played at the new ground was on 22 October 1910 against reigning Southern League champions Brighton & Hove Albion , who won 1 ? 0 .

= = = Entering the Football League : 1920 ? 1939 = = =

Millwall , who had now also dropped ' Athletic ' from its name , were invited to join the Football League in 1920 for the 1920 ? 21 season , along with 22 other clubs , through the creation of the new Football League Third Division . The Southern League was shorn of its status , with almost all its clubs deciding to leave ? Millwall followed suit . Millwall 's first Football League match was on 28 August 1920 at The Den , and they were 2 ? 0 winners against Bristol Rovers .

In the 1925 ? 26 season Millwall had 11 consecutive clean sheets , a Football League record , which they hold jointly with York City and Reading . Millwall became known as a hard @-@ fighting Cup team and competed in various memorable matches , notably defeating three @-@ time league winners and reigning champions Huddersfield Town 3 ? 1 in the third round of the 1926 ? 27 FA Cup . In the 1927 ? 28 season Millwall won the Third Division South title and scored 87 goals at home in the league , an English record which still stands . Matches against Sunderland and Derby County saw packed crowds of 48 @, @ 000 @-@ plus in the 1930s and 1940s . Their 1937 FA Cup run saw Millwall reach the semi @-@ finals for the third time , and a fifth round game against Derby still stands as Millwall 's record attendance of 48 @, @ 762 . Millwall were the 11th best supported team in England in 1939 , despite being in the Second Division . Millwall were one of the most financially wealthy clubs in England . The club proposed plans to improve the Den and signed international players . Winger Reg ' JR ' Smith was capped twice , scoring two goals for England in 1938 . The Lions were pushing for promotion to the First Division toward the end of the decade , but one week into the 1939 ? 40 season , World War II broke out and Millwall were robbed of their aim .

= = = Wartime doldrums , wounded Lions : 1940 ? 1965 = = =

On 7 April 1945 , Millwall appeared in a Football League War Cup final at Wembley Stadium against Chelsea , but because it was a wartime cup final it is not acknowledged in the record books . With the war in Europe in its last days , the number of spectators allowed to attend games was relaxed . The attendance was 90 @, @ 000 , the largest crowd Millwall have ever played in front of , which included King George VI , whom the team were introduced to before kick @-@ off .

The loss of so many young men during the Second World War made it difficult for clubs to retain their former status . This was especially true for Millwall , who appeared to suffer more than most . From being one of the country 's biggest clubs before the war , Millwall were reduced to one of its smallest afterward . The Den sustained severe bomb damage on 19 April 1943 , and one week later a fire , determined to have been caused by a discarded cigarette , also destroyed an entire stand . The club accepted offers from neighbours Charlton Athletic , Crystal Palace and West Ham United to stage games at their grounds . On 24 February 1944 , Millwall returned to The Den , to play in an all @-@ standing stadium . This was achieved with considerable volunteer labour by Lions fans . One of the biggest Cup upsets came in the fourth round of the 1956 ? 57 FA Cup on 26 January 1957 , when Millwall beat Newcastle United 2 ? 1 in front of a crowd of 45 @, @ 646 . At the time the club was fighting for Third Division survival .

During the late 1950s and early 1960s Millwall 's form was poor , and they were relegated into ( and became a founding member of ) Division Four . The first time in their history they had competed in the fourth tier of English football , which they remained in for four seasons until 1962 . They returned for the 1964 ? 65 season , but were immediately promoted . This is the last time Millwall played in the fourth tier .

= = = Unbeaten records and the class of ' 71 : 1966 ? 1987 = = =

Later in the decade , Millwall established a record of 59 home games without defeat ( 43 wins and 16 draws ) from 22 August 1964 to 14 January 1967 . During this spell , Millwall played 55 different teams , kept 35 clean sheets , scored 112 goals and conceded 33 . This was thanks largely to managers Billy Gray , who laid the foundations , and Benny Fenton , a former player who continued to build on Gray 's side . All the players , which included winger Barry Rowan , goalkeeper Alex Stepney and strikers Hugh Curran and Len Julians , were presented with a commemorative gold cigarette lighter by the Football Association . The record was eventually broken by Liverpool , who were unbeaten for 63 games at home between 1978 and 1981 .

In the early 1970s , the Millwall team included many notable and memorable players , now remembered by some fans as " The Class of ' 71 " . This was a team that included ; goalkeeper Bryan King , defender Harry Cripps , goalscoring midfielder Derek Possee , Millwall 's most capped international player to date , Eamon Dunphy and the club 's longest serving player , Barry Kitchener . They missed out on promotion to Division One by one point . By remaining unbeaten at home in Division Two for the 1971 ? 72 season , Millwall became the only club to go through an entire season without losing a match at home in four different divisions 1927 ? 28 Division Three South , 1964 ? 65 Division Four , 1965 ? 66 Division Three and 1971 ? 72 Division Two . In 1974 , Millwall hosted the first game to be played on a Sunday against Fulham . The Lions reached the quarter @-@ finals of the League Cup in 1974 , and again in 1977 .

George Graham managed Millwall from 1983 to 1986 , and during that time he guided the club to a Football League Group Cup win , beating Lincoln City 3 ? 2 in the final in the 1982 ? 83 season . The 1984 ? 85 season was particularly successful , Millwall reached the FA Cup quarter @-@ finals and gained promotion to the Second Division , going unbeaten at home again in Division Three , winning 18 games and drawing five . In the FA Cup they were beaten 1 ? 0 by First Division Luton Town at Kenilworth Road . The match is remembered for all the wrong reasons , after hooligans rioted at the game . 81 people ( including 31 police officers ) were injured in the disturbances .

= = = The top flight and new stadium : 1988 ? 1996 = = =

Graham 's replacement was Glaswegian John Docherty . In his second season as manager , Millwall won the Second Division championship and gained promotion to the top flight of English football for the first time in the club 's history . Starting the 1988 ? 89 season strongly , Millwall topped the league on 1 October 1988 having played six games ( winning four and drawing two ) and rarely slipped out of the top five before Christmas . This was mainly due to Tony Cascarino and Teddy Sheringham , who scored 99 goals between them in three seasons playing together . Millwall 's first top division season ended with a tenth @-@ place finish , which was the lowest place occupied by the club all season . The following season , they briefly led the league for one night in September 1989 after beating Coventry City 4 ? 1 , but won only two more games all season and were relegated in 20th place at the end of the 1989 ? 90 season .

Just before relegation was confirmed , Docherty was sacked and replaced by ex @-@ Middlesbrough manager Bruce Rioch . Striker Teddy Sheringham , who later played for England and was the highest @-@ scoring player throughout the Football League in the 1990 ? 91 season , was sold to Nottingham Forest for £ 2 million after Millwall 's 6 ? 2 defeat to Brighton & Hove Albion in the Second Division play @-@ offs . Rioch left Millwall in 1992 to be succeeded by Irish defender Mick McCarthy . McCarthy guided Millwall to third place in the new Division One at the end of the 1993 ? 94 season . This was their first season at a new ground , at first known as The New Den ( to distinguish it from its predecessor ) but now called simply The Den , which was opened by the Labour party leader John Smith on 4 August 1993 . The new ground was the first all @-@ seater stadium to be built in England after the Taylor report on the Hillsborough disaster . The Lions knocked Arsenal out of the 1994 ? 95 FA Cup in a third @-@ round replay , beating them 2 ? 0 at Highbury . They also reached the quarter @-@ finals of the League Cup in 1995 . Millwall lost 5 ? 1 on aggregate to Derby County in the play @-@ off semi @-@ finals that same 1994 ? 95 season , in a tie blighted by crowd trouble . McCarthy resigned to take charge of the Republic of Ireland

national team on 5 February 1996 , shortly after Millwall had been knocked off the top of the Division One table by Sunderland , following a 6 ? 0 defeat .

= = = Relegation and administration : 1997 ? 2000 = = =

Jimmy Nicholl of Raith Rovers was appointed as McCarthy 's replacement , but could not reverse the slump in form which saw Millwall relegated at the end of the 1995 ? 96 season in 22nd place . Just five months earlier they had been top of Division One , but now Millwall found themselves in the third tier for the 1996 ? 97 season . The club experienced severe financial difficulties that resulted in them being placed in financial administration for a short time . Nicholl was relieved of his duties and John Docherty returned on a short @-@ term basis to stabilise the club .

Millwall came out of administration , and new chairman Theo Paphitis appointed ex @-@ West Ham United manager Billy Bonds as manager . The 1997 ? 98 season was not a successful one , with the club hovering close to relegation to the fourth tier . Bonds was sacked and replaced by Keith " Rhino " Stevens , with Alan McLeary as his assistant . McLeary was later promoted to the role of joint @-@ manager alongside Stevens .

Stevens and McLeary led Millwall to their first ever official appearance at Wembley Stadium . The Lions reached the 1999 Football League Trophy Final with a golden goal win against Gillingham in the semi @-@ finals , and a 2 ? 1 aggregate victory over Walsall in the regional final . They faced Wigan Athletic in the final but , while playing in front of 49 @,@ 000 of their own fans , lost 1 ? 0 to an injury @-@ time goal . Millwall also lost 1 ? 0 on aggregate to Wigan in the Second Division play @-@ off semi @-@ finals the 1999 ? 2000 season .

= = = Promotion , FA Cup Final and Europe : 2001 ? 2004 = = =

Mark McGhee was named as Millwall 's new manager in September 2000 , and eight months later the club won promotion as Division Two champions , with the team built by Keith Stevens , after five years in the third tier of the league . They finished with 93 points , a club record . Winning the first match of the 2001 ? 02 season 4 ? 0 at home to Norwich City set the team up well for a good year , in which Millwall qualified for the Division One play @-@ offs , but lost to eventual winners Birmingham City 2 ? 1 in the semi @-@ finals . Millwall finished mid @-@ table in the 2002 ? 03 season and McGhee was sacked soon after the start of the 2003 ? 04 season .

In 2003 , Dennis Wise , ex @-@ Chelsea and England player , became caretaker , and subsequently permanent player @-@ manager , of the club . In his first season in charge Wise led the club to the first FA Cup Final in their history . When Millwall took to the field at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff they were only the second team from outside the top flight to play in the Cup final since 1982 , and were the first team from outside the Premier League to reach the final since the foundation of the top tier in 1992 . The club was missing 16 players from their squad due to suspension or injury . They played the Cup final on 22 May 2004 , losing 3 ? 0 to Manchester United . As United had already qualified for the UEFA Champions League , Millwall were assured of playing in the UEFA Cup . Midfielder Curtis Weston , substituted for Wise with one minute of normal time remaining , became the youngest Cup final player in history at 17 years 119 days , beating the 125 @-@ year @-@ old record of James F. M. Prinsep . In the 2004 ? 05 UEFA Cup , Millwall lost 4 ? 2 on aggregate in the first round proper to Hungarian champions Ferencváros , with Wise scoring both Millwall 's goals .

= = = Six managers in two years of upheaval : 2005 ? 2006 = = =

In 2005 , Theo Paphitis announced that he was stepping down as chairman of the club with Jeff Burnige to replace him from May 2005 . At the end of the 2004 ? 05 season , manager Dennis Wise announced that he was leaving as he was unable to form a working relationship with the new chairman . Former Millwall striker Steve Claridge was announced as the new player @-@ manager of Millwall . However , when Burnige then stepped down just two months after taking up the post , it

was announced on 27 July that Claridge had been sacked after just 36 days , without ever taking charge of the team in a competitive match .

Former Wolverhampton Wanderers manager Colin Lee replaced him but lasted only five months in charge of the club . On 21 December , with the club bottom of the Championship , he became the club 's Director of Football and was replaced as manager by 32 @-@ year @-@ old player Dave Tuttle , on a short @-@ term contract until the end of the 2005 ? 06 season . Tuttle had no prior experience in football management . In February 2006 , Lee left the club altogether . Millwall experienced a difficult season , having had four managers in 2005 . Their 13 goals scored at home was the second worst in Football League history . Their relegation to League One was confirmed on 17 April 2006 with a 2 ? 0 loss against Southampton . In the closed season Nigel Spackman was appointed as the new manager , but he lasted only four months after a string of bad results . In September 2006 , Theo Paphitis ( chairman from 1997 to 2005 ) ended his nine @-@ year association with the club after a year @-@ long spell as a non @-@ executive director .

On 19 March 2007 , Willie Donachie signed a two @-@ year contract following some progress which had seen the club climb to 11th place in the league . Before Donachie took charge , Millwall had taken only six points from their first ten games . In the 2007 ? 08 season Millwall sat bottom of the table at the beginning of October . Donachie was sacked on 8 October , with Richard Shaw and Colin West becoming caretaker managers .

== = Stability and play @-@ off success : 2007 ? 2013 == =

In March 2007 , Chestnut Hill Ventures , led by American John Berylson , which have interests in business and financial services , retail , property and sport , invested £ 5 million into the club . The continued investment of Berylson , who has since become the club 's major shareholder and chairman , has steered The Lions on a better course on and off the pitch . The appointment of Kenny Jackett as manager on 6 November 2007 , proving crucial .

Over the course of the next two seasons Jackett led Millwall to two top six finishes in League One , in fifth and third place respectively . He won the League One Manager of the Month award three times while in charge of the club . Several of his key signings helped propel Millwall toward the play @-@ offs , and eventual promotion . After a play @-@ off final defeat in the 2008 ? 09 season against Scunthorpe United and losing out on automatic promotion on the last day of the 2009 ? 10 season to Leeds United by one point , Millwall made it back to Wembley , finally breaking the play @-@ off hoodoo run of five successive failures in 1991 , 1994 , 2000 , 2002 and 2009 , with a 1 ? 0 win in the 2010 League One play @-@ off final against Swindon Town , securing a return to the Football League Championship after a four @-@ year absence .

Millwall 's first game back in the Championship was a 3 ? 0 away win at Bristol City . The game had been much hyped due to City 's signing of then @-@ England goalkeeper David James . Only days after the defeat , Steve Coppell resigned as City manager . The Lions celebrated the 125th anniversary of the club on 2 October 2010 , which was the closest home game date to the first fixture Millwall ever played against Fillebrook on 3 October 1885 . Millwall drew 1 ? 1 with Burnley and wore a special one @-@ off kit for the game , made by manufacturers Macron , which bore the names of every footballer who had played for the club .

Kenny Jackett celebrated five years in charge of the club in November 2012 , with a 4 ? 1 victory away at Nottingham Forest . After a strong start to the 2012 ? 13 season , including a 13 @-@ game unbeaten run and flirting with the play @-@ offs , Millwall finished poorly , with only five wins in the last 23 games , narrowly avoiding relegation on the last day of the season . Their poor league form coincided with reaching the semi @-@ final of the FA Cup for the fifth time in their history . They played Wigan Athletic at Wembley Stadium on 14 April 2013 , losing 2 ? 0 to the eventual cup winners . Kenny Jackett resigned on 7 May 2013 . He was Millwall 's fourth @-@ longest serving manager .

== = Relegation and fourth trip to Wembley in seven years : 2013 ? present == =

After a month of searching , Millwall appointed St Johnstone boss Steve Lomas as their new manager on 6 June 2013 . His appointment provoked mixed emotions among some supporters , due to him being a former captain of West Ham United , their biggest rival . Club record goalscorer Neil Harris returned to Millwall as a coach on 23 June 2013 after retiring as a footballer through injury . Millwall sacked Lomas on 26 December 2013 , after winning only five of his first 22 games in charge . Harris and youth team coach Scott Fitzgerald took over as joint caretaker @-@ managers . On 4 January 2014 Millwall lost 4 ? 1 at Southend United in the FA Cup , a team 31 places below them in the football pyramid . Harris described the performance as a " shambles . "

The club appointed Ian Holloway as their new manager on 6 January 2014 , with the club sitting 21st in the table . He was given the priority of maintaining their Football League Championship status , which he achieved . Millwall went unbeaten in the last eight games of the 2013 ? 14 season and finished in 19th place , four points above the relegation zone . Holloway was sacked on 10 March 2015 with the team second from bottom in the Championship , Neil Harris being reinstated as caretaker manager until the end of the season . He was unable to ensure survival , however , as Millwall 's relegation to League One was confirmed on 28 April with one game of the 2014 ? 15 season still to play . Harris was confirmed permanent manager of Millwall the next day . In his first full season in charge , Harris led Millwall to a fourth @-@ place finish in League One and a play @-@ off final at Wembley , which the Lions lost 3 ? 1 to Barnsley .

= = Colours , crest and nickname = =

= = = Kit = = =

Millwall 's traditional kit has predominantly consisted of blue shirts , white shorts and blue socks throughout their 125 @-@ year history . For the first 50 years , up until 1936 , they played in a traditional navy blue , similar to the colours of Scotland national team . This colour was chosen because it paid homage to the Scottish roots of the club , with the nucleus of the first Millwall Rovers squad being from Dundee . In 1936 , newly appointed Millwall manager Charlie Hewitt opted to change the kit colour from navy blue to a lighter royal blue , and the team have played in this colour for the best part of 74 years , with the exception of 1968 ? 75 and 1999 ? 2001 , in which the team played in an all @-@ white strip . Their kit for the 2010 ? 11 season celebrated the 125th anniversary of the club , with Millwall adopting the darker navy blue of their first strip . The club has retained this colour since . As for change colours , yellow or white has been a frequent choice . The club had a grey away kit for the 2002 ? 03 season , and also a green and white striped away kit for the 2003 ? 04 season . Millwall wore a special one @-@ off camouflage kit to commemorate the centenary of the First World War against Brentford on 8 November 2014 . It went on sale to fans , with proceeds going to Headley Court , a rehabilitation centre for injured members of the British Armed Forces .

= = = Badge = = =

The club crest has been a rampant lion since 1936 , which was also introduced by Charlie Hewitt . There have been many variations of the lion ; the first was a single red lion , often mistakenly said to be chosen because of the club 's Scottish roots . The lion bore a striking resemblance to signs used by pubs named The Red Lion . From 1956 to 1974 Millwall 's crest was two leaping red lions facing each other . Former chairman Theo Paphitis brought back the badge in 1999 , where it was used for a further eight years . The current crest is a leaping lion , which first appeared on a Millwall kit in 1979 . It remained until 1999 and was re @-@ introduced again in 2007 . The club mascot is a giant lion called Zampa , so named after Zampa Road , the postal address of The Den .

= = = The Lions = = =

The team nickname is The Lions , previously The Dockers . The original Dockers name arose from the job of many of the club 's supporters in the early 1900s . The club did not like the moniker and changed the nickname after press headlined Millwall as ' Lions of the South ' , after knocking Football League leaders Aston Villa out of the 1899 ? 1900 FA Cup . Millwall , then a Southern League side , went on to reach the semi @-@ final . The club adopted the motto : We Fear No Foe Where E 'er We Go . In the 2000s the club started to recognise its unique link with London 's docks by introducing Dockers ' Days , and archiving the club 's dock roots in the Millwall FC Museum . Dockers ' Days bring together past successful Millwall teams who parade on the pitch at half @-@ time . Supporters who were dockers are allowed to attend the game for free . In 2011 , Millwall officially named the east stand of The Den as the ' Dockers Stand ' in honour of the club 's former nickname .

= = = Kit sponsors and manufacturers = = =

For the 2013 ? 14 season , Millwall chose the charity Prostate Cancer UK to sponsor their shirt for free .

= = Stadia = =

Main articles : The Den ( 1993 ? present ) , The Den ( 1910 ? 1993 ) , North Greenwich and The Athletic Grounds .

Millwall began life on the Isle of Dogs and inhabited four different grounds in the club 's first 25 years . Their first home was a piece of waste ground called Glengall Road , where they only stayed for one year . From 1886 to 1890 they played behind The Lord Nelson pub on East Ferry Road , which was known as the Lord Nelson Ground , before being forced to leave by the landlady , who received a better offer for its use .

They moved to their third home , The Athletic Grounds , on 6 September 1890 . This was their first purpose @-@ built ground , with a grandstand that seated 600 people and an overall capacity of between 10 @,@ 000 and 15 @,@ 000 . The club was forced to move on again though , this time by the Millwall Dock Company who wanted to use it as a timberyard . They relocated in 1901 to a location near their second home , which became known as North Greenwich . They remained an east London club for a further nine years , with the last game played on the Isle of Dogs on 8 October 1910 against Portsmouth , which Millwall won 3 ? 1 .

On 22 October 1910 , Millwall crossed the river to South London , moving to Cold Blow Lane in New Cross . The fifth ground was called The Den , built at a cost of £ 10 @,@ 000 by noted football ground architect Archibald Leitch . The first game played there was against Brighton & Hove Albion , which Brighton won 1 ? 0 . Millwall remained there for 83 years , until moving to their sixth and current ground , at first known as The New Den but now called simply The Den , on 4 August 1993 . The ground has an all @-@ seated capacity of 20 @,@ 146 . A Sporting Lisbon team , managed by Bobby Robson helped open the ground by playing a friendly , which The Lions lost 2 ? 1 .

= = = Traditional songs = = =

A tradition at The Den is the playing of the official club song " Let ' em Come " , by Roy Green , as Millwall and the opposing team walk onto the pitch . It was specifically written for the club and the lyrics represent old London culture , such as eating jellied eels and having a glass of beer before going to the game . The song ends with all home fans standing , arms raised singing the last line , " Let ' em all ... come down .... to The Den ! " A television drama about a Millwall supporter and ex @-@ docker , starring David Jason , featured a lyric from the song in its title , Come Rain Come Shine . The song was played on repeat at Wembley Stadium after Millwall gained promotion to the Championship in 2010 . The song " Shoeshine Boy " by the Mills Blue Rhythm Band was played as the entrance song prior to " Let ' em Come " .

Other songs that have been regularly played at The Den over the years in the build @-@ up to a

game include " London Calling " by The Clash , " No Surrender " by Bruce Springsteen , " Town Called Malice " by The Jam and " House of Fun " by Madness , which features the lyric " welcome to the lion 's den ... " . Status Quo 's cover version of " Rockin ' All Over the World " is played after every home win .

= = Rivalries = =

Millwall were listed eighth out of a list of 92 Football League clubs with the most rivals , with West Ham United , Crystal Palace , Charlton Athletic , Leeds United , Portsmouth and Gillingham considering them a major rival .

= = = Major rival = = =

Millwall 's fiercest rival is West Ham United . It is one of the most passionately contested local derbies in football . The two clubs have rarely met in recent years due to them playing in different leagues ; the majority of their meetings happened before the First World War , with some 60 meetings between 1899 ? 1915 . The clubs have played 99 times since the first contest in 1899 . Millwall have won 38 , drawn 27 and lost 34 . Despite violence between the two sets of supporters and calls for future games between the clubs to be played behind closed doors , they last met in the Football League Championship in 2011 ? 12 with no outright ban on either set of fans , and no repeat of crowd trouble . The rivalry between the sides , specifically the clubs ' two hooligan firms has been depicted on the big screen several times , in films such as Green Street .

= = = South London derbies = = =

Millwall are closest in proximity to Charlton Athletic , with The Den and The Valley being less than four miles ( 6 @. @ 4 km ) apart . They last met in 2015 , where Millwall won 2 ? 1 at The Den . Since their first competitive game in 1921 , Millwall have won 33 , drawn 25 and lost 12 . The Lions are unbeaten in their last eight games against Charlton , stretching over 19 years , where they 've won four and drawn four . The Addicks last win came in March 1996 at The Valley . The Lions last played against fellow South London club Crystal Palace in the 2012 ? 13 season when both teams were in the Football League Championship . They drew 0 ? 0 at The Den and 2 ? 2 at Selhurst Park . In almost 100 competitive games between the two clubs since 1906 , Millwall have won 39 , drawn 29 and lost 29 . As of the 2015 ? 16 season , the three South London teams compete in different tiers . Crystal Palace play in the Premier League , Charlton in the Championship and Millwall in League One after they were relegated in 2015 .

= = Players = =

= = = Current squad = = =

As of 26 July 2016 .

Note : Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules . Players may hold more than one non @-@ FIFA nationality .

= = = Reserve squad and youth academy = = =

As of 30 November 2015 .

Note : Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules . Players may hold more than one non @-@ FIFA nationality .

= = = Player of the year = = =



As voted by Millwall Supporters Club members and season ticket holders .

= = = Personnel honours = = =

= = = = English Football Hall of Fame = = = =

Millwall players inducted into the English Football Hall of Fame :

See Millwall Lionesses for two female inductees .

= = = = PFA Fans ' Player of the Year = = = =

= = = = PFA Team of the Year = = = =

= = = Notable former players = = =

The following is a list of notable footballers who have played for Millwall , including players who have been honoured in Millwall 's Hall of Fame and have significantly contributed to the club 's history be it through being founder member players , having been given a testimonial for 10 years of service at the club , making over 100 appearances , scoring over 50 goals or having received recognition by their country in the form of international caps while playing for the club .

= = Managers = =

There have been 33 permanent and 14 caretaker managers since the appointment of the club 's first professional manager , Bert Lipsham on 4 May 1911 . From 1890 to 1910 , Millwall directors Kidd , Stopher and Saunders were honorary managers , also working under the title of club secretary . Bob Hunter is Millwall 's longest serving manager , having stayed at the helm for 15 years . Prior to becoming manager , he was the club 's trainer for 21 years . He died in office in 1933 , having served at the club for a total of 36 years . Steve Claridge holds the shortest tenure at the club , having been in charge for a period of 36 days without ever taking charge of a first @-@ team game . Every Millwall manager has come from the United Kingdom or Ireland .