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Alex Sykes (GK)
 Mark Scott (GK)
 Sam Hayes (GK)
 Adam Everiss
 Alfie Grant
 Ben Harris
 Charlie Morgan
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 Dan Bailey
 Ewan Lynch
 George Lock
 Harry Grant
 Harry Laffin
 Harry Tucker
 Joe Gater
 Josh Edwards
 Liam Tack
 Luke Phillips
 Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi
 Ollie Mason
 Ollie Harris
 Sean McCormack
 Taylor Morgan
 Usman Lalustani

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 Nathan Riley

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Physio

THE CHIPS



Green, White and Black

Harrison Firth (GK)
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 Jaden Edwards
 Nathaniel Kenlock
 Campbell Scott
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 Jack Leahy
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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

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



A warm welcome to The Racecourse for today's Isthmian league fixture against Chipstead – a warm welcome to all of our visitors.

Our programme editor Neal Jeffs also acts as club statto... he often flags significant upcoming milestones, but the past week saw an almost unique one. George Lock became just the second player to hit the 250 senior game milestone for the Yellas, which is a phenomenal achievement. Many people will be focus on his significant on field performances, but it's also true to describe Locky as the perfect "Clubman" - always supporting the club and just gets on with being the best he can be. He always supports our junior end of season awards to present winners with their trophies, and recently represented the club at a mental health awareness day at Ascot Racecourse. Thank you Locky for everything you contribute to the club. He now has Jon Bennett's all-time record in his sights - JB's appearances in his recent return to the Yellas in the Vets section do not count towards his stats!

Our women's first team are in great form at the moment - they now sit at the top of their league, with a league cup quarter final to come this weekend followed by a tough trip to second placed Bournemouth next weekend... it's two weekends which will determine so much for their season, and we hope to see lots of supporters at both games. We are running a coach down to the Bournemouth game - get in touch with Ricky to reserve your seat.

Finally a reminder that our clubhouse is available to hire for business meetings and private events. Please speak to Sam Knight for further info.

Hope you all enjoy the game today! ~Simon

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We are a club in massive trouble right now. During Mr Dai's tenure, 16 points have been deducted, we've been under a transfer embargo for around five years now, wages haven't been paid on time on multiple occasions, winding up petitions have been launched, sponsors have stepped in to cover player payroll, caterers have been removed from the training ground, staff are demoralised, players are reportedly being sold behind the manager and sporting director's back and two first-team coaches have been made redundant.

Some of these issues are worse than others, but combined, they have been disastrous and this has led to fans worrying about whether their club will be in existence at the end of the season. The prospect of back-to-back relegations is scary enough, but the thought of liquidation is unbearable.

We want our children and grandchildren to follow in our footsteps and support the club in the future. That is no longer a certainty thanks to Mr Dai and his sister Dai Xiu Li, who were tasked with taking care of this football club but have run it into the ground instead. Both of them need to be removed as quickly as possible.

Local teams who have benefitted and may continue to benefit from having some of our players on loan in the future would also benefit from an ownership change,

with our young players also profiting from gaining some valuable experience.

What are our hopes for the future?

We don't care about spending millions, we just want a fully functioning football club to support. Our situation has worsened considerably in recent months and the constant cycle of bad news is never-ending.

Whatever league we find ourselves in, we just need stability and a form of escape from the realities of life. At the moment, supporting the Royals is anything but that, and that's a massive shame because we used to be run incredibly well by Sir John Madejski.

In the short term, we need to save the club. As a campaign and fanbase, we will keep pushing until a sale is complete and having fans of all clubs onside will help to make that happen. Let's make Reading Football Club a Dai-free zone.



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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

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



Welcome to the Racecourse Ground for this afternoon's Isthmian League game against Chipstead.

Last weekend we showed the character and resilience to comeback (again) from 2-0 down against a tough Hanworth Villa side so we showing that we can compete against good teams in the league. This game also marked George Lock's 250th game for the club and what an achievement! An brilliant person, incredible loyal and deserves every success in future given his journey from our Hellenic League days to winning at Wembley!

We have been making changes to our squad and so far, it has proven to be very positive to the atmosphere, environment and togetherness of the group. Training has been a much higher standard which bodes well for the future.

I am delighted to welcome two new signings to the squad, Ewan Lynch and Ollie Mason, who will add further quality to the squad for the foreseeable. Building on recent signings and impressive performances from Mark Scott, Liam Tack and Ben Harris. Ollie Mason first joined the club at 5 years old at our soccer school so congratulations to him and we will look forward to seeing both Ollie and Ewan playing in yellow.

Departures as of late include Hugo Sobte, Jay Welch, AJ, Chad Goulter and Sammy Balogun, all searching for regular game time. Jay, Sammy and AJ in particular leave having won promotion and the FA Vase last season and we wish them the best in future.

With no game for us next weekend, we are really excited and raring to go today to claim three points at the Racecourse Ground.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy the game. ~JT



Dean Greenwood
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ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

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



Welcome to The Racecourse for this afternoon's home game with Chipstead. I guess we should start with Usman who is set to play his 100th game for us today. I remember his 2nd season with us back in 19/20 when he started it by scoring almost a goal a game for 10 or 11 games! It certainly gave us a head-start in 'the season that never was'. One of the most important, if not the most important, contribution was in that penalty shoot out at West Didsbury when he stepped up with nerves of steel – the rest is history – see the footage via the link below. Congratulations and thanks from the Yellafans! Elsewhere there have been a few comings and goings and we just want to say best wishes to Jay Welch (Reading City), AJ (Rayners Lane), Chad Goulter (Chertsey Town) and Sam Balogun. You'll also see a couple of new names on the team sheet, including a local player who spent four years playing college football in the US before returning to the UK and now signing for us.

100 up! Usman Lalustani will make his 100th appearance for The Yellamen (assuming he features against Chipstead!). Usman has scored 22 goals since first featuring in 2018/19. Click the photo to see his winning penalty at West Didsbury and Chorlton in the FA Vase shoot-out last season (you tube, forward to 9 mins 15)



Our Women's team are back on top of the league and this now sets up an intriguing match away at Bournemouth Sports next weekend. With Ascot three points clear of Sports but having played a game more, the result could shape the destiny of the title with 4-5 games remaining and although there will be a lot of football after next Sunday, they will view this as a real opportunity to get a fingertip on the trophy. Before that there is league cup quarter final action here on Sunday against Woodley, and as the league fixture was a feisty affair this could be worth a watch! Also worth a watch, as it transpired, was my trip to Wealdstone v Maidenhead on Tuesday. The Magpies were good value for their 1-0 win and belied their lower mid-table league position. Anyway, enjoy the game today, I'm sure there will be many postponements once again after all the rain, so welcome to any hoppers who have stopped by as well! ~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	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	Chertsey Town	H	ISTH SC	1-2	332	A. Grant
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC	1-1	147	Harris
30-Dec	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	486	
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC	3-1	213	Welch, Harris, OG
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC	1-5	212	Morgan
09-Jan	Beaconsfield Town	H	BB 4	1-3	75	Laffin
12-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC	3-2	261	Tack 2, OG
16-Jan	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC	0-2	168	
20-Jan	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC	0-1	295	
27-Jan	Sutton Common Rovers	A	ISTH SC	0-1	74	
30-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC	2-2	137	Laffin, B. Harris
03-Feb	Hanworth Villa	A	ISTH SC	2-2	135	Laffin, T. Morgan
10-Feb	Chinstead	H	ISTH SC			
24-Feb	Corinthian-Casuals	H	ISTH SC			
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC			
09-Mar	Southall	H	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 FIGHT BACK AGAIN IN VILLA THRILLER

Laffers has last laugh on Lock's landmark

**Saturday 3rd February 2024, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Hanworth Villa
2 - 2 Ascot United**



Ascot came back from two goals down once again to earn a crucial point on the road at Hanworth Villa on George Lock's 250th appearance for the club. The Yellamen, who repeated the trick against Ashford last Tuesday, did it again thanks to headed goals from Taylor Morgan and Harry Laffin, writes William Powell.

Three minutes in and Hanworth nearly took the lead; a cross whipped in from Sam Merson down the right flank evaded all Ascot defenders bar Harry Tucker, who after a scramble, cleared brilliantly. Yellas goalkeeper Mark Scott was called into action for the first time on the 10th minute mark when he had to react quickly to catch a headed effort from Hanworth defender Rayan Djouadj.

Scott was called into action once again in the 21st minute; after a troublesome Merson long throw, Scott had to come out to claim the ball before the many onrushing Villa attackers could.

The bright looking Merson then opened the scoring for the afternoon in the 31st minute with a fantastic strike. After shrugging off Ascot defender's Chris Ellis and Usman Lalustani, Merson smashed home his strike into the bottom left corner past the helpless Scott.

Five minutes later Hanworth doubled their lead when Merson, after a slight mix-up between Ellis and Lalustani, picked the ball up on the right wing and whipped in a delivery across the face of goal.

Scott came out to try and thwart the attack but despite his best efforts, Ben Geraghty tapped in at the back post.

However, Morgan pulled one back for the Yellamen on the stroke of half time. Lock showed some fantastic footwork down the right to beat his man and float in a delightful cross, which found the head of Morgan, and he glanced down into an empty net to cut the deficit at half time.

The opening five minutes of the second half was chaotic; and that adjective downplayed the period. Sean McCormack went close just a minute in and then Hanworth went straight down the other end and rattled the bar after a poor cross was caught by the wind, turning it into a fantastic effort.

Merson had a golden chance to put his side 3-1 up in the 53rd minute, after finding himself ten yards out and in acres of space, but he fluffed his first-time effort wide of the far post.

Liam Tack then went close for Ascot in the 75th minute when his speculative long range strike fired wide as the Yellas continued to push for a deserved equaliser.

And, it duly arrived five minutes from the end from the dependable Laffin. This time, Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi delivered an emphatic cross which Laffin elegantly lifted over the diving Rackley-Hayes, capping The Yellas' second two-goal comeback inside a week.

Reporters Star Man- Mark Scott (Ascot United). Entertainment - 4/5

PHOTOZONE



Photos from our draw with Ashford Town ten days ago. **Clockwise from top left:** Usman Lalustani is on the end of a bad tackle which went unpunished (1&2), George Lock crosses, Laffers scores, Sean McCormack on the right wing, Taylor Morgan in an aerial tousele. Shooting-stars.co.uk

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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.
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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 AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
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FIXTURES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

Saturday 10th February

⌚ 15:00	Ascot United	vs	Chipstead
⌚ 15:00	Badshot Lea	vs	Leatherhead
⌚ 15:00	Binfield	vs	Corinthian-Casuals
⌚ 15:00	Chertsey Town	vs	Northwood
⌚ 13:30	Guernsey	vs	Hanworth Villa
⌚ 15:00	Marlow	vs	Ashford Town (Middx)
⌚ 15:00	Raynes Park Vale	vs	Metropolitan Police
⌚ 15:00	Southall	vs	Westfield
⌚ 15:00	Thatcham Town	vs	South Park (Reigate)
⌚ 15:00	Uxbridge	vs	Hartley Wintney

Tuesday 13th February

⌚ 19:45	Binfield	vs	Uxbridge
⌚ 19:45	Corinthian-Casuals	vs	South Park (Reigate)
⌚ 19:45	Leatherhead	vs	Sutton Common Rovers
⌚ 19:45	Raynes Park Vale	vs	Chipstead
⌚ 19:45	Thatcham Town	vs	Hartley Wintney



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IT'S FIFTH round weekend in both the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase and those Wembley dreams are drawing ever closer to reality.

In the FA Trophy, five former winners remain, the most recent being Bromley, the 2021-22 winners. They take on National League South side Aveley, who will equal their best ever run in the competition with victory.

Kidderminster Harriers are enjoying a revival under new manager Phil Brown and they be looking to take the Trophy back to Aggborough for the first time since they beat Burton Albion after a replay at The Hawthorns in 1987. They take on National League North side Peterborough Sports, managed by their former striker Michael Gash.

Sports' league rivals Bishop's Stortford won the FA Trophy in 1980-81 and they face a Coalville Town side enjoying a club record run in the competition.

Arguably, the tie of the round sees Wealdstone, victors in 1984-85, take on local rivals Hendon in a crunch north-west London derby.

Hendon are three-times FA Amateur Cup winners in the FA Trophy's former guise, but have never lifted the silverware as we know it today.

Talking of guises, Macclesfield FC are competing in only their second ever FA Trophy since re-forming, but have twice previously enjoyed success in the competition/ The Silkmen won the first ever FA Trophy, against Telford United, in 1969-70 and then again in 1995-96 when they beat Northwich Victoria.

They make the trip to National League South high-fliers Hampton & Richmond Borough, who are already on a best ever run.

Gateshead missed out at the final hurdle to FC Halifax Town in last year's Wembley showdown, but they will be looking to go one better when they make the trip to Hereford FC, finalists themselves as recently as 2020-21.

Barnet were finalists in only the third ever FA Trophy final, going down to Stafford Rangers, and they will be looking to finally add the FA Trophy to their list of honours, starting with victory over two-time quarter-finalists Welling United, while 1995-96 semi-finalists Chorley host quarter-finalists of two years ago, Solihull Moors, in the final tie.

Clubs in the last 16 in the FA Vase have progressed through six rounds to get this far with the road to Wembley getting underway on August 26, 2023.

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With holders Ascot United moving up to the Isthmian League and Newport Pagnell Town, finalists for the past two seasons, having crashed out to Fakenham Town in the second round, two new teams will proudly walk out onto the hallowed turf on Saturday May 11. Indeed, every one of the eight fifth round ties this afternoon involves at least one club for whom victory would mean a record run for the club in the competition. That includes Emley AFC, who claim to be a continuation of the original Emley club, so their tie against 1980-81 winners Whickham may be the exception.

Whickham - one of two former Vase winners left in this year's competition - will be looking to avenge a 2-0 defeat by the original Emley club in the fourth round 27 years ago.

The other club to have lifted the Vase still standing is Southern Counties East League side Deal Town, winners of the Vase in 1999-2000. They travel to Bridgwater United, who themselves have equalled their best Vase run for the second successive season.

Jersey Bulls are also equalling their best run in the Vase this season, set just last year, and they host Falmouth Town for whom victory would mean equalling their club best Vase run. Jersey Bulls are one of three Combined Counties clubs still involved in this season's competition, the highest representation of any of the Step 5 leagues.

Another club also equalling their best run in the Vase this season is Great Wakering Rovers, although it is 22 years since the club last made it this far. However, the Essex Senior League side has only had four Vase campaigns in that time. They travel to Highworth Town, semi-finalists in 2014-15.

The Worcestershire derby between Stourport Swifts and Worcester City will result in one of those two clubs setting a new personal best run in the competition. This is also the case for Tilbury v North Greenford United, both already on club record-breaking Vase runs.

A third tie will also result in a club record Vase run as Hilltop FC host Romford. Hilltop had only ever gone as far as the first round in the past and have the least Vase experienced of the final 16.

The last of the eight ties is the only one that has happened before in the competition as Hallam FC host Lincoln United 34 years after the visitors won 2-1 in an extra preliminary round replay. A repeat win for Lincoln United would equal their best Vase run, whilst Hallam are already matching their best Vase run this season, last set 43 years ago.

Let the Road to Wembley commence. ~Jon Couch. Facts courtesy of @FAVaseFactfile

LEAGUE TABLES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chertsey Town	26	21	4	1	71	19	52	66
2 Southall	27	18	3	6	59	30	29	57
3 Marlow	25	18	2	5	71	32	39	56
4 Leatherhead	26	17	4	5	44	19	25	55
5 Westfield	25	15	5	5	54	37	17	50
6 Raynes Park Vale	26	15	5	6	47	34	13	50
7 Hartley Wintney	27	14	4	9	52	43	9	46
8 South Park (Reigate)	25	11	6	8	47	36	11	39
9 Badshot Lea	25	11	6	8	42	39	3	39
10 Thatcham Town	25	11	4	10	44	39	5	37
11 Hanworth Villa	25	9	8	8	49	44	5	35
12 Sutton Common Rovers	27	8	6	13	38	47	-9	30
13 Uxbridge	26	9	3	14	41	52	-11	30
14 Ascot United	28	8	4	16	37	46	-9	28
15 Metropolitan Police	27	7	6	14	30	47	-17	27
16 Guernsey	26	7	5	14	41	53	-12	26
17 Northwood	24	7	2	15	35	43	-8	23
18 Chipstead	26	6	4	16	36	57	-21	22
19 Ashford Town (Middx)	25	5	6	14	29	44	-15	21
20 Binfield	25	3	5	17	26	86	-60	14
21 Corinthian-Casuals	26	3	4	19	18	64	-46	13

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	31	-	31	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	12	1	43	7
B Matthew	26	21	80	68
C Morgan	12	-	17	1
D Bailey	26	-	136	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	36	2	250	12
H Grant	31	4	83	11
H Laffin	19	4	171	88
H Tucker	17	-	57	3
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	27	1	68	3
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	21	1	76	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	28	-	28	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	19	3	39	15
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	34	-	34	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	36	4	130	22
S Balogun	23	1	38	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	24	-	99	22
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	18	-	129	2
C Goulter	12	-	12	-
T Morgan	10	4	66	21
L Edgecombe	3	-	4	-
J Clark	1	-	1	-
B Harris	6	1	13	8
L Tack	6	2	6	2
M Scott	4	-	4	-
IOwn Goals	-	3	n/a	n/a
	533	57	1,849	340



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MEET THE YELLAMEN

Mark Scott – goalkeeper. A commanding, experienced goalkeeper who signed in January 2024 having played for a string of higher level clubs including Step 2 football with Hungerford Town. Previous clubs also include Bracknell Town, Slough Town, Oxford City, Beaconsfield and Basingstoke Town.



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.

Liam Tack – midfield. Signed from step 3 neighbours Bracknell Town in January 2024. Versatile midfield player with pace and good passing ability, plus has a good eye for goals. Also played for Flackwell Heath, Thame United and Egham Town.



Chris Ellis – defence. Came out of retirement what must be the 58th 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.

Ollie Mason - Midfield. Ollie, a dynamic midfielder, is an Ascot United youth product having first joined the club at our soccer school aged 5 and has since played for every age group for the club. Most recently joining Woking FC Academy, he returns to the yellas to gain first team experience.



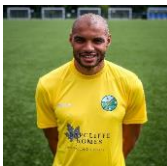
Ben Harris - forward. Experienced striker who won the New Zealand championship with Team Wellington sandwiched between spells at Hampton & Richmond Borough, Windsor, Slough Town and Bracknell Town. Rejoined Ascot in January 2024 after featuring in 17/18 following his return to the UK. Excellent in the air and a proven goalscorer who has consistently played at a higher level.

Ewan Lynch - forward. Signed in February 2024 after playing college football for four years in the US. A Binfield youth product who also played for Maidenhead United.



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.

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 - CHIPSTEAD

Chipstead Football Club was formed in 1906, when the Netherne hospital was being built, and the building workers and the lads in Chipstead challenged each other to a match. The oldest club records dated 1911 show a far from healthy position, survival relying mainly on the proceeds of whist drives. The club's health began to improve, and, in 1920, it even had its own transport for away games, an open topped lorry owned by a local builder. Up until the 1962/63 season, Chipstead played junior football, but, having finished runners-up in the County Junior Cup the previous year, they then moved into the Surrey Intermediate League. The club played at this standard until 1982, when they became founder members of the Surrey Premier League. The next four years saw the club have great success, finishing runners-up three times, and also winning the League Cup on three occasions. During this period, they were also beaten finalists in the County Premier Cup. The reserves also met with success being runners-up once, and also winning the League Cup. After a long battle, the club was awarded senior status in 1986, and was promoted to the Combined Counties League, where once again success followed; a League Championship was gained in 1989/90, and a runners-up spot was gained on two occasions, with six League Cup Final appearances, with Chipstead being victorious in four

Season 1987/88 saw the club make its debut in the FA Vase, and the following year in the FA Cup. Over recent years, the club has continued to grow, and strengthen its youth policy, with some 200 players between the ages of six and eighteen involved every week. Two former Chipstead youth players - Leon McKenzie and Steve Sidwell - moved on to professional clubs, &, more recently, Saidou Khan played for our 1st team, & is now with Swindon Town. The Combined Counties championship winning squad contained no fewer than 12 players, who had represented the club at youth level

In 1998 Chipstead was able to purchase the freehold of the ground from the local authority. Thanks to a grant from the FA in 2001, the club was able to purchase additional land, which was developed into mini-soccer pitches to further enhance its youth policy. More recently, in November 2004, a 100-seater stand was installed, which was increased to 150 in March 2007. In May 2006 a covered standing area for 150 people was also erected

2006-07 was the club's 'Centenary' season, and the hope was that it would be a memorable one. On the opening day of the season, the team won their first game, and went top of the table; come February, and still top, the decision was made to do the necessary work to achieve the ground upgrading. The next six weeks saw the ground transformed, thanks to the incredible hard work of the committee and supporters. The team remained top, and promotion to the Ryman League was achieved for the first time in 100 years

In the 2007-08 season Chipstead established themselves in the Ryman League, finishing a creditable 15th. They also went on to win the Southern Combination Cup, beating Ryman Premier side Ashford Town (Middlesex) in the final.

In 2008-09 Chipstead struggled in the league, but, in the FA Cup, reached the 4th qualifying round for the first time in their history, eventually losing at Torquay United.

2010-11 saw Chipstead finished 10th being their highest league position ever

2012-13 was a poor season for the club with no fewer than 4 managers - Mark Tompkins left the club after just one game; assistant Mick Read stepped in as temporary manager for a month, before the club appointed John Hamsher. Things seemed fine until January, when results took a dip. John decided to step down in early April, with vice-chairman Mick Ford taking over the reins for the final three matches

CLUB HISTORY - CHIPSTEAD

In 2013-14 Chipstead started the season with a new management team - Kevin Rayner, with Roly Martin as his assistant, and Mark Elgar as technical assistant. From August until the end of October, 7 games out of 21 were won in all competitions, including losing both FA Trophy & FA Cup matches within eight days. Geoff Corner stepped aside as chairman, with Mick Ford taking up the position. Mick's first task was to appoint a new manager in Steve Baker. A mid-table finish of 13th was a great turnaround for the club. Steve left the club in 2014-15, and was replaced by Simon Colbran

Following a poor start to the 2015/16 season, Simon resigned, and was replaced by Lyndon Buckwell. Unable to turn things around, Lyndon was himself replaced by Craig Tanner, who ultimately managed to save the club from relegation with a few games to spare. Craig then left the club during the summer 2016-17 saw the return of ex-Chipstead player Antony Williams to manage the 1st team along with his assistants, two of whom had played for the club in the past, Rob Kember & Robert Smith. Having former club players in management gave everyone at the club a lift, and they quickly got to work, and comfortably avoided relegation. They laid the foundations for the 2017-18 season, & remain at the same level to this day, although the powers that be put the club in the Bostik League South Central Division for 2018/19 This provided many new clubs in opposition, yet Chipstead held their own in the division, although Antony decided to step aside, as the season drew to a close – his two coaches, Rob Kember & Robert Smith stepped forward to take up the mantle, & led the club into the 2019/20 season in the newly-named BetVictor Isthmian League South Central Division

Following 2 curtailed seasons due to the pandemic, Messrs. Kember and Smith remained in their management role. The club finished 10th in the 2021/22 season, our equally highest ever position in the Isthmian League. They continued to build and strengthen the squad for season 2022/23. The end of 22/23 saw the departure of the management team - Rob Kember, Robert Smith and Allan Tait - after 4 years at the helm

The club was quick to appoint Dean Sammut in his first managerial role, following a brief spell at Burgess Hill in a caretaker role alongside Lewis Taylor. Dean had been a coach for the first team over the past couple of years. He added to his team Lewis Taylor, an experienced player and coach, and Matty Males, a past Chipstead captain. The squad is coming together, and we look forward to the new season, 2023/24

