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2023/24**



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 Dan Bailey  
 George Lock  
 Harry Grant  
 Harry Laffin  
 Harry Tucker  
 James Clark  
 Jay Welch  
 Joe Gater  
 Jordan Ajanlekoko  
 Josh Edwards  
 Luke Phillips  
 Ollie Harris  
 Oliver Lahtinen-Kaisi  
 Sammy Balogun  
 Sean McCormack  
 Taylor Morgan  
 Usman Lalustani

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 GK Coach  
 Coach  
 Coach  
 Physio

Yashwa Romeo

Shaun Allaway  
 Sam Loades  
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Match Officials		
Thomas Healy	James Keane	Robert Alderton

Last Match: Badshot Lea H Mon 1 Jan 3-1 ISTN SC  
 Next Match: Beaconsfield Town H Tue 9 Jan BB 4





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**Assistant Manager: Dean Greenwood**

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# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

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



**A warm welcome to today's Isthmian League Fixture here at The Racecourse Ground... a special welcome to our visitors today from Thatcham!**

**After a hectic festive period, during which we remained in 13th place in the league throughout, it now feels we are starting the second half of the season! The fantastic performance against Badshot Lea hopefully sets us up for a productive January and I know Jamie is looking to really push on up the league during the remainder of the season.**

**After our promotion to Step 4 for the first time, we were aware that we would need to make some investment at The Racecourse to bring our ground up to the required standards. I'm delighted to share that we have now secured the Football Foundation funding to support this work, and once final formal planning is in place within the next few weeks we will be ready to install the new stand and turnstiles in March. This which will further enhance The Racecourse as a fantastic place to watch football, and improve the matchday experience... as our attendances continue to grow it will be a welcome upgrade! A huge thank you to Dave Good who continues to manage this really important project for 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.**

**Hope you all enjoy today's game! ~Simon**

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# FROM THE DUGOUT



**Jamie Tompkins**  
First Team Manager

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



**Happy New Year and welcome to the Racecourse Ground for this afternoon's Isthmian League game against Thatcham Town.**

**In my previous programme notes I described our teams resilience, spirit and strong mentality being displayed in recent performances and on New Year's Day we got what we truly deserved. It was a great performance with control throughout the game and some excellent goals scored including a belter from Jay Welch.**

**We want use this performance, and win, as a catalyst to boost morale and confidence, and start the new year with positivity and optimism for the second half of the season. It is an opportunity for us to build on the foundation laid in our recent performances.**

**Thatcham Town head into this game in good form and having beat us earlier this season, we know we have to maintain our improved performances to get something from the game.**

**With four home games in January, we look forward to seeing your support this month and cheering the team onto victory. ~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 Thatcham Town for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.**



Hello and welcome back for this afternoon's return fixture with Thatcham Town. Having lost 2-0 at Thatcham in mid-November I am sure we'll be looking to avenge that loss, although the visitors today are in decent form having taken eleven points from their last six and having only lost once, albeit against lowly Met Police. For those of you who braved the rain last Monday evening it was well worth it having beaten Badshot Lea and witnessed Jay Welch hit an early contender for goal of the month! If you click on the image below then it should hopefully take you to the Veo footage on our twitter page. It was a great performance and one we will hopefully build on today. Moving onto our Women's team, and Sunday sees them travel to Woking for a replayed league cup tie, and two weeks later they are here in their first league game of 2024 against Winchester City Flyers as they seek a maiden SRWFL title.

**Super strike!** Jay Welch scored a rocket against Badshot Lea on New Year's Day. Click the image to watch the footage.



Looking elsewhere, whilst Binfield's points tally and goal difference is poor, spare a thought for Sturminster Marshall of the Dorset Premier Football League at step 7. They've played 17 league games, lost all 17, scored 6 and conceded a whopping 170 goals – that's 10 per game. I can't even say their form is improving having lost their last 2 games 18-0 and 21-0!!! And of course this weekend is one of the favourites in the football calendar being FA Cup 3rd round weekend. All eyes will be on Maidstone, Chesterfield, Aldershot and Eastleigh in flying the non league flag. Aldershot are in such good form I fancy them to get something at West Brom. Anyway, that's all from me, and remember we're home again in the county cup on Tuesday against step 3 Beaconsfield. ~Neal

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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC XP	1-1	96	Lafin
08-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Value	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	LC 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	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC	5-2	115	Matthew 2, T. Morgan 2, H. Grant
23-Dec	Chertsev Town	H	ISTH SC	1-2	332	A. Grant
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC	1-1	147	Harris
30-Dec	Leatherhead	A	ISTH SC	0-1	486	
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC	3-1	213	Weich, Harris, OG
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC			
09-Jan	Beaconsfield Town	H	BB 4			
12-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
16-Jan	Hartlev Wintnev	A	ISTH SC			
20-Jan	Hartlev 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	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, LC - Velocity League Trophy

# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

## FIRED-UP ASCOT ROMP TO BADSHOT LEA WIN

### Yellamen kickstart year with 3-1 win

**Monday 1st January 2024 , Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Ascot United 3 - 1  
Badshot Lea**



Ascot United kicked off 2024 at The Racecourse with a dominant 3-1 win over Badshot Lea on New Years' Day. The Yellamen were rewarded for their relentless pressing to record a league double over the visitors, who faded badly in the onslaught.

#### Late kick off tempts neutrals amid heavy rain

The match was moved back to an unusual evening kick-off for New Year's day, tempting the floating spectator but equally dissuading those who watched the late afternoon rain set in to foster a miserable, damp evening in Berkshire. Earlier in the day, Met Police, Chipstead and Guernsey had all picked up points, but The Yellamen were still where they were before the Christmas fixtures began – thirteenth – albeit on goal difference from three other teams.

#### Ascot enjoy more chances but pegged back by half time

With most supporters seeking what little cover was on offer, the home side took a sixteenth minute lead with a goal out of the top drawer. The move started with Sam Balogun, who hassled and hustled possession back in midfield before picking out Ollie Harris. Harris fashioned space for a thunderous strike which Harry Cawdron beat away, although Jay Welch's equally powerful shot from the corner of the penalty area flew into the top left hand corner.

Cawdron tipped another effort from Welch over and then made a scrambling save from Alfie Grant's header, but in between those efforts the visitors levelled the scores when Callum Wiltshire and Kareen Akinibbi combined in the wake of Welch losing possession; Josh Keeya let rip from distance with a curling effort into the top right just after the half-hour mark.

Akinibbi outmuscled Josh Edwards five minutes before the break but with a clear sight of goal could only fire wide, and one-all it remained.

#### Chad's the lad as Baggies turn bad

The Yellamen were a constant threat to the visitors even out of possession, and their relentless pressing would soon pay dividends. Chad Goulter epitomised much of that, and he would kickstart the move that led to Ascot regaining the lead six minutes after the restart. This time, new signing James Clark received Goulter's pass, sprayed the ball out wide to McCormack, and after darting forwards he thumped in a wicked cross that Harris glanced home first-time.

Things got better for the hosts in the 68th minute when The Baggies only half cleared a corner, and although they scored in the recycled play when defender George Hedley turned McCormack's cross into his own net under pressure from Clark, the goal owed much to the earlier touch of Welch, who picked out McCormack with a sublime pass on the volley that cut the visitors apart.

From that moment, Badshot Lea fell apart. Devoid of ideas and defending haplessly they lacked any cohesion – Ascot taking much credit for their incessant pressure – although Steven Sylla and Keeya once again might have done better with late, late long range efforts that were off target, and Luke Edgecombe was finally able to enjoy a less stressful evening between the sticks.

The hard-tacking hosts received a flurry of bookings for their efforts, but they were both well worth it and well-managed as manager Jamie Tompkins used all three substitutes to good effect in the closing twenty minutes.

Ascot United: Edgecombe, Lock, Ellis, A. Grant, Edwards, McCormack, Clark (Lahtinen-Kalsi 85'), Goulter, Welch, Balogun (C. Morgan 70'), Harris (Lalustani 79'). Subs unused: H. Grant, Phillips,

Entertainment: 4 / Reporter's Star Man: Chad Goulter (Ascot United) / Away fans (estimate): 20



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From Yeovil Town setting a new National League South record to Bury FC doing the same in the North West Counties League, thousands ticked through the turnstiles over the festive period.

Non-League football has seen a real boom in crowds in recent seasons.

Whether it's the product of post-covid where many fans discovered their local club or the increasing turn-off from VAR-powered top level football, it's been heartening to see such good attendances.

And it was no different on Boxing Day and New Year's Day – as well as in between – this season.

Credit to the excellent @NonLeagueCrowd account on X for a full rundown of who pulled in the big numbers – definitely worth a follow if social media is your thing.

On Boxing Day in the National League, 7,909 were at Roots Hall as Southend United ushered in a new era.

Contracts were exchanged on the takeover led by Australian businessman Justin Rees just a few days earlier. But Barnet spoilt the party with a 2-0 win.

Aldershot Town welcomed their biggest crowd for 15 years for the local derby with Woking.

The travelling Cards made up 902 of the 5,970 crowd for the tense 0-0 encounter.

Yeovil Town set a new National League South high again, the 6,301 for their win over Taunton Town surpassing the 6,289 for October's midweek derby with Weymouth.

The next highest at Step 2 came in the National League North where 4,468 watched on as Scunthorpe United beat Farsley Celtic 2-0.

St Albans City claimed their second highest National League South attendance for their 2-1 defeat to Hemel Hempstead – 3,589 packing into Clarence Park on December 26.



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At Step 3, Macclesfield Town's crowd boom continued with 4,201 watching a 0-0 draw with Hyde United.

Ramsgate are flying in Isthmian Division One South East – they beat Herne Bay 3-1 in front of a 1,625 crowd.

That was only topped at Step 4 by Mossley, who had 1,765 through the gate for their 2-0 victory against Stalybridge Celtic. Runcorn Linnets also broke the 1,000 barrier – 1,001 saw them claim three points by beating promotion rivals Prescot Cables 2-1.

Bury FC made their welcome return to Gigg Lane this season and the crowds have rocketed ever since. They had 4,833 behind them for a win over Prestwich Heys.

There was even a four-figure gate in Step 6 on Boxing Day at Retford where 1,247 saw Retford United run out 4-1 winners.

It was a similar theme as we welcomed 2024.

Chesterfield are flying high at the top of the National League and are off to Watford this weekend in the FA Cup third round.

They had 8,898 for a thrilling 3-2 win over Solihull Moors on January 1.

And the Woking v Aldershot return saw 5,321 pack into Kingfield – this time there were goals, and a red card, as the Shots won 3-1.

York City's win over Gateshead topped 5,000 too, and there were 4,516 people for Hereford's 1-1 draw against Gloucester City.

Chatham Town have been on the rise again in recent seasons. Their opening Isthmian Premier win of the year – a 2-1 victory over Dulwich Hamlet – was witnessed by 2,588.

It's great to see so many enjoying their Non-League football.

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Women's First Team – next available 25/26 season	£POA 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 AUFC team home page and AUFC club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Promotion via social media channels.
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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 AUFC team home page and AUFC club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
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**Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division**

**Saturday 6th January**

⌚ 15:00 Ascot United vs Thatcham Town

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⌚ 15:00 Ashford Town (Middx) vs Northwood

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⌚ 15:00 Corinthian-Casuals vs South Park (Reigate)

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⌚ 14:00 Guernsey vs Chertsey Town  
Pitch Inspection

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⌚ 15:00 Hanworth Villa vs Binfield

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⌚ 15:00 Leatherhead vs Sutton Common Rovers

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⌚ 15:00 Metropolitan Police vs Badshot Lea

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⌚ 15:00 Raynes Park Vale vs Chipstead

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⌚ 15:00 Uxbridge vs Marlow

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⌚ 15:00 Westfield vs Hartley Wintney

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# LEAGUE TABLES

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chertsey Town	20	15	4	1	54	16	38	48
2 Southall	21	15	3	3	51	23	28	48
3 Raynes Park Vale	19	13	4	2	37	16	21	43
4 Leatherhead	20	13	3	4	30	14	16	42
5 Marlow	18	12	1	5	49	24	25	37
6 Westfield	20	11	4	5	38	28	10	37
7 Hanworth Villa	20	9	6	5	42	32	10	33
8 Hartley Wintney	19	10	2	7	40	30	10	32
9 South Park (Reigate)	20	9	5	6	36	26	10	32
10 Thatcham Town	21	9	4	8	35	32	3	31
11 Badshot Lea	18	9	3	6	32	29	3	30
12 Uxbridge	21	9	2	10	39	35	4	29
13 Ascot United	21	7	2	12	29	31	-2	23
14 Metropolitan Police	20	5	5	10	24	37	-13	20
15 Sutton Common Rovers	22	5	5	12	31	45	-14	20
16 Chipstead	20	6	2	12	30	45	-15	20
17 Ashford Town (Middx)	20	5	4	11	23	32	-9	19
18 Guernsey	21	4	5	12	26	41	-15	17
19 Northwood	18	5	1	12	26	33	-7	16
20 Corinthian-Casuals	22	3	3	16	16	56	-40	12
21 Binfield	19	0	4	15	14	77	-63	4

*Chertsey Town 1 point deducted*

## Non League Pyramid (Extract)

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>National League</b>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>National League South</b>
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Isthmian League Premier</b>
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Isthmian League South Central</b>
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Combined Counties League</b>



# FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

Last 6 Matches

P W D L F A +/- Pts

	1 Southall	L 1-0 v RAYN.	W 2-0 v HART.	W 3-1 v UXBR.	W 2-1 v NORT.	W 2-1 v MARL.	W 2-1 v ASHF.	6	5	0	1	11	5	+6	15
	2 Chertsey Town	W 6-0 v CORL.	D 0-0 v SUTT.	W 2-1 v ASCO.	D 2-2 v THAT.	W 9-0 v BINF.	W 3-1 v HART.	6	4	2	0	22	4	+18	14
	3 Westfield	D 1-1 v CORL.	D 0-0 v ASHF.	W 3-2 v MARL.	W 3-0 v METR.	W 2-1 v UXBR.	W 3-0 v LEAT.	6	4	2	0	12	4	+8	14
	4 Hanworth Villa	W 3-1 v BADS.	W 2-1 v SUTT.	D 1-1 v LEAT.	W 3-1 v CHIP.	W 5-3 v ASHF.	L 1-0 v METR.	6	4	1	1	14	8	+6	13
	5 Leatherhead	W 2-0 v BINF.	W 1-0 v GUER.	D 1-1 v HANW.	W 1-0 v CORL.	W 1-0 v ASCO.	L 3-0 v WEST.	6	4	1	1	6	4	+2	13
	6 Raynes Park Vale	W 4-0 v WEST.	W 1-0 v SOUT.	W 4-0 v BINF.	D 1-1 v HART.	D 0-0 v SUTT.	D 1-1 v SOUT.	6	3	3	0	11	2	+9	12
	7 South Park (Reigate)	W 4-1 v ASCO.	D 2-2 v MARL.	W 2-0 v NORT.	W 4-1 v CHIP.	D 1-1 v RAYN.	D 1-1 v GUER.	6	3	3	0	14	6	+8	12
	8 Metropolitan Police	W 2-1 v SOUT.	L 5-2 v ASCO.	W 2-0 v THAT.	L 3-0 v WEST.	W 3-0 v CORL.	W 1-0 v HANW.	6	4	0	2	10	9	+1	12
	9 Thatcham Town	W 3-1 v SUTT.	W 3-0 v CHIP.	L 2-0 v METR.	D 2-2 v CHER.	D 2-2 v BADS.	W 4-1 v UXBR.	6	3	2	1	14	8	+6	11
	10 Hartley Wintney	W 4-0 v NORT.	L 2-0 v SOUT.	D 1-1 v RAYN.	W 3-2 v MARL.	W 3-0 v ASHF.	L 3-1 v CHER.	6	3	1	2	12	8	+4	10
	11 Guernsey	W 3-0 v UXBR.	L 1-0 v LEAT.	L 2-1 v NORT.	W 2-1 v BINF.	W 4-2 v SUTT.	D 1-1 v SOUT.	6	3	1	2	11	7	+4	10
	12 Badshot Lea	W 2-1 v LEAT.	W 3-2 v CORL.	L 3-1 v HANW.	D 1-1 v SUTT.	D 2-2 v THAT.	L 3-1 v ASCO.	6	2	2	2	10	12	-2	8
	13 Marlow	W 8-1 v BINF.	D 2-2 v SOUT.	L 3-2 v WEST.	L 3-2 v HART.	L 2-1 v SOUT.	W 3-0 v SUTT.	6	2	1	3	18	11	+7	7
	14 Ascot United	L 4-1 v SOUT.	W 5-2 v METR.	L 2-1 v CHER.	D 1-1 v UXBR.	L 1-0 v LEAT.	W 3-1 v BADS.	6	2	1	3	11	11	0	7
	15 Uxbridge	W 2-1 v CHIP.	W 5-0 v CORL.	L 3-1 v SOUT.	D 1-1 v ASCO.	L 2-1 v WEST.	L 4-1 v THAT.	6	2	1	3	11	11	0	7
	16 Northwood	L 4-0 v HART.	W 5-1 v SUTT.	L 1-0 v ASCO.	W 2-1 v GUER.	L 2-0 v SOUT.	L 2-1 v SOUT.	6	2	0	4	8	11	-3	6
	17 Ashford Town (Middx)	L 1-0 v LEAT.	D 0-0 v WEST.	W 2-1 v CORL.	L 5-3 v HANW.	L 3-0 v HART.	L 2-1 v SOUT.	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4
	18 Sutton Common Rov...	L 3-1 v THAT.	D 0-0 v CHER.	D 1-1 v BADS.	D 0-0 v RAYN.	L 4-2 v GUER.	L 3-0 v MARL.	6	0	3	3	4	11	-7	3
	19 Chipstead	L 3-2 v SUTT.	L 2-1 v UXBR.	L 3-0 v THAT.	L 3-1 v HANW.	L 4-1 v SOUT.	W 1-0 v CORL.	6	1	0	5	6	15	-9	3
	20 Corinthian-Casuals	D 1-1 v WEST.	L 5-0 v UXBR.	L 2-1 v ASHF.	L 1-0 v LEAT.	L 3-0 v METR.	L 1-0 v CHIP.	6	0	1	5	2	13	-11	1
	21 Binfield	L 4-1 v SUTT.	L 2-0 v LEAT.	L 8-1 v MARL.	L 4-0 v RAYN.	L 2-1 v GUER.	L 9-0 v CHER.	6	0	0	6	3	29	-26	0

	ASC	ASH	BAD	BIN	CHE	CHI	COR	GUE	HAN	HAR	LEA	MAR	MET	NOR	RAY	SOU	SOU	SUT	THA	UXB	WES	
ASC		30/1	3-1	4-0	1-2	10/2	24/2	4-0	1-3	20/1	0-1	0-2	20/4	1-0	6/4	2/3	1-3	1-1	6/1	1/4	16/3	
ASH	2-1		20/1	6-0	0-3	1-1	13/4	3/2	3-5	0-3	2/3	1-3	16/1	6/1	17/2	16/3	0-0	1-1	30/3	1-2	20/4	
BAD	0-1	3-0		6-2	4-2	3-2	13/1	24/2	30/1	10/2	0-2	1-2	16/3	2/1	16/3	0-4	30/3	13/4	2-2	2/3	23/1	
BIN	12/1	6/4	0-3		1-1	1-1	10/2	1-2	0-3	2-5	0-2	16/3	1-1	20/2	13/1	20/4	16/1	2/1	2/3	3-5	9/1	30/1
CHE	13/4	27/1	27/4	9-0		2-1	16/3	4-1	2-1	2-1	30/1	2/3	3-0	10/2	13/1	24/2	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-1	30/3	
CHI	1-0	13/1	3/2	30/3	17/2		4-1	4-1	13/4	6-2	0-4	6/2	27/1	1-3	1-4	1-4	9/1	2-3	20/4	16/3	2/3	
COR	1-2	1-2	23/3	0-0	0-6	0-1		9/3	1-0	0-3	1/4	1-4	2-1	6/4	1-2	6/1	17/2	0-5	3/2	20/4	1-1	
GUE	30/3	0-1	1-3	13/4	6/1	31/1	1-1		10/2	24/2	16/3	0-1	1-1	21/4	24/1	0-1	2/3	4-2	20/1	3-0	3-1	
HAN	3/2	1/4	3-1	6/1	6/4	3-1	2/3	4-4		1-3	20/4	23/1	0-1	2-1	1-3	20/1	3-3	16/3	1-1	17/2	4-2	
HAR	16/1	1-0	0-1	3/2	1-3	6/4	27/1	2-0	13/1		23/1	1/4	5-2	4-0	1-1	0-0	20/4	17/2	16/3	1-3	0-4	
LEA	1-0	1-0	1-2	23/3	0-1	20/1	1-0	1-0	1-1	27/4		17/2	9/3	0-0	9/1	30/3	2-1	6/1	5-0	3/2	0-0	
MAR	23/3	10/2	9/3	8-1	16/1	24/2	30/3	27/1	27/4	2-3	4-0		13/1	30/1	2-1	2-2	1-2	6-1	0-1	3-2	13/4	
MET	2-5	27/4	6/1	20/1	3/2	4-0	3-0	17/2	1-1	30/3	0-4	1-2		2/3	0-1	2-1	1-2	0-4	13/4	0-0	0-3	
NOR	27/4	1-3	13/2	4-1	2-4	0-1	4-0	2-1	16/1	23/3	13/1	1-3	9/1		3/2	13/4	1-2	5-1	17/2	27/1	6/2	
RAY	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	3-2	6/1	30/1	27/4	30/3	13/4	24/2	20/1	10/2	1-0		1-1	16/3	0-0	2/3	2-0	4-0	
SOU	4-1	9/1	6/4	17/2	0-4	1/4	2-0	1-1	1-1	9/3	1-2	20/4	23/3	2-0	0-3		3/2	2-1	5-1	13/1	27/1	
SOU	9/3	2-1	3-1	8-0	23/3	27/4	5-2	1-1	31/1	2-0	6/4	4-1	24/1	1/4	0-1	3-2		20/1	1-0	3-1	10/2	
SUT	27/1	9/3	1-1	4-1	20/4	23/3	13/1	2-1	1-2	1-5	0-1	0-3	6/4	24/2	1/4	31/1	1-2		1-3	1-2	0-3	
THA	2-0	2-0	0-1	9/3	1/4	3-0	1-2	4-1	23/3	9/1	27/1	6/4	0-2	2-0	0-0	10/2	13/1	27/4		4-1	24/2	
UXB	1-1	24/2	3-0	27/4	20/1	2-1	5-0	23/3	1-3	10/2	1-3	6/1	30/1	4-2	9/3	1-2	13/4	30/3	3-1		1-2	
WES	1-0	0-0	17/2	7-2	0-0	3-1	27/4	6/4	9/3	6/1	3-0	3-2	1/4	20/1	23/3	2-1	1-3	3/2	2-1	0-5		

# APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2023/24		All-time	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
A Sykes	-	-	4	-
H Sobte	27	-	27	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	10	1	41	7
B Matthew	26	21	80	68
C Morgan	11	-	16	1
D Bailey	22	-	132	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	28	2	242	12
H Grant	23	4	75	11
H Laffin	12	1	164	85
H Tucker	12	-	52	3
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	25	1	66	3
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	18	1	73	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	23	-	23	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	12	3	32	15
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	29	-	29	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	28	4	122	22
S Balogun	21	1	36	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	16	-	91	22
O McCov	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	12	-	123	2
C Goulter	6	-	6	-
T Morgan	4	2	60	19
L Edgecombe	3	-	4	-
J Clark	1	-	1	-
(Own Goals)	-	2	n/a	n/a
	<b>420</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>325</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 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 no-nonsense 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.



**Chris Ellis** - defence. Came out of retirement what must be the 50th time this season. A strong defender who possesses a long throw-in, but has also proved versatile all over the park including a cameo in goal. Another FA Vase winner. Will probably retire again at least 5 more times!

# 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 Hershaw 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 - THATCHAM TOWN

**Thatcham Town Football Club was founded in 1894. The club were originally known just as Thatcham, with Town being added to its name in 1974. In the early years Thatcham played at The Marsh on Dunston Green, Brownsfield (home of the Cricket Club) and Station Road, before moving to Lancaster Close in 1949. Floodlights were erected in January 1983 with Fulham FC visiting for a commemorative friendly match. To provide improved facilities, the club moved to Waterside Park in 1992/93, with the ground becoming known as The Stacatruc Stadium from August 2019, then the Mettal Stadium from August 2023.**

**The club joined the Reading Temperance League in 1896, winning the Division Two title in 1905/06. In 1953 Thatcham became founder members of the Hellenic League, winning promotion to the Premier Division as Division One champions in 1958/59, 1964/65 & 1972/73, then claiming the Premier Division title in 1974/75. Following spells in the Athenian and London Spartan Leagues, Thatcham joined the newly formed Wessex League in 1986 and won the title in 1995/96. After finishing second in 2005/06, ground requirements were met and promotion to step four was achieved.**

**The Kingfishers spent eight seasons in the Southern League Division One – seven in the South & West Division and one (2012/13) in the Central. Following sixth-placed finishes in both 2006/07 & 2008/09, the club achieved its highest ever position in 2010/11... Despite being in the bottom half of the table at Christmas, Thatcham earned 38 points from the final 15 matches to finish in fifth, however the Kingfishers were beaten at Sholing in the play-off semi-final.**

**Once safety was assured in 2013/14, the club resigned from the Southern League to cut costs by playing at a lower level. Town finished twelfth in their first campaign back in the Hellenic Premier, then second and fourth in the following seasons. However in 2017/18 the Kingfishers embarked on an incredible 40 game unbeaten run (in all competitions), winning all but one game between the end of October and end of April. This saw Thatcham overtake long-time leaders Highworth Town and eventually pip Bracknell Town to the title in a thrilling end to the season, on goal difference.**

**After taking a season to re-adjust to step four football, in 2019/20 Thatcham were top of the Southern League Division One South table with eleven games to play. But with the club looking set to achieve its highest ever finish, and promotion to step three a real possibility, the Coronavirus pandemic struck with the season being terminated. Following the subsequent departure of the management team and many senior players, alongside being moved into the Isthmian League South Central Division the club faced a rebuilding job. Covid also caused the 2020/21 season to be suspended before Town finished 12th in 2021/22, then recovered from a poor start in 2022/23 to finish 13th.**

# CLUB HISTORY - THATCHAM TOWN

Thatcham Town FC have enjoyed some memorable success in Cup competitions over the years. In 1989 the club reached the last eight of the FA Vase before losing to local rivals Hungerford Town. In the same competition a record attendance of 1,400 was set when Aldershot Town won 1-0 at Waterside Park in 1993/94. However in 2017/18 Thatcham went all the way and lifted the trophy at Wembley Stadium on a brilliant day for the football club...

Supporters started to sense the club could be on the verge of something special after a 5th round home victory over Bromsgrove Sporting, then over 2,200 attended the quarter-final win at Melksham Town as cup fever started to spread across the town. Thatcham then defeated 1874 Northwich 1-0 (home) and 3-2 (away) in the two legged semi-final, before taking over 5,000 fans to Wembley as Northern League side Stockton Town were beaten 1-0 in the final.

The club played in the Third Round Qualifying stage of the FA Trophy for the first time in 2021/22, losing on penalties at Cinderford Town. Thatcham's best run in the FA Cup came in the 1996/97 season as they reached the Fourth Round Qualifying stage before losing at Boreham Wood. In September 2019 the FA Cup First Round Qualifying tie at home to Salisbury was streamed live by the BBC with the visitors winning 3-2.

Thatcham completed the Hellenic League and Cup double, by lifting the Hellenic First Division Cup in 1972/73 and the Premier Division Cup in 1974/75. During 2017/18 the club reached both League Cup finals, losing to Bracknell in the Challenge Cup and Binfield in the Floodlit Cup.

During the 1990s Thatcham won the Wessex League Cup on four occasions, completing the league and Cup double in 1995/96. In 1974/75 the club were beaten in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup but were awarded the trophy following a dispute between the victors, Wycombe Wanderers, and the Berks & Bucks FA.

