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THE CURFEWS



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Yellow and Blue

Alex Sykes (GK)
 Hugo Sobte (GK)
 Sam Hayes (GK)
 Adam Everiss
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 Chad Goulter
 Charlie Morgan
 Chris Ellis
 Dan Bailey
 George Lock
 Harry Grant
 Harry Laffin
 Harry Tucker
 Jay Welch
 Joe Gater
 Jordan Ajanlekoko
 Josh Edwards
 Luke Phillips
 Ollie Harris
 Oliver Lahtinen-Kaisi
 Sammy Balogun
 Sean McCormack
 Taylor Morgan
 Usman Lalustani

Blue and White

Nicky Jupp
 Mason Welch Turner
 Toby Little
 Luke Robertson
 Reuben Collins
 Liam Flanighan
 Wayne Ridgley
 Scott Rees
 Gianluca Botti
 Oliver McCoy
 Conor Lee
 Gareth Chendlik
 Sam Ompreon
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 Alex Fisher
 Javon Marquis

Jamie Tompkins
 Dean Greenwood
 Alex Sykes
 Steve Quelch
 Stuart Britton
 Nathan Riley

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Asst. Manager
GK Coach
Coach
Coach
Physio

Mark Harper
 Scott Tarr
 Paul McCarthy
 Andy Viney / Dave Reid
 Shaun MacCauley
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Katherine Allen	Stuart Smith	Alexander McKay

Last Match: Metropolitan Police A Sat 16 Dec 5-2 ISTN SC
 Next Match: Uxbridge A Tue 26 Dec ISTN SC





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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

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



A warm welcome to The Racecourse to all our visitors for today's Isthmian league fixture against Chertsey . As well as also being FA Vase winners, Chertsey FC are one of the oldest clubs in the country, founded in 1890... reports that Doug Page played against them in their first match are yet to be confirmed!

Club news this week has been dominated by the departure of Brendan Matthew. His stats speak for themselves, and his impact on the pitch is immeasurable - he will always have a big place in the Ascot Utd history books. But I'd like to comment on his impact off the pitch... whether it's making and serving cheese toasties for young supporters in the cafe, or taking the time to have yet another photo taken with his adoring fans after a game, he's always had time for everyone. The influence our senior players can have over the junior players at Ascot Utd to improve engagement across the club should not be underestimated - we are lucky that so many of our first team squad recognise this responsibility, and Brendan was right at the forefront of that. Thanks for everything BM10, best of luck for the future, and you'll always be welcome at The Racecourse.

As we approach a tough Christmas fixture list, we sit in 13th in the league with still only 40% of the season completed - so still a lot of points to play for. The quality of opposition in this league means it's really hard to put a run of results together, but I know Jamie and the whole squad are working really hard to keep pushing up the league. I'd like to highlight how important our fans have been this season... our home attendances have been significantly higher than in previous years and we probably have one of the biggest travelling fanbases in the league. I know how much Jamie and the squad appreciate your loyal support, and on behalf of them and the whole club I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

I hope you all enjoy the match - Up The Yellas! ~Simon

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

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



Welcome to the Racecourse Ground for today's Isthmian League game against Chertsey Town.

As we approach the conclusion of 2023, it's a fitting time to reflect on our remarkable achievements this year. Notably, the club's historic promotion to step 4 football and the unforgettable triumph at Wembley Stadium in the FA Vase. The memories created have been truly exceptional, and as we stand on the brink of 2024, anticipation builds for the challenges that lie ahead.

Recent matches have showcased an upturn in form, with notable victories and strong performances against Northwood and Met Police. The team is committed to building on this momentum, seeking consistency in the upcoming fixtures.

Regrettably, we bid farewell to our prolific goal-scorer, Brendan Matthew, who leaves behind an impressive legacy of 68 goals in 80 games. Brendan not only excelled on the pitch but also displayed an unselfish attitude, tirelessly contributing to the team's success and fully embracing the spirit of Ascot United. We extend our best wishes to him in all his future endeavours.

Looking forward, we eagerly anticipate our first Boxing Day fixture in five years, facing Uxbridge away. Following that, we have games on the 30th December against Leatherhead away and at home to Badshot Lea on New Year's Day. Your support, particularly during this festive period, is valued by the entire team.

As you enjoy the match, we express our gratitude for your continued support of our club. Let's come together to make it a memorable day of football at the Racecourse Ground.

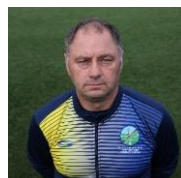
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~JT



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 Chertsey Town for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.



Welcome to the Racecourse for our final home game before Christmas. Today is our second meeting of the season between 2 FA Vase winners – Chertsey having lifted it in 2019 one year after Thatcham – a day when they beat Cray Valley Paper Mills in extra time. In fact there are a lot of similarities between our campaign last season and theirs. We both entered in the first qualifying round, both played nine ties to reach the final, and both played more matches on the road. I believe goalkeeper Nicky Jupp is the sole survivor of that victorious team to be on their teamsheet today. It'll certainly be a tough game, not least because Chertsey are pushing for the title, but also because we face up to life after Brendan. I can only add to what has been said online and elsewhere that he was more than just a brilliant striker, he was everything a clubman should be and was a role model for the youngsters and always took time to engage with them. He will always be their hero.

WELCOME TO THE CURFEWS



Thanks for the memories, and all the very best Brendan!

68 goals in 80 appearances and a superb clubman. It's not goodbye, it's 'see you soon'.

But its not all about one player. Despite our injuries and having a smaller squad than we started out with we've got huge talent and seeing Taylor Morgan back and playing at his menacing best last weekend was fantastic. Away from the first team, our Women's team have gone into the Christmas break top of the pile. There were a few of us on the road at Oxford City last weekend and a brilliant display of relentless attack yielded a 6-2 win after going behind early-on. The Yellowwomen basically need to keep their foot on the gas and get something at Bournemouth Sports who are realistically one of two title challengers. However, the full set of new year fixtures aren't out yet so we don't know when all these matches will be. Finally, it's just remains for me to wish everyone a happy festive period and hopefully see the yellow and blue colours our in force at Uxbridge and Leatherhead. ~Neal

WELCOME TO THE CURFEWS



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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, Ajanlekoko, 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	Chipstead	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	0-2	186	
28-Nov	Corinthian-Casuals	A	ISTH SC	2-1	135	Matthew, Harris
02-Dec	Westfield	A	ISTH SC	0-1	145	
09-Dec	Northwood	H	ISTH SC	1-0	202	Matthew
12-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC	1-4	62	McCormack
16-Dec	Metronolitan Police	A	ISTH SC	5-2	115	Matthew 2, T. Morgan 2, H. Grant
23-Dec	Chertsey Town	H	ISTH SC			
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC			
30-Dec	Leatherhead	H	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	Chipstead	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	Chertsev Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Apr	Metronolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			
TBA	Hartley Wintnev	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

MORGAN STARS AS ASCOT WIN 5-2

Yellamen run riot against Police

Saturday 16th December 2023, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Met Police 2 - 5 Ascot United



Returning striker Taylor Morgan was the star as Ascot United routed Met Police 5-2 on Saturday. Morgan scored a brace and weighed in with an assist in a glittering ninety minute display, inspiring The Yellamen to victory on the road.

As good a time as any to see the Police?

There is never a good time to be playing with the police, least of all leading up to Christmas, but The Yellamen were looking for a reaction from their midweek defeat at South Park. As with Ascot, the hosts had also struggled for consistency this season; at least on paper this looked set to be a close affair at their well-appointed Imber Court home.

Morgan back in an attacking starting eleven

Morgan returned for Ascot United having previously played 56 times for The Yellamen between 2020 and 2022, and the proven goalscorer – who netted 17 times during that spell – took his place in an attacking starting line-up.

Fabulous first half for Ascot

The Yellamen were devastating in the first half and even after they conceded a soft equaliser, they showed great character in bouncing back. Indeed, it took just sixteen seconds for Morgan to mark his return, crafting space down the right before swinging in a cross which Matthew gleefully hooked on the volley past home 'keeper Liam Beach. Met Police hadn't threatened until they were gifted an equaliser when Harry Grant needlessly conceded a free-kick. Ascot defender Dan Bailey got under the resultant delivery and almost headed past Hugo Sobte who kept the ball out, although 'Police defender Laurence Ernest was on hand to nod home the pieces; fifteen minutes and all-square.

Taylor-made goals take sting out of the Police

Grant then saw a header well tipped over by Beach as Ascot sought a second, before the home side wasted a good chance when Kareemi Akinnibi mis-timed a far-post header when well-placed. However, the rest of the half belonged to Ascot and they scored a sublime second in the 28th minute – Matthew again – as he placed a wonderful glancing header into the left-hand corner from McCormack's cross; Morgan setting up the delivery. And if that wasn't good enough, Morgan helped himself to a goal seven minutes before the interval; George Lock finding McCormack who delivered a delicious cross that Morgan brilliantly clipped first-time into the bottom left. Lock and McCormack then combined again for what might have been a fourth just before the break, but Matthew was unable to convert.

Changes mix it up as Yellamen keep foot on the gas

There was no let-up in intensity after the break and they were 4-1 up in the 51st minute when Beach couldn't deal with McCormack's delivery and Grant hovered up in the aftermath by tucking into the left. The home side did reduce the deficit shortly afterwards to an almost eerie silence; Charlie Brown snooping around to loop a header over Sobte and into the net to bring it back to 4-2.

But it was otherwise all Ascot – Alfie Wates almost sliced McCormack's delivery into his own net, Beach tipped Matthew's header over from impressive half-time substitute Chad Goulter's cross and Morgan's snap-shot fizzed wide from a tight angle as Jamie Tompkins' side relentlessly pressed. The thirty-five or so vocal travelling supporters then saw Matthew plant arguably his easiest opportunity high and wide when well-placed, but they were in dreamland three minutes from time as Morgan netted his second and Ascot's fifth. This time, even defender Dan Bailey was involved in the right wing build-up - McCormack squared the ball - and even though Beach saved Matthew's low-effort it was Morgan who showed a true striker's instinct by reacting first to thump low into the net. The Yellamen were well worth their win and maybe, just maybe, this is the performance that will turbo-charge their campaign.

Ascot United: Sobte, Lock, Edwards (Ellis 60'), Bailey, McCormack, T. Morgan, H. Grant, Welch, Matthew, C. Morgan (Goulter 46'), Lalustani (Harris 77'). Subs unused: Lahtinen- Kalsi, Balogun

Entertainment: 4 / Reporter's Star Man: Taylor Morgan / Away fans (estimate): 35

PHOTOZONE



Photos from our victory over Northwood 2 weeks ago. **Clockwise from top left:** Brendan Matthew in action, Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi, Sean McCormack under pressure, 'B10' scores his final goal at home before his transfer, Vernon aka Father Christmas, Hugo Sobte makes a clearance. Shooting-stars.co.uk



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SNOW is falling. Well, hopefully not when it comes to planning The NLP's festive editions. We will be out as usual each Sunday – Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve – with all the action and reaction from a blockbuster time of the year. So, yes, let's hope there is no snow – and if the rain could stay away again that would be helpful. After a couple of weeks of bad weather, postponed matches, rearranged – and, in some cases, rearranged again – Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase ties – a full fixture programme returned last Saturday. Here are some talking points that caught our eye from then – and the days before.

HOT SHOTS

Aldershot Town booked their place in the FA Cup third round for the first time since 2012-13 – and the third time in their history. It came with an impressive away win at Stockport County in their second round replay. Oly Scott was on hand to fire home the 88th-minute winner following a goalmouth scramble.

"The ball goes in the box, there were seven challenges – and we win every one," boss Tommy Widdrington told us. "And that tells you that, in the 88th minute, my lads weren't happy just to see the game out and draw.

"I didn't even know who had scored at the time but I watched the game back this morning and he caught it really well – and he needed to.

"We've scored a lot of late goals this season. A few times we've been behind when we've needed them, thankfully on this occasion one goal was enough.

"The goalscorer, rightly, gets a bit more of the adulation but everyone who played is a credit to themselves.

"I asked them to be the best version of themselves that they could be. I knew we'd need to be that to be in the game, never mind win the game."

The Shots join fellow Non-League sides Chesterfield, Eastleigh and Maidstone United in the third round, where they will take on Championship side West Bromwich Albion in the New Year.

BARE BONES

Southend United's protracted takeover continues to have a major impact. While a deal has been struck between current owner Ron Martin and the new consortium led by Justin Rees, it is yet to be completed. And that means the on-going registration embargo stands. That saw manager Kevin Maher only able to name one substitute against Bromley last Saturday. So when keeper David Martin picked up an injury in the game, full-back Gus Scott-Morriss had to don the gloves. They only lost 2-1 but you have to feel for the players and fans as they do all they can to get through. The situation needs resolving pronto!

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GREENS FOR GO

The FA Trophy can get a bit of stick at times. But anyone doubting what it means to many should read Hendon manager Lee Allinson's quotes after they set-up a fourth round date with National League Oldham Athletic.

"People don't see what goes on behind the scenes. I work closely with dad (Ian Allinson), because he's obviously the general manager, and Cyrus Cooper, the chairman, and they work so hard to get sponsorship in to make sure we have a football club.

"That's the reality of it, at the end of the day. To make sure at the start of every season, Hendon Football Club is still there. That's the most important thing.

"The stress they all go through, to give them this game, hopefully earn a bit of money, it's just a great day out for us."

WORRYING TIMES

Marske United manager Graeme Lee has admitted the Northern Premier League club will not finish the season unless they are able to raise £120,000 over the next fortnight.

After the resignation of former chairman Mark Harkin, the Seasiders saw a move to become a limited company effectively blocked by the Northern Premier League, who also postponed their last two fixtures as the situation was assessed.

A fundraising page has been set up in an attempt to secure the funds required and total currently stands at just under £16,000, a figure that was aided by a bucket collection at Middlesbrough's midweek Championship fixture against Hull City.

The first steps have been taken but there is still a long road to recovery lying ahead of the Seasiders are their supporters and the local community fight for the future of their club.

Lee explained the seriousness of the situation and gave an insight into what had provoked the course of action taken over the last two weeks.

He told the NLP: "It's not being dramatic, it's where we are, we don't have the funds to finish the season off at this point in time." ~Mat Badcock

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 23/24

Sponsorship Opportunities	Cost excluding VAT	Benefits	Electronic
Pitch-side board at Racecourse	£1400 per season, renewal price £1000 per season	Pitch side presence viewable to an average weekly footfall of over 1500 people, plus visibility in match photos on social media	Logo in club sponsor area on AUFU website with link to sponsors website with contact details.
5 a side Teams	£500 per season	Set of 8 shirts with sponsor logo	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details.
7 a side Teams	£600 per season	Set of 10 shirts with sponsor logo on	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details.
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11 a side teams (ex. adult teams)	£950 per season	Set of 16 shirts with sponsor logo on	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details.
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Women's First Team – next available 25/26 season	EPOA per season	Set of Home & Away shirts with sponsor logo on Front. Warm up shirts with logo on Front. Free advertising in programme with option for sponsor's message. Pitch-side board to sponsor's design	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Promotion via social media channels.
Vets Team – next available 24/25 season	£2,000 per season	Set of shirts with sponsor logo on Pitch-side board to sponsor's design	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
Allied Counties Youth Team – next available 25/26 Season	£2,000 per season	Set of shirts with sponsor logo on Pitch-side board to sponsor's design	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
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Multiple New projects looking for sponsorship ranging from Stands to benches, box goals to footballs and many more.	POA	Dependant on project, ranges from visible branding on site, pitch side presence, social media engagement, membership and community support	Logo on AUFU website and social media support. Package can be tailored to requirements
Match Day Sponsorship	£500 per game	Advert in match day programme Free entrance for up to 6 people at sponsored games Reserved table in the bar Complimentary lunch for six with a beer or glass of wine Pre and post-game social media shout outs Vote and present the award for player of the match Photo opportunity with players	Pre and post match social media support Advert in the online programme

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FIXTURES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

Saturday 23rd December

⌚ 15:00	Ascot United	vs	Chertsey Town
⌚ 13:00	Binfield	vs	Guernsey
⌚ 15:00	Corinthian-Casuals	vs	Ashford Town (Middx)
⌚ 15:00	Hanworth Villa	vs	Chipstead
⌚ 15:00	Hartley Wintney	vs	Raynes Park Vale
⌚ 15:00	South Park (Reigate)	vs	Northwood
⌚ 15:00	Southall	vs	Uxbridge
⌚ 15:00	Sutton Common Rovers	vs	Badshot Lea
⌚ 15:00	Thatcham Town	vs	Metropolitan Police
⌚ 15:00	Westfield	vs	Marlow

Tuesday 26th December

⌚ 15:00	Ashford Town (Middx)	vs	Hanworth Villa
⌚ 15:00	Chertsey Town	vs	Thatcham Town
⌚ 13:00	Chipstead	vs	South Park (Reigate)
⌚ 15:00	Leatherhead	vs	Corinthian-Casuals
⌚ 13:30	Marlow	vs	Hartley Wintney
⌚ 15:00	Northwood	vs	Southall
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⌚ 15:00	Uxbridge	vs	Ascot United

ASCOT UNITED WARRIORS

Ascot United Warriors Mixed Ability Team played their first competitive match of the season against FC Bracknell two weeks ago. In front of an enthusiastic Racecourse crowd, the two sides played three ten-minute matches ahead of a full-team penalty shoot-out.

In the opening game, the visitors showed their strength and rallied to victory after CJ had given The Warriors the lead with the goal of the day – a thumping left-footed drive across the 'keeper and into the right hand corner from a narrow angle; what a strike!

The second game was closer and the third even more so, but a powerful FC Bracknell held on for a trio of wins. However, Ascot had the better of a high-quality penalty shoot-out to conclude the contest – including both some fantastic strikes and equally good saves – on their way to victory.

Most importantly, the games was played in fantastic spirit with plenty of smiles, and incredible support from the Watching Saints Pavilion terrace.

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LEAGUE TABLES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Raynes Park Vale	16	13	1	2	35	14	21	40
2 Chertsey Town	16	12	3	1	38	12	26	38
3 Southall	17	11	3	3	42	19	23	36
4 Leatherhead	17	11	3	3	28	11	17	36
5 Marlow	14	11	1	2	41	16	25	34
6 Oxbridge	17	9	1	7	35	25	10	28
7 Badshot Lea	15	9	1	5	28	23	5	28
8 Hanworth Villa	17	7	6	4	34	27	7	27
9 Thatcham Town	17	8	2	7	27	25	2	26
10 Hartley Wintney	15	8	1	6	32	24	8	25
11 Westfield	16	7	4	5	27	25	2	25
12 South Park (Reigate)	16	7	3	6	28	23	5	24
13 Ascot United	17	6	1	10	24	26	-2	19
14 Sutton Common Rovers	18	5	3	10	28	37	-9	18
15 Chipstead	17	5	2	10	27	38	-11	17
16 Northwood	16	5	1	10	25	29	-4	16
17 Ashford Town (Middx)	16	4	4	8	17	21	-4	16
18 Corinthian-Casuals	18	3	3	12	15	49	-34	12
19 Metropolitan Police	16	2	5	9	18	34	-16	11
20 Guernsey	18	2	4	12	19	37	-18	10
21 Binfield	17	0	4	13	13	66	-53	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	26	-	26	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	6	-	37	6
B Matthew	26	21	80	68
C Morgan	9	-	14	1
D Bailey	19	-	129	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	24	2	238	12
H Grant	21	4	73	11
H Laffin	12	1	164	85
H Tucker	12	-	52	3
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	21	-	62	2
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	18	1	73	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	19	-	19	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	9	1	29	13
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	25	-	25	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	24	4	118	22
S Balogun	17	1	32	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	15	-	90	22
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	8	-	119	2
C Goulter	2	-	2	-
T Morgan	1	2	57	19
Own Goals	-	1	n/a	n/a
	365	43	1,673	321



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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 Thatcham 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.

Alfie Grant – defence. Commanding and non-sense ball-playing defender who relishes winning aerial challenges. FA Vase winner who originally signed from Reading City in October 2022 and then re-signed in November 2023. Previously with Oxford United's youth team.



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.



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

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.



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.

Chad Goulter - **midfield.** Signed from Chipstead in December 2023.



Harry Laffin – **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.

Taylor Morgan - **forward.** Rejoined the Yellamen in December 2023 from Hartley Wintney having previously featured for Ascot United between 2020-2022. An experienced striker who has played Major League soccer in the US, as well as having spells in Sweden and Scotland. Pacey and holds the ball up well.



Sean McCormack – **forward.** Skilful forward signed from Walton and Hershham 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.

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 - CHERTSEY TOWN

Organised football was evident in Chertsey well into the Victorian era, but county affiliation did not take place immediately. The official founding of the club took place in 1890 when matches were played in the West Surrey League. The first success came in 1897 when the Surrey Junior Cup was secured. A one year gap took place before football resumed in the same competition which eventually became the East and West Surrey League. A further halt in football took place during the Great War but soon after, in 1919, the club joined the Surrey Intermediate League where it stayed, uneventfully, until 1939 and a further break. An invitation to become founder members of the Surrey Senior League was not taken up in 1923 but membership was later assumed, on attaining senior status in 1946.

The club has played at various locations within the parish (Willow Walk, Free Prae Road Staines Lane and Chilsey Green) before settling down at the present home in 1926. The suffix 'Town' was added to its title some 24 years later. The ground was donated by Sir Edward Stern as a football ground to the 'premier club in the parish'. Next door, a similar trust provides facilities for Chertsey Cricket Club. The main stand was constructed in the mid fifties; the original clubhouse added in 1960 and the first covered enclosure was built some three years later. Cover behind each goal was added in 1994 and 2010 respectively.

Chertsey became members of the Surrey Senior League in 1946, but success was scant until 1960 when winning the league championship. This was repeated twice in the next three years. The League Cup was also won on three occasions. The club could not progress to the preferred Corinthian League so, in 1963 it controversially turned professional to enter the Metropolitan League. It gave an entertaining three but, the cost was too much. A drop to the Greater London League for one season occurred before a further shift to the Spartan League was made in 1967.

Indifferent results then dogged the club for almost two decades. This situation was briefly relieved in 1974/75 when the club were league and league cup runners up to an up an coming Farnborough Town. Meanwhile, the fabric of the club was being built up behind the scenes and despite lack of prominence on the park, movement was made via the London Spartan (1975/76) and Athenian leagues through to the Isthmian family with a place in Division Two South in 1984. Instant relegation to the Combined Counties League was suffered but a rejuvenated side won promotion back to Isthmian ranks within the year whilst winning the League Cup on the way.

The club was rewarded with good league positions but further promotion denied at first. The worst season after returning to the Isthmians came when the two Division Twos were split in 1991 and a place in the new Division Three had to suffice. This position was quickly rectified with a runner's up slot the next season. The club also reached the quarter finals of the F.A. Vase, emulating a similar performance in 1987/88. One year later, 102 points and a runner's up promotion place to Division One was nailed. The League Cup was also secured together with the Carlsberg Trophy in the same campaign along with the League Charity Shield and the Isthmian 'Team of the Season' trophy

CLUB HISTORY - CHERTSEY TOWN

Only one campaign was required in Division One before further promotion, to the Premier Division. The first season at that level was one of consolidation but the second was more difficult. A late rally was experienced, but was insufficient to avoid the drop to Division One. Two subsequent Division One campaigns were comfortable but the third proved too difficult after a very poor first half of the season.

Relatively respectable positions were attained for the next two seasons and then a return to Division One, taking a place in the revised south section in the Isthmian re-organisation. The side was not able to compete at this level and relegation to Division Two was suffered in 2003. With the dissolution of the division, the club was allocated to Combined Counties League in 2006. Promotionally hopeful situations were created regularly over the five terms in that competition.

Finishing as runners up in 2011 was enough to secure promotion to Division One Central of the Southern League. Unspectacular, but safe, performances were achieved for two seasons but relegation was suffered in 2014, and with it a return to the Combined Counties League where four modest seasons prevailed.

A massive change occurred in the 2018/19 season that resulted in the league championship being secured with 13 points to spare. This led to promotion back to the Isthmian ranks and a place in the South Central Division. However, more memorable, was winning the FA Vase after turning over the score in the final to beat Cray Valley 3-1. The combination of these two feats made the 2018/19 the most successful season ever for the club. Covid affected the next two campaigns, but then a runners up spot was attained at the end of the 2021/22 season but the side lost out in extra time of the final of the play offs.

Following a turbulent season as far as managerial appointments was concerned, The current manager, Mark Harper, was appointed at the start of the current season. The chairman's role is held Mark Turner. The club, a Charter Standard member, also has a comprehensive junior section of boys at all ages. Chertsey Town's nickname, the 'Curfews' is derived from a locally famous bell that hangs in nearby St. Peters Church. The bell has rung out the evening curfew, now ceremoniously, for over five hundred years.

