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## ASCOT UNITED vs. WESTFIELD

Sat 16 Mar 2024

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



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# THE YELLAMEN



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## Yellow and Blue

Alex Sykes (GK)  
 Mark Scott (GK)  
 Sam Hayes (GK)  
 Adam Everiss  
 Alfie Grant  
 Ben Harris  
 Charlie Morgan  
 Chris Ellis  
 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

# THE SMART FELLAS



## Blue and White

Sonny Wheeler (GK)  
 Niran Butler  
 Billy Nutbeam  
 Alfie Huckle  
 Lewis Jackson  
 Quincy Rowe  
 Archy Taylor  
 Caleb Wright  
 Jacob Breckon  
 Manolis Gogonas  
 Jordan Alves  
 Mayowa Adaje  
 Theo White  
 Sam Balogun  
 Raleigh Hebditch

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

Manager  
 Asst. Manager  
 GK Coach  
 Coach  
 Coach  
 Physio

Ian Selley  
 Mick Bennett  
 Dave Powell  
 Princess Goodwin

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Calum Edgecombe	George Enever	Ivan Yordanov

Last Match:	Southall	A	Sat 9 Mar	1-0	ISTN SC
Next Match:	Marlow	A	Sat 23 Mar		ISTN SC





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# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

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



**A warm welcome to The Racecourse for this afternoons Isthmian League fixture against Westfield - and welcome to all our visitors today.**

**We are on a fantastic run at the moment, with six games unbeaten. This is our best run of form since being promoted to Step 4, and is further evidence of the upward trend we are on as a club – sometimes growth doesn't happen in a straight line, and there will be periods of consolidation, but I do feel we are making great progress under JT's leadership and I look forward to this momentum continuing for the rest of the season and into the next one.**

**Off the field, we also continue to grow... today you will see our new stand and turnstile block in situ. At the time of writing this, I can't confirm if they will be "open" for this game as we are not sure how long the commissioning will take, but at least you will see them!**

**Today we are hosting a Comic Relief event at the club around this match, and hope you enjoy and support some of the additional attractions around the ground... it's important we as a club continue to support wider community initiatives, and we're pleased to be supporting this event today.**

**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.**

**Enjoy the game today... ~Simon**

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# Sell Before We Dai

## We are a campaign dedicated to pressuring Dai Yongge into selling Reading Football Club.

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.



Please follow us on X via @SellBeforeWeDai or visit our website at: [sellbeforewedai.co.uk](http://sellbeforewedai.co.uk) for more information on our plight

# FROM THE DUGOUT



**Jamie Tompkins**  
First Team Manager

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



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

**Our away support has been fantastic this season. Certainly one of the best away followings in the league and again last Saturday, we could see and hear plenty of yellas supporters cheering the team on. Your positive support really makes a difference and we really needed it for the last half hour of the game.**

**Having gone down to ten with 30 minutes left last weekend, we showed lots of character and resilience to withstand such enormous pressure from our opposition, who are fighting to secure a play-off place. Mark Scott in goal was fantastic, our defence put their bodies on the line, blocking and heading away every ball into the box, our midfield did not stop running, including an amazing full debut from 17-year-old Ollie Mason, all signs of team never giving in and playing for each other – togetherness.**

**It is our aim to finish the season in a positive place, especially after an overhaul of a step 5 team becoming a step 4 team, so we can head into next season full of motivation and optimism and currently 6 games unbeaten demonstrates that we are on the right path.**

**Onwards and upwards. Enjoy the game! ~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 Westfield for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.**



A huge welcome to everyone here today and hopefully everyone enjoys the surroundings – with a few activities around Comic Relief it should be an enjoyable occasion – plus the opportunity to check out the new stand work-in-progress. Now call me crazy but my idea was always to see if the grandstand at Ascot Racecourse could be hoisted onto a track and wheeled down the back of the sprint section for our home games, then we can accommodate ~40000 fans behind the goal, but maybe I'm getting ahead of myself in terms of where we want to be! But in all seriousness last weekend we were almost 50% of the travelling fans at Southall and it reminded me of our end of season game last year when there were 70-80 there to watch us break through the 100-points barrier. Just as satisfying, apart from the result, was the performance and in particular 17 year old Ollie Mason who belied his years and the poor lad probably didn't expect to play 90 minutes but he did and what a talent we've got for the future.

**Together! The Yellamen are seeking a 7th game without defeat and underlined their growing status at Step 4 last weekend with a battling performance to beat play-off chasing Southall with ten men.**



It seems a long time since we beat Westfield here in the FA Trophy back in September. JT has worked hard since that game to ensure we have the right mix of players with the right attitude and we can all pick out individuals but it takes everyone to click. I am however particularly delighted for Ollie Harris as not only has he fought back from serious injury to become one of our stand out players but his part of the journey last year even when injured was vital. I can't imagine what it must have been like on the sidelines but he was always there, on the pitch before and after the games (originally on crutches!), kicking every ball in his head, and now he has got his chance to shine on the pitch once again. Anyway, we have a chance to go 7 without defeat today so let's get behind the lads and also look out for the Women's team who have a MASSIVE game in Bournemouth next weekend and having been an avid supporter on Sundays I am just as proud of what they have achieved so far. Enjoy the game! ~Neal

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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardley United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardley 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, O. 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	O. Harris
30-Dec	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	486	
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC	3-1	213	Welch, O. 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	H	ISTH SC	2-2	135	Laffin, T. Morgan
10-Feb	Chinstead	A	ISTH SC	1-0	216	Tack
24-Feb	Corinthian Casuals	H	ISTH SC	2-2	238	Tack, Lalustani
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC	2-0	221	Laffin, O. Harris
09-Mar	Southall	A	ISTH SC	1-0	112	O. Harris
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

## BRILLIANT ASCOT SINK SOUTHALL

### Ollie pops up with winner for ten-man Yellas

**Saturday 9th March 2024, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Southall 0 - 1 Ascot United**



Ollie Harris's thunderbolt was enough for Ascot United to see off play-off chasing Southall on Saturday. The Yellamen, who battled for over twenty minutes with ten men after the soft dismissal of Taylor Morgan, were hugely impressive throughout and extended their unbeaten run to six.

#### Yellamen look to continue run against visitors with fine home form

Southall already look set for a play-off spot, with leaders Chertsey looking imperious and sixth-placed Westfield ten points below them albeit with two games in hand. However, with The 'All boasting an 80% home victory success rate this would be another tough ask for Ascot, despite Southall's own recent six-game streak – eight points from six - placing them just thirteenth in the form table. And, the Yellamen came into the game off the back of one of their best performances of the season one week earlier, and their five-game unbeaten streak – their best since promotion to Step four – looked more than capable of being extended. Ben Harris was a notable absentee after his hamstring injury one week earlier, and with fellow attackers Harry Laffin and Sean McCormack, also absent there were starts for Ollie Harris, Morgan and Ollie Mason.

#### Impressive Yellamen edge first half

Ascot scored an eight – possibly nine – out of ten in a first half showing that oozed confidence. Indeed, they might have led after just ten seconds when Harris raced down the right and drilled an inviting cross across the penalty area that Usman Lalustani lifted over the bar when it looked easier to score. In another promising move, Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi's left-wing foray ended with a ball inside for Liam Tack, and his quick feet opened up space before squaring for Harris, who fired straight at Michael Edegbé. At the other end Southall were kept quiet; Jaden Thompson-Brissett's ball over the top almost let in former Ascot star Brendan Matthew, but Mark Scott was quickly off his line to smother. But it was otherwise Ascot who looked most likely to score, and it was one of their stand out players – youngster Mason – who would have an unusual hand in their opening goal. Amazingly – it was whilst he was off the pitch receiving treatment – and now temporarily facing ten men Southall were undone from a throw-in when Morgan held the ball up, Harris took a sweet first touch away from his marker and unleashed a rocket from a tight angle that flew into the roof of the net before Edegbé could react.

#### Concussion debate rears its ugly head

That goal came in the 38th minute, but there would still be eighteen further minutes added when Edegbé and Harris later collided – the former taking a huge knock to the head – for which he lay dazed for several minutes. Bravely – and what appeared stupidly at the time – Edegbé got up to take his place between the sticks, but it was a toss-up as to whether he would re-appear for the second half; and he did. There was still time for Scott to get down sharply to save Thompson-Brissett's low daisy-cutter to preserve Ascot's deserved half-time advantage, and the sides belatedly changed ends.

#### Yellamen pick up where they left off

The visitors were as determined after the restart and Lahtinen-Kalsi epitomised that spirit with a superb 48th minute goal-saving block to thwart Anthony O' Connor. Thompson-Brissett and Tack then fired wildly over at either end, but the game threatened to change when Morgan was dismissed for his meek reaction to being cautioned - itself harsh – and incredibly the visitors would need to dig even deeper. But that they did. Buoyed by their fifty-or-so travelling supporters within a crowd of 117, man mountain Mark Scott got down well to his right to save well from Frankie Taylor in the 77th minute, before producing the stop-of-the game just three minutes later to palm Thompson-Brissett's effort away when it looked for all the world that the lively forward would find the net from a close, central position.

#### Scott continues to make his mark

That itself would be enough for a man-of-the match award, and even after he had gone down clattered for the third time and George Lock had scrambled off the line, he still had enough to save O' Connor's vicious cross-shot in the 90th minute. Scott and his defence then held firm throughout five added minutes, before their side took adulation from their travelling supporters for a performance that even eclipsed that which they had produced week earlier.

Maybe, just maybe, the Yellamen have come of age at step four.

**Ascot United:** Scott, Lock, Lahtinen-Kalsi, Tack, Ellis, Tucker (Edwards 55'), Mason, H. Grant, T. Morgan (sent off 69'), Harris (Lynch 74'), Lalustani (Bailey 66'). Subs unused: Sykes, McLeod. Entertainment: 5 / Reporter's Star Man: Mark Scott (Ascot United) / Away fans (estimate): 50

# PHOTOZONE



Photos from our win against Southall last weekend. **Clockwise from top left:** Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi, Ollie Harris scores, Dan Bailey gets airborne, young superstar Ollie Mason, Mark Scott makes a brilliant save, Taylor Morgan shoots. [Shooting-stars.co.uk](http://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.
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
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## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

### Saturday 16th March

⌚ 15:00	Ascot United	vs	Westfield
⌚ 15:00	Ashford Town (Middx)	vs	South Park (Reigate)
⌚ 15:00	Badshot Lea	vs	Northwood
⌚ 15:00	Binfield	vs	Marlow
⌚ 15:00	Chertsey Town	vs	Corinthian-Casuals
⌚ 15:00	Chipstead	vs	Uxbridge
⌚ 14:00	Guernsey	vs	Leatherhead
⌚ 15:00	Hanworth Villa	vs	Sutton Common Rovers
⌚ 15:00	Hartley Wintney	vs	Thatcham Town
⌚ 15:00	Raynes Park Vale	vs	Southall

### Tuesday 19th March

⌚ 19:45	Ashford Town (Middx)	vs	Leatherhead
⌚ 19:45	Binfield	vs	Sutton Common Rovers
⌚ 19:45	Chertsey Town	vs	Marlow
⌚ 19:45	Chipstead	vs	Westfield
⌚ 19:45	Northwood	vs	Badshot Lea
⌚ 19:45	Raynes Park Vale	vs	Thatcham Town



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NON-LEAGUE talent will be showcased not once but twice to the nation in the next week – and it sets us up nicely for what promises to be an exhilarating finale to the domestic season.

Next Saturday, March 23, sees the return of Non-League Day, where the international break gives our clubs the chance to take centre stage and promote the importance of affordable volunteer-led community football.

Before that, though, it's the turn of England C to take their pride of place when they head down to Llanelli Town's Stebonheath Park on Tuesday for their now annual fixture with Cymru C.

This year marks the 22nd year that former Barnet and Stevenage boss Paul Fairclough takes the Three Lions helm – and the 74-year-old has carefully selected a highly competitive 16-man squad for the fixture, plus a 10-man contingency squad.

Mindful of the stage of the season and club commitments, Fairclough has adopted a one-player-per-club policy and has been able to select an open-age group.

Chesterfield captain Jamie Grimes has been picked for the first time at the age of 33, as has the National League's top goalscorer, Eastleigh goal machine Paul McCallum, at 30.

Worthing hot-shot Ollie Pearce is one of two Step 2 players to be selected after scoring 33 goals in National League South this season. He joins Chester goalkeeper Wyll Stanway, whose sister Georgia is an England Lioness.

Competing with Stanway for the starting No.1 jersey is Bromley stopper Grant Smith, who returns having earned his first England C cap in the first fixture at Barry Town United in 2018 when Fejiri Okenabirhie smashed a hat-trick in a 3-2 thriller.

There's also a return for Southend United defender Gus Scott-Morriss, who played in the 1-0 win over Mark Jones' side at Altrincham 12 months ago.

This will be the fifth instalment of the annual fixture but Fairclough's men will be looking to avenge their last visit across the Severn bridge, back in March 2022, when they were comprehensively beaten 4-0 in Caernarfon.



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But Tuesday night's Cymru C game is not the only fixture on the Lions' calendar this year.

Fairclough's men will also be hosting a historic and groundbreaking international fixture against Nepal at Aldershot Town's EBB Stadium on Bank Holiday Monday May 6.

This prestigious event has been made possible by a Tri-Party agreement signed by Aldershot Town FC, The FA and the All Nepal Football Association after the Shots helped raise funds of over £30,000 to help build two schools in Nepal following the devastating earthquake of 2015.

Laurence Jones, Head of National League System at The FA said: "We are delighted to be welcoming the All Nepal Football Association to England as part of our friendship visit in May. "Football has the unique power to bring communities together and it will be fantastic to engage with the large Nepalese community that live in the area, as well as the Gurkha Regiments based at the Aldershot Garrison. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the community events and football matches, in what promises to be a great occasion for all."

The squads for Cymru C v England C on Tuesday are as follows:

Cymru C - Kelland Absalom (Bala Town), Connor Roberts (The New Saints), Rhys Abbruzzese (Haverfordwest County), Danny Davies (The New Saints), Mael Davies (Penybont), Lee Jenkins (Haverfordwest County), Emlyn Lewis (Cardiff Met), Kane Owen (Penybont), Ryan Sears (Newtown), Sion Bradley (Caernarfon Town), Noah Edwards (Connah's Quay Nomads), Danny Gosset (Caernarfon Town), Clayton Green (Pontypridd United), Tom Price (Cardiff Met), Josh Williams (Connah's Quay Nomads), Ben Ahmun (Pontypridd United), Ethan Cann (Llanelli Town), Gwion Dafydd (Caernarfon Town, on loan from The New Saints), Jordan Davies (Connah's Quay Nomads), Sam Jones (Cardiff Met)

England C - Grant Smith (Bromley), Wyll Stanway (Chester), Gus Scott-Morris (Southend United), Ollie Harfield (Aldershot Town), Tom Eastman (Dagenham & Redbridge), Jamie Grimes (Chesterfield), Myles Kenlock (Ebbsfleet United), Isaac Marriott (Altrincham), Ed Francis (Gateshead), Reece Smith (Maidenhead United), Dan Pybus (Dorking Wanderers), Callum Stead (Barnet), Mani Dieseruvwe (Hartlepool United), Ollie Pearce (Worthing), Paul McCallum (Eastleigh), Callum Maycock (Solihull Moors).

Contingency players: Jaydn Mundle-Smith (Wealdstone), Adam Senior (FC Halifax Town), Chris Bush (Boreham Wood), Jack Lambert (Kidderminster Harriers), Nya Kirby (Oxford City), George Sykes Kenworthy (York City), Jon Ustabasi (AFC Fylde), Tyrese Sinclair (Rochdale), Dion Kelly-Evans (Woking), Tom Conlon (Oldham Athletic).

# LEAGUE TABLES

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chertsey Town	31	24	6	1	84	26	58	77
2 Marlow	31	22	2	7	83	37	46	68
3 Leatherhead	31	20	5	6	49	23	26	65
4 Southall	31	19	5	7	65	35	30	62
5 Raynes Park Vale	30	17	5	8	52	40	12	56
6 Westfield	29	16	7	6	59	43	16	55
7 South Park (Reigate)	33	14	8	11	62	51	11	50
8 Hartley Wintney	31	15	4	12	56	57	-1	49
9 Thatcham Town	31	14	6	11	57	49	8	48
10 Hanworth Villa	29	12	8	9	55	47	8	44
11 Uxbridge	32	13	4	15	57	57	0	43
12 Badshot Lea	27	11	7	9	43	41	2	40
13 Ascot United	32	11	5	16	43	48	-5	38
14 Guernsey	30	9	5	16	52	63	-11	32
15 Northwood	29	9	4	16	49	49	0	31
16 Sutton Common Rovers	31	8	7	16	42	56	-14	31
17 Metropolitan Police	31	8	6	17	33	54	-21	30
18 Ashford Town (Middx)	31	7	6	18	35	58	-23	27
19 Chipstead	31	6	5	20	39	67	-28	23
20 Binfield	29	3	7	19	32	94	-62	16
21 Corinthian-Casuals	30	3	6	21	21	73	-52	15

*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

# FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

Last 6 Matches

P W D L F A +/- Pts

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

	ASC	ASH	BAD	BIN	CHE	CHI	COR	GUE	HAN	HAR	LEA	MAR	MET	NOR	RAY	SOU	SOU	SUT	THA	UXB	WES
ASC		2-2	3-1	4-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	4-0	1-3	0-2	0-1	0-2	20/4	1-0	6/4	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-5	1/4	16/3
ASH	2-1		21/3	6-0	0-3	1-1	13/4	1-3	3-5	0-3	19/3	1-3	2-0	0-6	0-1	16/3	0-0	1-1	30/3	1-2	20/4
BAD	0-1	3-0		2/4	0-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	9/4	1-3	26/3	2-2	2-2	16/3	2-0	0-4	30/3	13/4	2-2	23/4	16/4
BIN	2-3	6/4	0-3		1-1	1-1	16/4	1-2	0-3	2-5	0-2	1-1	26/3	20/4	1-1	1-0	19/3	3-5	27/4	2-3	
CHE	13/4	2-1	27/4	9-0		2-1	16/3	4-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	19/3	3-0	0-0	4-1	4-4	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-1	30/3
CHI	1-0	2-2	0-0	30/3	1-2		4-1	4-1	13/4	6-2	0-4	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-4	1-4	0-1	2-3	20/4	16/3	19/3
COR	1-2	1-2	23/3	0-0	0-6	0-1		0-4	1-0	0-3	1/4	1-4	2-1	6/4	1-2	0-2	1-1	0-5	1-3	20/4	1-1
GUE	30/3	0-1	1-3	13/4	2-6	5-3	1-1		20/3	10/4	16/3	0-1	1-1	21/4	2-3	0-1	17/4	4-2	3-1	3-0	3-1
HAN	2-2	1/4	3-1	1-1	6/4	3-1	26/3	4-4		1-3	20/4	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-3	2-0	3-3	16/3	1-1	1-0	4-2
HAR	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-4	1-3	6/4	1-1	2-0	2-1		1-1	1/4	5-2	4-0	1-1	0-0	20/4	2-1	16/3	1-3	0-4
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MAR	23/3	3-0	1-0	8-1	0-1	4-0	30/3	2-4	27/4	2-3	4-0		4-0	4-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	6-1	0-1	3-2	13/4
MET	2-5	27/4	1-1	1-2	0-1	4-0	3-0	2-1	1-1	30/3	0-4	1-2		9/4	0-1	2-1	1-2	0-4	13/4	0-0	0-3
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THA	2-0	2-0	0-1	3-2	1/4	3-0	1-2	4-1	23/3	2-0	0-2	6/4	0-2	2-0	0-0	3-0	2-2	27/4		4-1	2-2
UXB	1-1	3-0	3-0	2-2	0-6	2-1	5-0	23/3	1-3	5-0	1-3	1-3	2-0	4-2	4-2	1-2	13/4	30/3	3-1		1-2
WES	1-0	0-0	1-1	7-2	0-0	3-1	27/4	6/4	1-0	5-1	3-0	3-2	1/4	23/4	23/3	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-1		0-5

# 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	29	-	139	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	40	2	254	12
H Grant	35	4	87	11
H Laffin	20	5	172	89
H Tucker	21	-	61	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	30	-	30	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	23	5	43	17
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	38	-	38	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	39	4	133	22
S Balogun	23	1	38	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	27	1	102	23
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	22	-	133	2
C Goulter	12	-	12	-
T Morgan	14	4	70	21
L Edgecombe	3	-	4	-
J Clark	1	-	1	-
B Harris	9	1	16	8
L Tack	10	4	10	4
M Scott	8	-	8	-
E Lynch	3	-	3	-
O Mason	2	-	2	-
Own Goals	n/a	3	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>346</b>



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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.



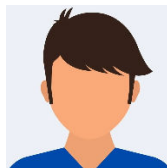
**Harry Grant** – midfield. A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club in 22/23. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League 2 and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017/18 before repeating the feat with Ascot United in 22/23.

**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.



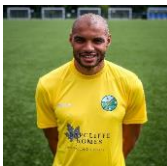
**Ben Harris** - forward. Experienced striker who won the New Zealand championship with Team Wellington sandwiched between spells at Hampton & Richmond Borough, Windsor, Slough Town and Bracknell Town. Rejoined Ascot in January 2024 after featuring in 17/18 following his return to the UK. Excellent in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

Westfield Football Club was formed in 1953 as Westfield Boys Club, playing in the Woking and District League and also running a youth team.

**The 1950s:**

From the start the Club had success in the competitions it entered. Among the trophies won in the early years were the Surrey Youth Invitation Cup in 1953/54, the Surrey Junior Charity Cup in 1954/55 and 1955/56, the Surrey Junior Cup (at the first attempt) in 1955/56 and the Surrey Youth Cup in 1956/57.

Following several seasons in local league football, the Club made the break into Surrey Intermediate football using the present ground at Woking Park, Kingfield. Successes soon came and, after becoming League Champions and Cup winners on several occasions in the subsequent seasons, the Club decided to apply for senior status. The application was accepted in 1964 and after one season in the Parthenon League, Westfield met the necessary ground grading requirements and joined the Surrey Senior League.

**The 1960s:**

Westfield's future success in senior football sprang from their ability to attract the best local youngsters, ably coached by manager John Martin and assistant Kenny Moody, with Les Butcher in a scouting role, and they were successful in winning the Surrey Youth Cup again in 1966/67 and 1969/70, and the Surrey Youth Shield in 1969/70 and 1970/71. This talent matured and there followed three tremendous seasons for the senior side, when they won the Surrey Senior League Cup in 1971/72, followed by the League and Cup double in 1972/73, and the League Championship again in 1973/74.

**The 1970s and 1980s:**

The Surrey Senior League was disbanded and reformed as the Combined Counties Football League in 1978, and Westfield FC became founder members and retained membership until 2018. Success, however, was more difficult to achieve and in recent times the closest the senior team came to honours was in 1989/90, when they lost the final of the Combined Counties League Cup to Hartley Wintney in extra time. Westfield's Youth team won the Surrey Youth League's U18 Division Cup in 1978.

**2000-2003:**

During the early 2000s, with former Woking player John Cassidy as manager, the senior side improved their league position, finishing sixth in season 2000/01. That season saw the Club enter the FA Vase again, having only previously entered in 1974 for 3 seasons, performing beyond expectations before losing in the Fourth Round to Ryman League Arlesey Town, on the way beating Wantage Town, Sidley United, Lewes and Bowers United.

Season 2002/03 saw Westfield enter the FA Cup for the first time, losing at home to Dorking in the Preliminary Round. Westfield continued to compete at youth level and they won the Combined Counties Youth League Cup in 1991/92, as well as being runners-up in the League. Following the installation of floodlights in 1999, the U18 team joined the Southern Youth Floodlight League as members of the Western Division.

The Club also ran a Youth team playing in the West Surrey Boys League, winning the U14 Challenge Cup and Premier Division in 1999/00, the U15 Premier Division, Challenge Cup and Surrey County Cup in 2000/01, U15 Division 2 in 2002, the U16 Premier Division in 2001/02, and the U15 Division 2 in 2002/03.

**2003-2006:**

Following the end of the 2003/04 season, Westfield lost both First and Reserve Team managers. John Cassidy moved to Frimley Green, and thereafter back to Farnham Town, and Graham Pope moved to Godalming & Guildford to manage their reserve team in the Suburban league. Westfield recruited Paul Donaghy from Guildford-based Mellow as first-team manager, and Dave Robson – long-time Westfield player – took over the reserves.

At the end of 2005/06 Westfield were relegated to the 1st Division, due to new ground-grading regulations after a very acrimonious conflict with the league. Numerous commitments from league officials were reneged upon, and after months of appeals and meetings, Westfield had to accept their unwelcome fate.

After a mid-table Division 1 season and partly because of the league-enforced relegation, Manager Paul Donaghy decided to resign as First Team manager to join Godalming and Reserve Team manager Dave Robson also quit. The team of ex-player Martin Powell, ex-Spurs stalwart David Howells and coach John Comer took over the running of the senior teams for the start of the 2007/08 season.



# CLUB HISTORY - WESTFIELD

In the close season of 2007/08, following a highly credible 4th place finish, Martin resigned as manager due to personal circumstances; his departure signalled the exits of both David Howells and John Comer. In July 2008 the position of 1st Team Manager was filled by Steve Plunkett, the ex-Godalming Town Reserves boss, though he was replaced within 4 months by the returning Dave Robson, as the club attempted to rebuild following a mass exodus of players. Dave Robson did a fine job stabilizing the club, but after an indifferent 2009/10 was replaced by joint managers, Craig Moore and John Comer. Off the pitch there was good news, as building of the new facilities commenced in 2010/11 and it promised to be a good season as the management duo assembled the best squad since the 2008 season. However, despite some wonderful results, the team struggled to find consistency, and finished a disappointing 13th in the table. There was better news for the reserves who finished 4th in the reserve league, and reached the final of the league cup, where they went down to double-winning side Mole Valley SCR. During the summer of 2011, Craig Moore decided to step down to concentrate on playing, leaving John Comer as sole manager. He promoted Kevin Bailey from the reserves to be his assistant, and following Dave Kelly's resignation as reserve team manager appointed David Robertson.

In May 2011 the old pitch was dug up and raised a metre, before being re-seeded and in June the old Clubhouse was demolished. The club moved into the new facilities in August 2011 with a thrilling opening match in the FA Cup against Peacehaven & Telscombe, in which the Sussex side eventually ran out 6-3 winners, in front of a crowd of 190. The following month a new record attendance for a league fixture at Woking Park was set when 325 witnessed the fixture against Guernsey. The season saw another improvement on the pitch, where a position of 8th was achieved and the team reached a cup final for the first time in nearly 20 years. However they went down 4-2 to Warlingham on the day.

The following season the Club gained promotion in third place, and played Walton Casuals Reserves in the final of the Surrey Premier Cup, going down 2 goals to 1 in a close game.

In season 2013/14, with John Comer continuing as manager, the Club had their best league finish since 1981, ending in fourth place. With John Comer's departure, Martin Beard was appointed for the 2014-15 season. After a run of indifferent results, Martin was replaced by Dan Snare, who improved the side to finish mid-table.

## 2016 to date

For the 2016-17 season, Tony Reid was appointed manager, and enjoyed a stunning season, finishing second in the League behind Hartley Wintney and winning the League Cup in May. The following season the Club continued to play exciting, attacking football, scoring an amazing 145 goals, whilst conceding only 45, and became deserved Champions with a fantastic 106 league points.

As the 2018-19 season began, we said farewell to the Combined Counties League after 40 years of continuous competition, and started an exciting journey into Step 4 of non-league football. Having lost some key players from the previous campaign, it took several months for Tony Reid to find a settled side, but then after Christmas a wonderful run of 13 wins, 4 draws and 4 defeats saw Westfield finish in fifth place, to gain a play-off place and our highest-ever league finish. A close semi-final play-off defeat to Bracknell Town did little to detract from a remarkable achievement.

2019-20 saw Tony's team again keep up the pressure at the top of the table, and were lying in a playoff position before the season was curtailed by Covid-19 cancellations, leading to the whole Isthmian League being declared null and void with 28 out of 38 league games played. By that time, the manager had decided to look for a new challenge and unfortunately many of our long-standing players took the same decision. It was a disappointing end to a great few years.

Into the fray for season 2020-21 stepped new manager Simon Lane, who had the not inconsiderable task of building a team almost from scratch, and his young team began to build some momentum, but with only 5 league and 2 cup games, the season was again curtailed in November.

Season 2021-22 begins with more hopefully signs of completing an entire campaign, and with Simon having been able to retain around half of his squad, there are positive signs all round.