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## ASCOT UNITED vs. MARLOW

Sat 25 Nov 2023

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



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Ryan Woods	Neil Morrison	Jake Atkinson
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# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

**A warm welcome to Marlow for today's Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture.**



**Good afternoon and welcome to The Racecourse for today's Isthmian League match against Marlow FC.**

**It's sure to be a tough game today, with Marlow having a great season. Like us they have games in hand over the clubs around them, so both teams will be looking forward to actually getting a game in today - a game that will definitely be on given our 3G pitch. I know 3G's can generate some strong emotions, with many traditionalists being vocal in their concerns - all I can say that as a club we wouldn't be able to function on the scale we do without our 3G, with over 1000 kids training on it weekly as well as hosting 12-15 matches over the course of a weekend. We have already communicated our ambitions to build a second 3G at the club, which would enable us to meet the growing demand we are seeing.**

**We have recently launched an Ascot Utd Podcast... "Ascot United - Behind the Goals" which is available via all the usual Podcast providers. This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about what's happening behind the scenes at Ascot Utd, and the first couple of episodes have featured Jamie Tompkins talking about the First Team and Donna Graham talking about the thriving Women and Girls Section at the club. Listen out for Ceri Hooper next up talking about our much loved Warriors Special Olympics Squad, and how we are able to provide football for all the community. I'd like to thank Dan Hough for volunteering to run this Podcast alongside his fellow Vets player Leon - they are incredibly professional and polished, and a great credit to the club.**

**A reminder that our fabulous clubhouse is available to hire for private events and business meetings... this generates really valuable revenue for the club, so please get in touch with our Events Manager Sam Knight if you would like to discuss what we can do for you.**

**I hope you all enjoy your visit to The Racecourse - Up The Yellas! ~Simon**

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# FROM THE DUGOUT



**Jamie Tompkins**  
First Team Manager

**Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Marlow. Enjoy the game!**



**Hello and welcome to the Racecourse Ground for today's Isthmian League game against Marlow. It's been a bit of a stop-start season with the recent postponements, but we appreciate Hartley Wintney's willingness to reverse the fixture (last weekend), even though the league declined.**

**The postponements do mean that our fixtures will pile up, making for a busy December and festive period ahead. It's a challenging situation, but the team is ready to face it head on.**

**Marlow is a formidable opponent with plenty of experience at this level and a history of playoff appearances. They are considered one of the favourites for promotion, making today's match a tough one for us. However, we're ready to give it our all, despite being the clear underdogs.**

**Looking ahead, we have a midweek clash against Corinthian Casuals, a significant club with great support and history. We hope to see many of you making the trip to support the players. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the team.**

**So, enjoy the match, and thank you once again for being part of the continued support for our club. Let's make it a great day for football at the Racecourse Ground. ~JT**



**Dean Greenwood**  
Assistant Manager



**Stuart Britton**  
Strength/Con. Coach



**Steve Quelch**  
Coach



**Nathan Riley**  
Physio

# ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

**Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Marlow for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.**



**Hello and welcome for this afternoon's match – another tough one! Marlow are just about as well positioned as anyone at the top end as, if they won their game sin hand, they'd be top of the league having won nine of their 11 games this season. The recent acquisition of prolific striker Dave Tarpey also shows their intent, and although he's named in today's squad I can't see him featuring on out 3G pitch after previous ACL injury woes. There's been a lot of football since we last played. I turned off the TV in VAR range during England's game in Macedonia just after the home side were awarded a penalty. That followed a plethora of other stupid decisions recently including the disallowed Chelsea Women at Real Madrid goal a week or so before – miles and miles onsite – and crazily NO VAR present for this one despite it being a Champions League?! Then you go across to the Hungarian top flight where some teams play in front of barely 1000 spectators and VAR is in full use! At least this afternoon when the ball hits the net you know you can celebrate with confidence.**

**WELCOME TO THE BLUES**

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**FAMILIAR SIGHT! VAR has become more of a talking point than the football itself in recent games. Fortunately we don't need to deal with the VAR circus at our level and can just politely point out to the officials if they get it wrong!**

**I also followed the FA Cup replays with interest and despite a lot of promise in the first games it was clear Cray Valley and Horsham had given everything on the road before being pasted on their own patches. However, most of you will have seen Horsham were re-instated this week after Barnsley's removal for fielding an ineligible player. What a story that would be if they now knocked out Sutton United and reached the third round?! I was also surprised that both Newport Pagnell Town and Corsham Town were knocked out of The FA Vase in the last round especially as both are doing well in their league and enjoyed such good runs last year (until we put paid to that!). Not sure if the betting odds are out yet but Farnham Town must be the favourites, although there is a long way to. And, there is a long way to go in the Isthmian League too, so let's get behind the lads. Enjoy the game. ~Neal.**





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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardlev United	H	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Vale	A	ISTH SC	2-3	220	Matthew, Killeen
19-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	FAC P	5-1	137	Matthew 3, Ajaniekoko, H. Grant
26-Aug	Guernsey	H	ISTH SC	4-0	189	Matthew 2, H. Grant, McCoy
28-Aug	Badshot Lea	A	ISTH SC	1-0	178	McCormack
02-Sep	Westfield	H	FAC 10	1-0	206	McCoy
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10	3-2	110	Matthew 2, Balogun
12-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	246	
15-Sep	Lewes	H	FAC 20	1-2	451	OG
23-Sep	Lancing	H	FAT 20	6-2	162	Matthew 4, Killeen, McCormack
26-Sep	Badshot Lea	A	LG 2	0-1	78	
30-Sep	Sutton Common Rovers	H	ISTH SC	1-1	136	H. Grant
07-Oct	Whitehawk	A	FAT 30	0-2	357	
14-Oct	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC	1-3	218	Matthew
17-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC	1-2	127	Matthew
21-Oct	Chinstead	A	ISTH SC	0-1	97	
24-Oct	Binfield	H	ISTH SC	4-0	227	Matthew 2, Lock, McCormack
11-Nov	Southall	H	ISTH SC	1-3	186	Lock
14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC	0-2	113	
25-Nov	Marlow	H	ISTH SC			
28-Nov	Corinthian-Casuals	A	ISTH SC			
02-Dec	Westfield	A	ISTH SC			
05-Dec	Hartley Wintnev	A	ISTH SC			
09-Dec	Northwood	H	ISTH SC			
12-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC			
16-Dec	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC			
23-Dec	Chertsey Town	H	ISTH SC			
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC			
30-Dec	Leatherhead	A	ISTH SC			
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC			
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC			
12-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
20-Jan	Hartley Wintnev	H	ISTH SC			
27-Jan	Sutton Common Rovers	A	ISTH SC			
30-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC			
03-Feb	Hanworth Villa	A	ISTH SC			
10-Feb	Chinstead	H	ISTH SC			
24-Feb	Corinthian-Casuals	H	ISTH SC			
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC			
09-Mar	Southall	A	ISTH SC			
16-Mar	Westfield	H	ISTH SC			
23-Mar	Marlow	A	ISTH SC			
30-Mar	Guernsey	A	ISTH SC			
01-Apr	Uxbridge	H	ISTH SC			
06-Apr	Ravnes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC			
13-Apr	Chertsey Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			

ISTH SC - Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, FAT - Isuzu FA Trophy, FAC - The Emirates FA Cup, BB - Berks&Bucks Cup, LG - Velocity League Trophy

# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

## ASCOT SLUMP TO THATCHAM DEFEAT

Ten men lose 2-0 in poor display

Tuesday 14th November 2023, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Thatcham  
Town 2 - 0 Ascot United



Josh Edwards was sent off against his former club as Ascot United lost 2-0 at Thatcham Town on Tuesday evening. In a dismal spectacle, The Yellamen improved after going a man down and hit the woodwork three times, but lady luck was not in their camp on as a desperate Thatcham side took all three points.

### FA Vase winners go head to head

This match up pitched the current FA Vase holders with the former holders – The Kingfishers having triumphed five years before The Yellamen way back in 2018 – but five years later both sides were looking for league points to propel them away from the lower half of the table, and also to build on their respective recent wins over basement side Binfield. The Yellamen made three changes from Saturday's starting line-up – Laffin, McCormack and Bailey in for Tucker, Balogun and Killeen – and after Waterside Park had survived an earlier deluge prompting a 4pm pitch inspection it was game on.

### Horrible, lifeless first half

The first half was just about as bad as it could get as ex-Kingfisher Edwards conceded a penalty inside three minutes; Christian Johnson easily rolling his effort into the left. After that, Thatcham's Harry Hoath saw his 27th minute effort parried by Hugo Sobte before Sobte blocked Sam Tanner's follow-up, although defender Josh Blackwood should really have converted a free header from the resultant corner Sobte's save in the 43rd minute and another missed free header from a corner ensured Ascot escaped the half only one goal behind, whilst the best effort they could muster was Harry Grant's effort that struck his own player in the shape of Laffin in the 39th minute.

### Wood you believe it?!

Incredibly, the three minute mark brought more woes for Edwards who saw red in the 48th minute for denying a clear goal-scoring opportunity. But the ten men tried hard and struck the woodwork thrice; firstly when Sean McCormack hit the crossbar after 'keeper Callum Smart had spilt Chris Ellis's log throw-in, then when Brendan Matthew's shot cannoned back off an upright following Grant's corner, and most agonisingly when Ollie Harris's brilliant free kick thumped the inside of the frame in the game's dying embers.

In-and-around all of that Thatcham wasted another glut of free headers, but they added the killer second when countering directly in the aftermath of Matthew striking a post in the 77th minute – Hoath led the march and David Nyarko swept home from close range – and what was almost 1-1 with a fair chunk of time still to play became 0-2 within a matter of seconds. Jordan Ajanlekoko exited with a shoulder injury earlier on, compounding Ascot's misery. Manager Jamie Tompkins kept his side out long after the final whistle, but the smattering of loyal travelling fans stayed even longer to show their support for their team as they walked off. It's a rollercoaster, and with every up comes a down.

Ascot United: Sobte, Lock, Edwards, Ajanlekoko (Welch 54'), Bailey, Matthew, Lahtinen-Kalsi, McCormack (Harris 77'), Lalustani (Ellis 49'), H. Grant, Laffin. Subs unused: Balogun, Morgan

Entertainment: 1 / Reporter's Star Man: Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi (Ascot United) / Away fans (estimate): 20



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OUR front page headline in The NLP on Sunday read “Sweet 16”, depicting the surprise number of upsets in the FA Trophy that day.

In all, no fewer than 26 of the 48 National League North and South teams exited Non-League’s primary cup competition last Saturday, almost two-thirds of these by lower league opposition.

Monday’s third round draw included four Step 4 clubs who had made their way to the last 64, including City of Liverpool and Nantwich Town, who flew the flag for NPL Division One West with victory over National League North pair Buxton and Chester respectively.

Elsewhere, NPL Midlands side Walsall Wood were triumphant at Hemel Hempstead Town, while Southern League Frome Town dumped out Worthing on penalties. And Isthmian South East Hythe Town rounded off a day of shocks by dumping out Kent rivals Tonbridge Angels.

But, look back at the records though and you’ll see that statistics like this are actually not as unusual as you’d think for this stage of the FA Trophy.

For years; many saw the Trophy as a drain on an already hectic schedule for little financial reward, hence why it ranked low on a top-flight manager’s pre-season priority list.

Measures have been put in place to help balance this out, such as scrapping two-legged semi-finals in recent seasons, but it appears the stigma that has plagued the competition over the years remains.

So, my question is, with its overall prestige and, of course, the carrot of the ultimate reward in football – a historic day out under the Wembley arch – does the FA Trophy deserve a little more love from boards and managers alike?

As far as the boards are concerned, traditionally, third round weekend is one of the most underwhelming on the football calendar; played on the final Saturday before Christmas and to significantly reduced attendances given that Trophy ties are not often included as part of regular season ticket packages.

This year’s FA Trophy winners will pocket a £60,000 purse – not to be sniffed at, of course, but still a fraction of what can be earned for a blockbuster FA Cup tie, as enjoyed by the likes of Sheppey United, Horsham and Cray Valley PM already this year.



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For managers either battling for honours at the top end of the National League for looking to escape the lower reaches, any further strain on an already hectic league schedule is never going to be popular.

This may well be the reason why clubs from the second and even third tiers of Non-League football have historically fared so well.

In the last decade alone, North Ferriby (2014-15), Brackley Town (2017-18) and Hornchurch (2020-21) have lifted the trophy while playing outside the top-flight, while Gosport Borough (2013-14), Concord Rangers (2019-20) and Hereford (2020-21) were losing finalists.

Indeed, you have to go back to 1993 to the last time a Conference and FA Trophy double was completed when Wycombe Wanderers doubled up under Martin O'Neill. Wealdstone (1984-85) and Colchester United (1991-92) are the only other double winners, although, in recent years, Cambridge United (2013-14) and York City (2016-17) have come mighty close to joining them having won the Trophy and promotion to the Football League through the play-offs.

Trio Stevenage Borough (2009-10), Grimsby Town (2015-16) and Leyton Orient (2018-19) all won promotion while losing the final showcase at Wembley, while Wrexham did things the other way round in 2012-13, winning the FA Trophy in March but then losing the play-off promotion final to Newport County two months later.

And in 2019-20, Harrogate Town became the only EFL club to lift the Trophy when they were returned from the Covid hiatus in September 2020 to see off a Concord Rangers side from two leagues below by the solitary goal.

It all shows that, despite requiring an almighty effort, it IS possible to combine a fifth tier title challenge with an FA Trophy run, although very few will boast the strength in depth afforded by Lincoln City bosses Danny and Nicky Cowley in 2016-17, who could afford to field an entire second string side for the FA Trophy, dubbed the Lincoln Lizards, and went all the way to the semi-finals where they lost to York who, coincidentally, were relegated that season.

Current holders FC Halifax Town and their National League rivals begin their 2023-24 FA Trophy assault in a fortnight's time with history once again in the making.

The Wembley dream awaits two of the final 64 on Non-League Finals Day next May – a day just as special as this famous old competition itself ~Jon Couch.

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## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Southall	14	10	3	1	39	16	23	33
2 Chertsey Town	13	10	2	1	30	11	19	31
3 Raynes Park Vale	13	10	1	2	26	14	12	31
4 Leatherhead	14	9	2	3	24	10	14	29
5 Marlow	11	9	0	2	29	13	16	27
6 Badsford Lea	13	8	1	4	24	18	6	25
7 Uxbridge	14	7	1	6	28	21	7	22
8 Hartley Wintney	13	7	1	5	28	22	6	22
9 Westfield	12	6	2	4	25	20	5	20
10 South Park (Reigate)	13	6	2	5	21	18	3	20
11 Hanworth Villa	13	5	4	4	27	23	4	19
12 Thatcham Town	14	6	1	7	20	23	-3	19
13 Chipstead	14	5	2	7	24	30	-6	17
14 Ashford Town (Middx)	15	4	3	8	17	21	-4	15
15 Sutton Common Rovers	13	4	2	7	22	25	-3	14
16 Corinthian-Casuals	13	3	2	8	11	32	-21	11
17 Ascot United	11	3	1	7	15	16	-1	10
18 Northwood	12	3	1	8	18	22	-4	10
19 Metropolitan Police	14	1	5	8	14	28	-14	8
20 Guernsey	15	1	4	10	15	34	-19	7
21 Binfield	14	0	4	10	12	52	-40	4

*Chertsey Town 1 point deducted*

## Non League Pyramid (Extract)

**Step 1**                      **National League**

**Step 2**                      **National League South**

**Step 3**                      **Isthmian League Premier**

**Step 4**                      **Isthmian League South Central**

**Step 5**                      **Combined Counties League**



# APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2023/24		All-time	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
A Sykes	-	-	4	-
H Sobte	20	-	20	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	3	-	34	6
B Matthew	20	17	74	64
C Morgan	4	-	9	1
D Bailey	13	-	123	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	18	2	232	12
H Grant	18	3	70	10
H Laffin	9	1	161	85
H Tucker	12	-	52	3
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	15	-	56	2
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	17	1	72	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	14	-	14	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	3	-	23	12
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	20	-	20	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	18	3	112	21
S Balogun	13	1	28	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	13	-	88	22
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	8	-	8	-
C Ellis	3	-	114	2
<b>10wn Goals</b>	-	<b>1</b>	n/a	n/a
	<b>281</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>295</b>



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# MEET THE YELLAMEN

**Hugo Sobte** – goalkeeper. Signed for the 23/24 campaign having previously played for Windsor FC and most recently Step 4 football with Hanwell Town. A strong all-round keeper with good distribution and is particularly comfortable with the ball at his feet.



**Alex Sykes** – goalkeeper. Goalkeeping coach and reliable backup. Has international experience having played for the England Futsal team. Part of the successful double-winning squad of 22/23.

**Josh Edwards** – defence. Signed for the 23/24 season from Thattham Town where he was player of the season in 22/23. A strong, powerful defender and excellent in 1 v 1 scenarios. Previously with Basingstoke Town.



**Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi** – defence. Exciting addition for the 23/24 campaign having joined us on a season-long loan from National League neighbours Aldershot Town.

**Dan Bailey** – defence. Experienced centre back and club captain. Previously played at a higher level with Marlow and has a FA level 2 coaching qualification. A great communicator who shows incredible commitment and leadership on the pitch. Pivotal member of our double-winning campaign in 22/23, leading the team to victory at Wembley.



**George Lock** – defence. A fearless right back previously with Binfield and Bracknell. Technically strong and a consistently high performer who likes to get forward and has weighed in with important goals. Has made over 200 appearances heading into the 23/24 campaign. Another FA Vase winner.

**Toby Thompson** – defence. A product of the Ascot United junior ranks having also captained the Allied Under 18 side. Spent part of last season at Step 5 outfit Sheerwater, helping them escape relegation.



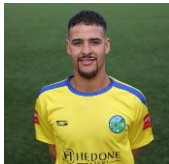
**Harry Tucker** – defence. Strong, commanding defender who oozes confidence on the ball and has excellent distribution. Previously with Kings Langley and Thame United. FA Vase winner.

**Joe Gater** – defence. Highly respected defender on the local scene having previously played Step 4 football with Bracknell Town and Binfield. Tall and physical with a strong aerial presence.



**Rob Gerrard** – defence. Powerful full back and technically strong. Big part of the FA Vase campaign, scoring a late equaliser in the semi-final and in the starting line-up Wembley before a head injury curtailed his afternoon. Signed from Thattham Town in November 2022.

**Jay Welch** – midfield. Signed in 22/23, a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield. Bundles of energy and tenacity alongside great technical ability. Massive performance in winning the FA Vase and only denied a Wembley goal by the woodwork.



**Harvey Killeen** – midfield. A fantastic addition for 23/24 having signed from North Greenford United, for whom he starred against us in 22/23. Works incredibly hard, pops up all over the pitch and scores bags of goals despite not being an outright attacker.

**Charlie Morgan** – midfield. Exciting young talent who first featured in 22/23 and will continue to improve.



# MEET THE YELLAMEN

**Ollie Harris** – midfield. Signed from near neighbours Binfield in 22/23 where he was a huge part of The Moles' run to the FA Vase final in 20/21. A true clubman, he was a huge part of Ascot's double-winning campaign in 22/23 despite long-term injury and will bounce back in 23/24. Exceptionally quick and talented forward with bags of tricks.



**Harry Grant** – midfield. A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club in 22/23. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League 2 and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017/18 before repeating the feat with Ascot United in 22/23.

**Jordan Ajanlekoko** – midfield. Cultured midfielder who signed in 22/23 after Step 3 experience with Beaconsfield. Previously featured for the Yellamen on loan with 2 appearances in 17/18 and became a permanent addition for the 22/23 season. Another one of our FA Vase winning side and played ninety minutes at Wembley.



**Sammy Balogun** – midfield. Signed midway through the 22/23 season and proved invaluable in midfield with some big performances, especially in the 22/23 FA Vase Semi Final. Reads the game exceptionally well. Unused substitute at Wembley.

**Sean McCormack** – forward. Skilful forward signed from Walton and Hersham in 21/22 and previously with Maidenhead United and Bracknell Town. Was the players' and supporters' POY in his first campaign after dazzling on the right wing. Incredible workrate and vision and tracks back to cover the defence. Another FA Vase winner.



**Harry Laflin** – forward. Needs little introduction. 'Laffers' is a goal-machine who returned late in the 22/23 season to add more attacking options having scored 29 goals in 30 appearances for Ascot in 21/22. Has netted over 80 goals for the club heading into 23/24 in just over 150 games.

**Brendan Matthew** – forward. Exceptionally quick and a proven goalscorer. Signed for the 22/23 season from Egham Town and smashed Ascot' goalscoring record with 47 goals in his first season. Subsequently won just about every award at the end-of-season presentation evening. On his day he is simply irrepressible. Another FA Vase winner.



**Dan Brown** – forward. Experienced striker who joins for 23/24 from Ashford Town having also featured for Wingate & Finchley.

**Usman Lalustani** – forward. Rejoined The Yellamen in 22/23 after featuring in 18/19 and 19/20 when he netted 11 goals from 38 appearances. Maintains high fitness levels and on his day will cause problems for any defence. An ice-cool character, he scored the winning penalty in the FA Vase Quarter Final in but was suspended for the final.



# MEET THE YELLAMEN

**Jamie Tompkins** – manager. Highly respected throughout the club who won the league cup in his first season (18/19) and almost won the league in 20/21 only for COVID to strike. However, overseeing a league and FA Vase double in 22/23 eclipsed all that went before and he now gets the chance to have a crack at Step 4 in 23/24. Jamie is also Senior Director of Football Development at Brentford FC.



**Dean Greenwood** – assistant manager. Joined the coaching team in November 2022 and also has first team management experience from his spells in charge at Ashford Town (Middx) and Camberley Town. Also helped mastermind the league and FA Vase double.

**Steve Quelch** – coach. Many years of experience in the local game with Chalvey Sports and is a UEFA B coach, joined the club ahead of the 2019/20 season. A big character, especially during our 22/23 double-winning campaign.



**Stuart Britton** – strength and conditioning coach. Joining in the summer of 2021, 'Stu' joined to focus on the fitness, recovery and injury prevention and rehabilitation of the squad which was invaluable during the gruelling 22/23 league and FA Vase campaign.

**Nathan Riley** – physio. Joined us in 22/23 and becomes the club's main physio for 23/24. Another important member of our double-winning team.



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# CLUB HISTORY - ASCOT UNITED

Ascot United as we know it, was founded in 1965 by a men's team who played their games at Sunninghill with "after match meetings" in The Wells in Cheapside village (now Mikado's). Teams played as long ago as 1928 under the name "Ascot United" but nothing to link them directly to the current club. In 1965, the club had gained permission from the Ascot Racecourse Trustees to convert the land east of coach park 10 into a football pitch. A wooden clubhouse was built, and this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed.

Various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, and in 1992 the East Berks 7-a-side Association was formed by our then Chairman Keith Wicks, introducing small-sided junior games and having disbanded in 1980 the men's team also reformed. The men's senior team enjoyed early success through the East Berks League gaining continued promotions to the Senior division and winning various Cups including the Fielden Charity Cup in 1996/7. In 2001, the First Team join the Reading Senior League, were awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2004, and won the Reading Evening Post Senior Cup at the Madejski Stadium in 2006. Promotion to the Hellenic League Division 1 soon followed in 2007, before promotion to the Premier Division in 2009.

"The Yellamen" made their debut in the FA Cup in 2011 with a home tie against Wembley FC. The game attracted 1,149 people to The Racecourse on a Friday evening where the famous trophy itself was on display, and the match was streamed live on Facebook. In 2012-13 and 2015-16 we reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase twice, enjoyed two top-three finishes in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, and won both the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup and Perpetua Press Floodlit Cup. In 2018-19, new manager Jamie Tompkins led his side to the top of the table for long spells, and although they couldn't hang on to their lead, they would taste league cup glory once again by defeating Windsor FC 3-1.

A lateral move to the Combined Counties Premier Division for the 2019-20 season, combined with the installation of a new 3G pitch provided a platform for further development both on and off the pitch. The Yellamen were clear at the top of the league before COVID curtailed their first crack at the title before the 2021-22 season saw them reach the Bucks Senior Cup Final after defeating three sides from higher divisions, including Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-final in front of a club-record crowd of 1,267.

However, it is the 2022-23 campaign that will surely remain the club's most successful for decades to come. Tompkins' side dominated the league, taking 102 points from 38 league matches to win the title with four matches to spare. And if that wasn't enough, they achieved an incredible double by lifting the Isuzu FA Vase at Wembley in front of over 4,400 travelling Ascot United supporters and the BT Sport cameras. Impressively, they entered in the very first qualifying round before winning ten matches in a mesmerizing run; Kai Walters heading home in the 79th minute to secure a 1-0 win over the then-holders Newport Pagnell Town.

The club has also enjoyed much success at all levels particularly in the Women's and Girls Section. Our Senior Women won promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League in 2017-18 and enjoyed their best season in 2022-23 when they were runners-up but ended on a high by winning the league cup. Our Women's Phoenix side achieved back-to-back promotions from the Thames Valley League to take their place just one level below the Senior side for 2023-24, and the newly-formed Junior Premier League (U18s) also won their league title at the first attempt in 2022-23.

Ascot United has grown to become one of the largest Community football clubs in the UK with over 1,000 registered players and over 90 teams playing every weekend embracing all ages and abilities from 5 year olds through to veterans. We are also extremely proud to have a mixed-ability team representing our club, the Ascot United Warriors, who are affiliated with Special Olympics GB. The future is bright.





# CLUB HISTORY - MARLOW

It was on November 22nd 1870 at the Compleat Angler Hotel on the banks of the Thames that Great Marlow Football Club was formed and so began the history of one of the oldest clubs in the country. In the last century the Club was a major force in the game and as one of the original entrants in the first F.A Cup competition in 1871/72 contributed a share of the £25 that bought the first trophy. In the very first year of the competition a certain Cuthbert Ottaway turned out for Marlow and just a year later he was to captain the national side against Scotland in the first ever officially recognised international match.

Marlow have the unique distinction of being the only club to have applied for entry to every competition since its inception although they were unable to compete once in the 1910/11 season. In 1882 they reached the semi-finals where they lost out to eventual winners Old Etonians 0-5 at the Oval. Two Amateur Cup semi-finals and a host of Berks & Bucks Senior Cup wins were among many honours won in this golden age. In 1894 Marlow rejected the opportunity to join the newly-formed Southern League in order to retain their amateur status and allowed Tottenham Hotspur to begin their climb to the top flight by taking their place

The Club's ground until 1919 was Crown Meadow, now the Riley Recreational Ground. An enforced move to the Star Meadow (which was unfenced) and the worsening financial situation resulted in the need to play in a more local competition than the Great Western Suburban League and Marlow joined the Reading and District League. This was a dark period for the Club and worse was to come when the Club's long-serving Honorary Secretary Alfred Davis, who had held office at the Club since 1891, died in 1924. It was decided that a fitting memorial to him would be to provide a permanent home for Marlow F.C. An appeal proved to be very successful and the "Alfred Davis Memorial Ground" saw its first game in 1928. The picturesque grandstand dates from 1930's and followed the establishment of an Association who issued Share Certificates in connection with a Building Fund and was built to celebrate the Club's revival and the Spartan League Division Two championship.

Apart from a war-time break Marlow continued in the Spartan League until 1965 when entry was gained to the Athenian League Division Two. Promotion to Division One was secured in season 1970/71. Here Marlow remained until 1984 when they joined the Isthmian League. Having finished bottom of Division Two in 1985 the appointment of Mike Keen as Manager heralded a rapid rise in status. Promotion to Division One came the very next season and then after just one season in Division One the championship was won after a two horse race with Grays Athletic and along with it promotion to the Premier Division.

Here Marlow found things much tougher and Christmas arrived without a win and from a position at the foot of the table r however a late season Houdini act saw them escape and secure their new-found status. When Keen left his assistant Dave Russell took over and brought in Laurie Craker as Coach. Under them good times returned and the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won for the first time that century with a victory over local rivals Wycombe Wanderers and the F.A Cup First Round was reached, also for the first time that century, with an away tie at West Bromwich Albion the reward. Season 1992/93 saw even more F.A Cup success with progression this time to the Third Round and a tie with Tottenham Hotspur that was switched to White Hart Lane where almost 27000 saw the Blues give a very creditable performance. The Diadora (Isthmian) League Cup was won to finish the season on a high note by beating Molesey.

1993/94 must rate as the most successful ever with Marlow again reaching the First Round of the F.A Cup where a 0-2 home defeat against Plymouth Argyle was featured on T.V, while in the league a highest-ever position of third was achieved. The Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won again with a 1-0 win over local rivals Chesham Utd. to round off a highly memorable season.

At the end of that season Russell and Craker left for Slough Town and took several players with them. A new squad and slow start left a lot to do in the league and relegation followed. In the F.A Cup things were very different. The First Round saw Division Two table-toppers Oxford Utd. defeated 2-0 at Oak Tree Road and the Blues became the first winners of the Littlewoods Pools' Giant Killers award. After another home victory over Trophy holder's Woking secured a place in the Third Round Proper once again and a trip to Swindon Town, who had been in the Premier League the season before, where the home side were grateful to progress by a 2-0 scoreline.



# CLUB HISTORY - MARLOW

Season 1995/96 saw a finish in eighth spot but the following one got off to a terrible start from which the Club was never able to recover – and despite victories over virtually all the top sides, relegation was confirmed on the last day of the season. Russell returned for the following season and with him high hopes but the season proved to be one of under-achievement and a new team of Graham Pritchard and Derek Sweetman took over for 1998/99 and provided a period of stability which saw finishes in mid-table. Following the departure of Pritchard just before season 2001/02 Sweetman took over the reins and his first game in charge saw the capture of the Associate Members Trophy in a final held over from the previous season. The side finished the season in 9th position in the league – the highest for some time – before restructuring saw them move from Division Two to the newly-formed Division One North for season 2002/03 where an 11th place finish was achieved. In the FA Trophy they progressed to the Third Round before going out at Dagenham & Redbridge. Marlow were moved yet again to Division One South and although inconsistent form saw them finish 16th in the league they again had an excellent run in the FA Trophy which took them to the Fourth Round for the first time in their history. Several notable victories saw them through before a strong Tamworth outfit ended their run at Oak Tree Road.

The reorganization of the non-league game saw them in different surroundings for the fourth time in four seasons with entry into The Southern League, Western Division for season 2004/05 and a finishing 13th spot. Kevin Stone had moved into the manager's seat towards the end of the season and enjoyed a great run. 2005/06 and in the same league and in more familiar surroundings seemed to suit the side and for most of the season they hovered around the play-off positions and eventually finished in 6th spot. A play-off spot was confirmed on the final day of the season and although a 1-2 defeat at Brackley Town followed the Club were pleased with the progress. Season 2006/07 in the South & West Division saw a successful run of results promise another play-off berth but a last day defeat at Winchester City saw them fall just short whilst season 2007/08 was a little more disappointing with some very good results failing to offset a poor run around February/March with a final finish just outside the play-offs following..

Season 2008/09 saw the Club moved yet again into the Midland Division and another inconsistent season followed finishing with a defeat to Windsor & Eton in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup at M.K Dons stadium. The following two seasons saw some good results against the top sides but indifferent ones against the lower teams and ended with mid-table finishes even though a bright start in 2010/11 saw them briefly at the top of the table. 2011/12 did not start at all badly but soon developed into one where victories were very hard to come by and following a string of poor results long-standing manager Stone left just after Christmas. Assistant Steve Croxford took over and although performances and results improved towards the end it was not enough to avoid relegation.

Season 2012/13 found Marlow in in the UHlsport Hellenic League with a new management team headed by Mark Bartley eager to recapture some of the glories of the past and this they did, winning the league championship by a 16 point margin and scoring 123 goals in 36 games to return to the Southern League where the next two seasons saw them consolidate with finishes in and 17th and 11th positions respectively.

For 2015/16 Marlow were moved once again – to the South & West division – which again meant increased travelling and the loss of some key players and several local derbies, making life much more difficult and a mid-table finish was achieved. A return to the Central Division for 2016/17 aided a finish in 4th place (on goal difference) and achieved a play-off place, with third-placed Barton Rovers running out 2-0 victors at their ground. Season 2017/18 saw a mid-table finish followed by a return to the Isthmian League after a lengthy absence to take a place in the newly-formed South-Central division with a resultant reduction in travelling which is most welcome. Here generally good results saw them maintain a position near the top of the table throughout the season and qualify for the play-offs where they lost out in the semi-final to eventual winners Cheshunt 1-2 on their ground.. Back “home” the Blues have settled in and despite the curtailment of the next 2 seasons have retained the core of those players and added some quality for 2021/2022.

Last season saw an excellent start and a position at or near the top of the table throughout but a dismal run of results in the final months lost the early momentum. What it did do however was to highlight the quality of the squad and lead to many players being poached to join clubs at a higher level in the pyramid giving Manager Bartley the task of rebuilding the squad as he enters his eleventh season at the helm.