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Tue 21 Mar 2023

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Cup Quarter Final



Matchday  
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Season  
2022/23



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Alex Sykes (GK)  
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 Duarte Surpanu  
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 George Lock  
 Harry Grant  
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# THE LIONS



## Pink and Black

David Myers  
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## Match Officials

Aiden Farrelly	Matthew Childs	Matthew Funnell
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Last Match: West Didsbury & Chorlton

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1-1 (4p3)

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**Melanie Greaves**



# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

**A warm welcome to London Lions for today's Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Cup fixture.**



**A warm welcome to The Racecourse for tonight's Combined Counties League Cup tie against London Lions.**

**Our men's first team are competing strongly on three fronts, being in the latter stages of two cup competitions and sitting top of the league. However the mantra around the club continues to be "one game at a time" with no distractions thinking about where this season might lead us. As a club we are supporting Jamie as much as possible as the games come thick and fast, and I know he and the squad really appreciate your support.**

**Our Vase semi final inevitably looms large on the horizon - for ticket details please see our social media feeds as they are being released in a controlled manner to ensure our fans have the best chance of securing a ticket. We will be running supporters coaches from the club to Corsham on the day - please get in touch if you want to secure a place.**

**On Saturday we will be offering free entry to all of our members, as well as members of other sports clubs in our community. I'm keen to build more links in the community and if anyone reading this is involved in other local groups then please do get in touch to discuss how we may be able to work together.**

**Enjoy the game this evening and hope to see you all back here on Saturday!**

**Thanks! *Simon***

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# FROM THE DUGOUT



**Jamie Tompkins**  
First Team Manager

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



**Good evening everyone, welcome back to the Racecourse Ground for our quarter-final league cup game against London Lions.**

**As we strive to progress into our second semi-final of the season, I have to share my admiration and praise for the squad who keep delivering big performances and showing great togetherness as we head into the business end of the season.**

**Our league form is back on track since our loss to Hilltop with wins against Edgware and North Greenford, and what a win in Manchester. Character and a winners mentality to overcome a tough opponent. We are 90 minutes away from Wembley.**

**Recently some of our long serving players have reached big milestones and I am delighted for Chris Ellis (100), Dan Bailey (100) and George Lock (200) who have all given so much since joining the club. They have been incredibly committed to helping us achieve our long term goals.**

**Looking ahead to today's game, we come up against a side who scored three goals against us a few weeks ago in the league but fortunately we scored four to win the game so we will expect an entertaining game for the neutral as we battle for a place in the semi-finals.**

**A huge thank you for your support of the team, especially to those who travelled north for the FA Vase game, and thank you to our sponsors for your generosity, encouragement and gestures to support the team on and off the pitch. Enjoy the game! *Jamie***

## ASCOT UNITED FC MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Dan Masters**  
Assistant Manager



**Jamie Ashdown**  
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# ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

**Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of London Lions for this Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Cup match.**



**Happy reading, and enjoy the game! Neal**

**Welcome to the Racecourse as the games come thick and fast now on our run in towards the end of the season. With lots of games to squeeze in before the end of the season we are looking at 2 midweek games on some weeks and at present we are scheduled to play away on consecutive evenings in April!!! It seems a long time since the Manchester drama. Reliving it in my head when you go 3-1 down in the spot kick then that next penalty you have to take is a real pressure one as there is only 1 way you wan win from that position, but the boys kept their heads and Rhys did his stuff and the rest is history as they say. We should have a good following down in Corsham for what will be another tough game – they are very strong defensively and don't lose many games – but they'll be saying the same about us and we've gone to several other teams in the same position and won!**

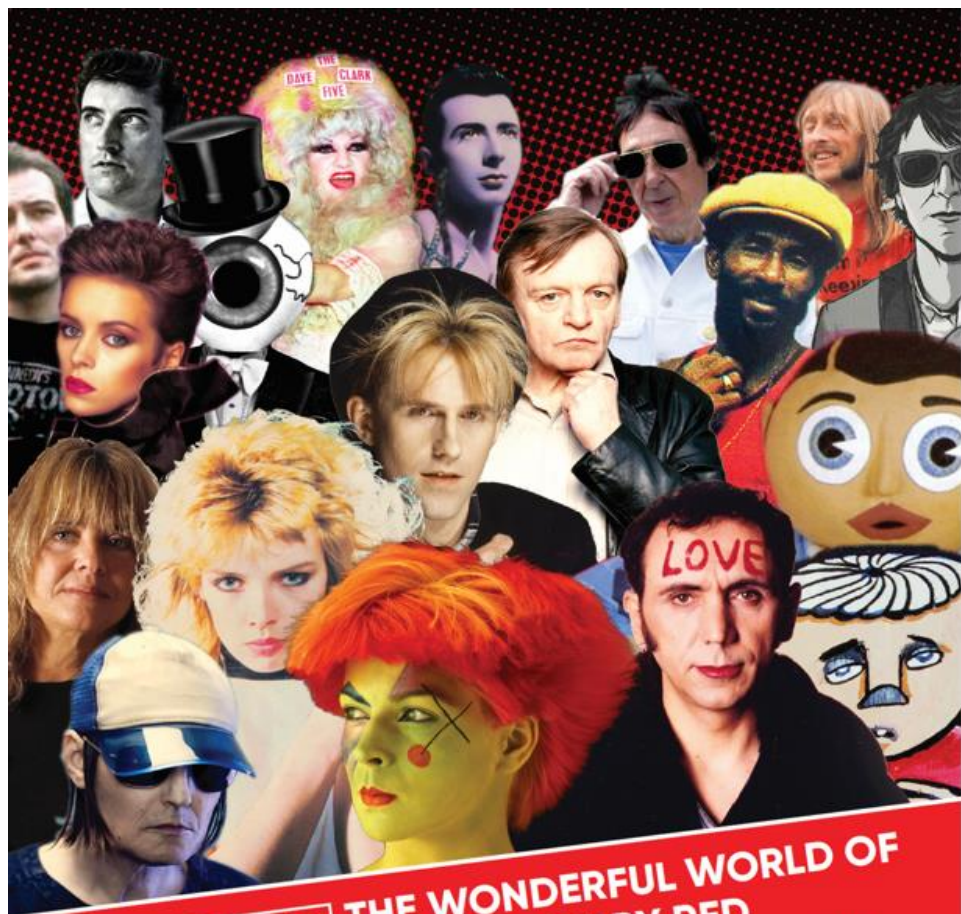
**WELCOME TO THE LIONS**



**Dan The Man! Club secretary Dan Birchmore will step down at the end of this season. But there is still plenty of time to get a few beers out of him. Cheers DB!**

**As for tonight, London Lions were impressive when they played here in the league and even though I missed the away league game recently its clear that in Austin Lipman they have a striker who is a real jewel in the crown. It's not often you score a hat-trick and end up on the losing side, fortunately we won 4-3 that night. This weekend we host Wembley on non-league day and then Winchester City Flyers are the visitors on Sunday for the Ladies' final home league game of the season. However, we're still waiting for the date and venue of their league cup final to be confirmed; Eastleigh are the opposition for that one. There's a real good feeling around the club and everyone going about their business. One of them is an exemplar of commitment is club secretary Dan Birchmore. You'll no doubt know he is stepping down at the end of this season which will be a huge loss for the club but it is not just that he is an all round top bloke. Hopefully we can give him the send-off he deserves. Enjoy the game! Neal**

**WELCOME TO THE LIONS**



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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Cribbs	H	FAC XP	2-1	209	Lalustani, Matthew
13-Aug	Windsor	A	COCO	5-1	110	Matthew 3, Lalustani, Welch
16-Aug	North Greenford United	H	COCO	2-1	106	Laffin, August
20-Aug	Holyport	A	FAC P	1-2	195	Matthew
23-Aug	Egham Town	A	COCO	1-0	145	Harris
27-Aug	Long Crendon	A	FAV 10	5-1	26	Harris 3, OG, Mealing
03-Sep	Harefield United	A	COCO	3-2	90	Mealing 2, OG
06-Sep	Langley	A*	BB 10	3-2	141	August, Tucker, Grant
17-Sep	Wembley	A	COCO	2-1		Matthew, Tucker
24-Sep	AEK Boco	H	FAV 20	10-1	122	Matthew 3, Grant 3, Walters 2, Harris, Lalustani
27-Sep	Flackwell Heath	H	BB 20	0-2	90	
04-Oct	Flackwell Heath	H	COCO	1-2	105	Mealing
08-Oct	Wokingham/Emmbrook	A	COCO	3-1		Grant, Harris, August
18-Oct	Snelthorne Sports	H	COCO	2-1	75	McCormack, Bailey
22-Oct	Newport IOW	A	FAV 1	1-0		Matthew
25-Oct	Broadfields United	H	COCO	3-1	78	Matthew 2, Walters,
29-Oct	Holnort	H	COCO	2-0	267	Matthew, Harris
01-Nov	FC Deportivo Galicia	A	LC 10	5-1		August, Lalustani, Price, Mealing, Harris
05-Nov	Burnham	H	COCO	2-1	159	Matthew, Harris
12-Nov	Broadbridge Heath	A	FAV 2	3-0		August, Harris, Matthew
19-Nov	Virginia Water	A	COCO	2-1		OG, Matthew
22-Nov	Hilltop	H	COCO	7-1	67	Matthew 4, Harris 2, McCormack
26-Nov	London Lions	H	COCO	2-1	75	Tucker, A. Grant
03-Dec	Little Common	A	FAV 3	4-0	107	Matthew 3, Mealing
06-Dec	Reading City	A	COCO	1-1	287	A. Grant
10-Dec	Egham Town	H	COCO	2-0	160	Matthew, A. Grant
17-Dec	Windsor	H	COCO	5-1	307	Mealing 3, H. Grant, Matthew
20-Dec	Horley Town	A	LC 20	5-0		Bailey, Matthew, Mealing, August, McCormack
17-Jan	Reading City	H	COCO	2-0	313	Matthew, Lalustani
28-Jan	Buckland Athletic	A	FAV 4	3-1	216	McCormack, Matthew, Ajanlekoko
31-Jan	Virginia Water	H	COCO	3-2	89	Bailey, Ellis, McCormack
04-Feb	Oxhey Jets	H	COCO	6-0	92	Matthew 2, McCormack, Lalustani, Bailey, Ajanlekoko
07-Feb	Rising Ballers Kensington	H	LC R016	3-1	119	Phillips, Bailey, Gallimore
11-Feb	Bridgwater United	A	FAV 5	1-0		H. Grant
14-Feb	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	H	COCO	1-0	67	Matthew
18-Feb	Flackwell Heath	A	COCO	0-0	392	
22-Feb	London Lions	A	COCO	4-3		Lalustani 2, Welch, Matthew
25-Feb	Wokingham/Emmbrook	H	COCO	1-0	127	Gerrard
28-Feb	Hilton	A	COCO	0-1		
04-Mar	Edware & Kingsbury	H	COCO	3-2	103	Matthew 2, Lalustani
07-Mar	North Greenford United	A	COCO	2-0		Matthew, Surpanu
11-Mar	West Didsbury & Chorlton	A	FAV OF	1-1 (4p3)	1,300	Matthew
21-Mar	London Lions	H	LC OF			
23-Mar	Holnort	A	COCO			
25-Mar	Wembley	H	COCO			
28-Mar	Chalfont St Peter	A	COCO			
01-Apr	Corsham Town	A	FAV SF			
04-Apr	Broadfields United	A	COCO			
08-Apr	Harefield United	H	COCO			
10-Apr	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	H	COCO			
15-Apr	Chalfont St Peter	H	COCO			
18-Apr	Oxhey Jets	A	COCO			
19-Apr	Edware & Kingsbury	A	COCO			
22-Apr	Burnham	A	COCO			
TBA	Snelthorne Sports	A	COCO			

\*Langley v Ascot United - match played at Ascot United FC

COCO - Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division North, FAV - Isuzu FA Vase, FAC - The Emirates FA Cup, BB - Berks&Bucks Cup, LC - Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup.

# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

## ASCOT REACH FA VASE SEMI FINALS AFTER PENALTY DRAMA

**'Keeper Rhys Forster is the hero as Yellamen make history**

**Saturday 11th March 2023, Isuzu FA Vase Quarter Finals, West Didsbury and Chorlton 1 - 1  
(3-4p) Ascot United**



Ascot United are ninety minutes from Wembley after beating West Didsbury and Chorlton 4-3 on penalties in the Isuzu FA Vase Quarter Finals on Saturday afternoon. At a sold-out Brookburn Road, The Yellamen dug deep to salvage a 1-1 draw in normal time, before going behind in the shoot-out only for Rhys Forster to turn it around for the spot-kick victory.

The latest crop of Yellamen were vying to make history on the outskirts of Manchester after Ascot had fallen at the quarter-final hurdle in both 2013 and 2015; amongst them George Lock and Dan Bailey who were making their 200th and 100th appearances respectively. On the other side of the perimeter railings, the smattering of travelling fans made their presence heard in a capacity 1,300 crowd; 3pm and it was game-on.

The first half was all about the hosts – backed by a superb home support – and they would lead inside five minutes when Rob Gerrard's attempted clearance clattered Billy Matthews' right boot; the ball cannoning directly into the bottom left hand corner past a helpless Forster. Matthews then delivered a superb left-wing cross that striker Benjamin Elliott glanced agonisingly wide – a let off for Ascot midway through the half – and Elliott would later fire-over first-time from a well-worked short corner routine. Ascot were subdued and still reeling from their early setback when Harry Grant's effort from a tight angle was easily saved by home 'keeper Andrew Jones; their only chance of the half ten minutes before the break.

Ascot were much improved immediately after the break, although chances were few and far between for both sides. However, both Lock and Jordan Ajanlekoko needed to be alert in quick succession to deny the hosts what would have been a killer second goal as the game entered the final fifteen minutes, before Lalustani checked onto his right at the other end and fired over in what looked like the dying embers of Ascot's campaign. But champions find a way, and if they are to lift silverware they will reflect on what lay ahead. The clock ticked over to 81 minutes - the incessant drizzle now becoming worse – and Harry Grant would illuminate the affair with a pass through the eye of a needle that teed up top scorer Brendan Matthew to slide home, sparking delirium amongst the travelling supporters gathered at the far corner of the ground. Going for the proverbial jugular, Ascot might have won it only for Lalustani to fire weakly at Jones four minutes into added time, but penalties were an inevitable outcome. Even then the odds were against Ascot.

Taking penalties in front of their passionate home support, and with the confidence of three wins on spot kicks in previous rounds, the hosts' sensed blood of their own. And, the pendulum was almost nestled on the Brookburn Road bar when earlier Ascot substitute Marcus Mealing's penalty was saved at one-all after Harry Grant had netted his side's first spot-kick; advantage West. But Brendan Matthew and Jordan Ajalekoko kept their nerve for Ascot as Ezekiel Eme struck the bar and Forster saved brilliantly from Darren McKnight in-and-around another successful home spot-kick, teeing up the fifth and final taker Lalustani with spot-kicks tied at three-all.

And, Lalustani duly kept his cool – slotting home - to spark pandemonium amongst the traveling supporters. Much credit goes to the hosts both on and off the pitch, but after Forster's heroics The Yellamen are in Monday's draw. The Yellamen have racked up over 1500 miles on the road in this season's competition – an unlucky carbon footprint – but there is still plenty of fuel in the tank for what is still a possible league and cup double. Ascot United: Forster, Lock, Gerrard (Ellis 65'), Ajanlekoko, A. Grant, Bailey (Mealing 65'), McCormack, H. Grant, Matthew, Lalustani, Welch. Subs unused: Negus, Balogun, August, Bouwers, Tucker

# PHOTOZONE



Photos from our FA Vase win at West Didsbury and Chorlton 10 days ago.  
**Clockwise from top left:** Brendan Matthew equalises, post-match celebrations, spot-kick hero Rhys Forster, Dan Bailey gets airborne, Harry Grant under close attention, travelling fans. **Photos:** Shooting-Stars.co.uk





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## Recent results:

18/03/23 15:00	Edgware & Kingsbury 	2 - 1	 Reading City	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Hilltop 	Postponed P - P	 Oxhey Jets	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Holyport 	Postponed P - P	 Burnham	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	London Lions 	5 - 4	 Windsor	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	North Greenford United 	Postponed P - P	 Egham Town	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Spelthorne Sports 	Postponed P - P	 Ascot United	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Virginia Water 	3 - 2	 Flackwell Heath	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 	2 - 1 (HT 1-0)	 Harefield United	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Wembley 	2 - 1	 Chalfont St Peter	Premier Division North
18/03/23 15:00	Wokingham & Emmbrook 	Postponed P - P	 Broadfields United	Premier Division North

## Today's fixtures:

21/03/23 19:45	Flackwell Heath 	VS	 Egham Town	WILKS PARK FOOTBALL GROUND	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	Hilltop 	VS	 Wembley	THE MIDDLESEX STADIUM	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	North Greenford United 	VS	 Burnham	BERKELEY FIELDS	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	Virginia Water 	VS	 Harefield United	STAG MEADOW (WINDSOR)	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 	VS	 Edgware & Kingsbury	WALLINGFORD SPORTS PARK	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	Wokingham & Emmbrook 	VS	 Chalfont St Peter	EMMBROOK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Premier Division North
21/03/23 19:45	Ascot United 	VS	 London Lions	ASCOT UNITED FC (THE RACECOURSE GROUND)	Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup 2022 - 2023

# LEAGUE TABLES

## Combined Counties League Premier Division North

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ascot United	27	23	2	2	43	71
2	Reading City	28	20	4	4	40	64
3	Egham Town	29	19	6	4	44	63
4	Flackwell Heath	30	19	4	7	23	61
5	Burnham	31	17	6	8	22	57
6	Edgware & Kingsbury	29	15	2	12	3	47
7	Virginia Water	29	14	4	11	9	46
8	Hilltop	30	13	5	12	4	44
9	North Greenford United	27	12	5	10	19	41
10	Wembley	28	12	2	14	-9	38
11	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	29	10	6	13	-12	36
12	Spelthorne Sports	28	9	7	12	-7	34
13	Harefield United	27	10	3	14	-4	33
14	London Lions	27	10	6	11	-4	33*
15	Holyport	26	7	6	13	-8	27
16	Broadfields United	28	8	3	17	-19	27
17	Chalfont St Peter	29	7	5	17	-30	26
18	Wokingham & Emmbrook	31	6	5	20	-34	23
19	Windsor	29	6	3	20	-36	21
20	Oxhey Jets	28	4	4	20	-44	16

\*3 points deducted

## Combined Counties League Premier Division South

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Raynes Park Vale	28	23	3	2	50	72
2	Badshot Lea	28	21	4	3	62	67
3	Jersey Bulls	30	19	7	4	53	64
4	Abbey Rangers	31	20	3	8	42	63
5	Knaphill	30	15	6	9	15	51
6	Colliers Wood United	28	16	2	10	19	50
7	Farnham Town	31	15	5	11	18	50
8	Tadley Calvea	29	14	6	9	3	48
9	Cobham	33	14	3	16	-8	45
10	Redhill	29	13	3	13	-14	42
11	Balham	28	10	9	9	-2	39
12	Camberley Town	30	11	4	15	-4	37
13	AFC Croydon Athletic	27	11	2	14	-14	35
14	Alton	31	7	9	15	-23	30
15	Fleet Town	31	8	6	17	-26	30
16	Guildford City	28	8	4	16	-15	28
17	Sheerwater	29	8	4	17	-38	28
18	Horley Town	29	8	2	19	-17	26
19	Banstead Athletic	29	7	3	19	-30	24
20	Frimley Green	31	3	3	25	-71	12



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# APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2022/23		All-time		
	App	Goals	App	Goals	
J Ashdown	34	-	34	-	
A Everiss	-	-	26	1	
B Matthew	41	36	41	36	
D Bailey	28	5	100	15	
D Price	7	1	53	11	*
E Carey	-	-	55	4	
G Lock	34	-	200	10	
H Grant	39	7	39	7	
H Laffin	4	1	143	82	*
H Tucker	28	3	28	3	
J Welch	28	2	28	2	
J Ajanlekoko	40	2	42	3	
J Masters	17	-	54	-	
K Walters	28	3	64	6	
K August	31	6	75	15	
L Bowers	23	-	197	11	
M Mealing	37	10	37	10	
O Harris	20	12	20	12	
R Merrick	4	-	46	-	*
S McCormack	37	6	80	16	
T Thompson	8	-	11	-	
U Lalustani	31	9	69	20	
A Sykes	1	-	4	-	
C Gray	10	-	10	-	
A Grant	23	3	23	3	
C Gallimore	16	1	16	1	
A Hall	-	-	2	-	
L Edgecombe	1	-	1	-	
M Mercadel	1	-	1	-	
R Gerrard	21	1	21	1	
C Ellis	13	1	101	2	
S Negus	1	-	1	-	
L Phillips	1	1	1	1	
J Pandhor	1	-	1	-	
M Palmer	1	-	1	-	
S Balogun	2	-	2	-	
R Forster	5	-	6	-	
Own Goals	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	
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# PEN PICS AND SPONSORS - ASCOT UNITED

## **Jamie Ashdown – goalkeeper**

Needs little introduction. Ex-Premier League goalkeeper who has come out of retirement for the 22/23 season after several seasons as Ascot United goalkeeping coach. Made over 100 appearances for Portsmouth between 2004-12 **Sponsors:** Wayne McNight and Ascot Vets



## **Alex Sykes – goalkeeper**

Goalkeeping coach and reliable backup. Has international experience having played for the England Futsal team

## **Rhys Forster - goalkeeper**

Talented goalkeeper who started out with Ascot United's Development team before progressing to become first-choice goalkeeper at step six Slough Town. Re-signed in February 23



## **Dan Bailey – defence**

Experienced centre back and vice-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. **Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners

## **Louis Bonwers – defence**

A physical and dominant centre half who signed from Faringdon Town in 16/17 and now well-established as club captain. Recovered from injury during the 21/22 season to take his tally of appearances to 174 heading into the current campaign. **Sponsor:** Everymessage



## **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. Previously voted supporters POY. **Sponsor:** @NGWeddingPhoto

## **Adam Everiss - defence**

Strong left-back who likes to get forward. Arrived in 21/22 following a spell with Basingstoke Town. Starts 22/23 recovering from a long term injury



## **Harry Tucker – defence**

Strong, commanding defender who oozes confidence on the ball and has excellent distribution. Previously with Kings Langley and Thame United. **Sponsor:** Total-Market-Solutions.com

## **Toby Thompson - defence**

A product of the Under 18 Youth Team in 21/22 when Toby also stepped up to senior football. Was loaned out to Chalvey Sports towards the end of 21/22 to gain first team experience at Step 6 and will continue to improve. **Sponsor:** Westminster Security



## **Rob Gerrard – defence**

Powerful full back and technically strong. Signed from Thatcham Town in November 2022.

## **Cameron Gray - defence**

A quick, powerful and versatile defender who is also a Cayman Islands International



## **Josh Masters - defence**

Established left-back having broken into the team in 20/21 following a move from local rivals Holyport. Likes to get forward and has proved a strong competitor for the left-back position. **Sponsor:** Whitfield Electrical



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## **Affie Grant - defence**

Commanding and no nonsense defender. Signed from Reading City in October 2022. **Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners



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# PEN PICS AND SPONSORS - ASCOT UNITED

## Ollie Harris - midfield

An exciting addition having signed from near neighbours Binfield. Was a huge part of The Moles' run to the FA Vase final in 20/21 and adds more depth with step 4 experience.

**Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners



## Jay Welch - midfield

New addition for 22/23, a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield. Bundles of energy and tenacity alongside great technical ability. Previously with Marlow.

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## Elliot Carey - midfield

Fearless, combative midfielder who rejoined early in 2022. Likes to dominate in the centre of the park and will leave nothing out on the pitch. Recovering from a knee injury heading into 22/23



## Harry Grant - midfield

A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League 2 and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017/18.

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## Kai Walters - midfield

Rejoined early in 2022 having previously made 30 appearances in 2 previous spells with the club. Talented player who gives another attacking option. **Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners



## Calan Callimore - defence/midfield

Versatile and tenacious player who joined in October 2022.

## Marcus Mealing - forward

Previous clubs include Marlow, for whom he scored a glut of goals at step 4. A proven and prolific striker with great strength and vision to hold and lay off the ball. **Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners



## Jordan Ajaniokoko - midfield

Cultured midfielder who signed for 22/23 after step 3 experience with Beaconsfield. Previously featured for the Yellamen on loan with 2 appearances in 17/18 and is a fantastic permanent addition for 22/23. **Sponsor:** KCP Network



## Brendan Matthew - forward

Exceptionally quick and a proven goalscorer. Signed for the 22/23 season after helping Egham Town to a 3rd place finish with a near goal-a-game scoring record in the 2nd half of their campaign. **Sponsor:** JSB Creative Gardeners



## Keaton August - forward

Signed from Windsor FC in 21/22. Can play anywhere across the front three and has an abundance of pace. Has a keen eye for goal backed up by providing plenty of assists. A personal trainer, he works hard and is physically strong. **Sponsor:** Intuity Communications

## Usman Lalustani - forward

Rejoined The Yellamen for 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. Returns after most recently featuring for Holyport. **Sponsor:** Atlanta B.C. News

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## Sean McCormack - forward

Skilful forward signed from Walton and Hershham in 21/22 and previously Maidenhead United and Bracknell Town. 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. **Sponsor:** Arena limited

## McKey Palmer - forward

Lively forward who signed in January 23 having played Isthmian league football with Basingstoke Town and Thatcham Town. Recently with Woodley United. **Sponsor:**



## Buaro Surpanu - forward

Skilful winger with lightning quick feet who initially joined us midway through in the 20/21 season before a spell at Flackwell Heath. Rejoined in March 23 and has the potential to cause problems for any defence.



# PEN PICS AND SPONSORS - ASCOT UNITED

## **Jamie Tompkins – manager**

Highly respected throughout the club and guided the team to league cup glory in 18/19 before taking the team to the brink of the title in 19/20 when the campaign was curtailed by COVID. Senior Manager of Football Development at Brentford FC



## **Dan Masters – asst. manager**

Joined in 2018/19, Dan has a wealth of experience and knowledge in local football. A key member of the management team. Previously part Maidenhead United and Berks & Bucks U18 rep teams



## **Stuart Britton - S&C coach**

Joining in the summer of 2021, 'Stu' joined to focus on the fitness, recovery and injury prevention and rehabilitation of the squad



## **Steve Quolch - coach**

Many years of experience in the local game with Chalvey Sports and UEFA B coach, joined the club from the 2019/20 season



## **Chad Smith - physio**

Joining in the summer of 2021, Chad is an excellent and experienced physiotherapist. A great character around the club



## **Dean Greenwood - coach**

Joined the coaching team in November 2022.

# 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 club today has grown to become one of the largest Community football clubs in the UK with over 1,000 registered players and over 70 teams playing every weekend embracing all ages and abilities from 5 year olds through to veterans. A new clubhouse opened in September 2010, together with an improved main pitch, floodlights and a stand.

"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. After finishing 2017-18 in style, in the following season new manager Jamie Tompkins led his side to the top of the table for long spells, winning two team-of-the-month awards, and finishing with league cup glory once again by defeating Windsor 3-1.

We were transferred into the Combined Counties League for the 2019-20 season, playing on our new 3G pitch facility, which transformed the club by facilitating more of our teams' matches and training at The Racecourse. The stronger platform facilitated further player development, and Jamie's young side would lead the table for long periods before establishing what looked like a title-winning margin at the top shortly before the league was aborted due to Coronavirus. Retaining much of the same squad for 2020-21, Jamie saw his side in and around the challengers before another pandemic-curtailed season, although they battled through to the league cup final where they were ultimately beaten on penalties by Redhill.

In 2021-22 Ascot finished 6th in the league, but the highlight was an eye-catching run to the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Final where they defeated three sides from higher divisions, including Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-final front of a club-record crowd of 1,267. For the current season, Ascot have strengthened their squad and made further ground developments; hopes are high that they will now push for the promotion they were cruelly denied in 2019-20.

The club has also enjoyed much success at all levels particularly in the Ladies and Girls Section where they are regularly winners of leagues and county Cups. Our senior Ladies won promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League in 2017-18 and enjoyed their best season on 2021-22 with a top-four finish and a run to the First Round Proper of the FA Cup. Meanwhile, our Ladies Reserves won every league match of their Thames Valley League Division 3 campaign to secure promotion, also reaching the league cup final.



# CLUB HISTORY - LONDON LIONS

In the summer of 1995, the players and officials of Maccabi Association London (MAL) decided that they had reached the limits of Sunday football and that a new challenge was required. The Hertfordshire Senior County League was a popular choice, and the club made its debut in the 95/96 season under a new name of MALEX.

Four years later the club had made many friends but had narrowly missed out on promotion from Division 1 in each season. During the summer of 1999, the club revised its management structure, and decided to change its name to LONDON MACCABI LIONS, whilst retaining its all-Jewish status.

Under the management team of Bobby Fisher and Adam Solomons the 1st team lost only three league games that season as they won the Division 1 and reached the semi-finals of the Aubrey Cup. The club grew into one of the strongest teams in the Premier League but had to wait to land its first major honour in 2007 when Lions beat Metropolitan Police to lift the Herts Centenary Trophy. This was supplemented by the Reserves who were also promoted as champions, in 2002, and made it to three Herts Reserve Cup finals, winning one in 09/10.

After a decade in the Herts Premier, in 2009/10 now under the stewardship of Tony Gold and Steve Grenfell, Lions won the Herts Senior County League for the first time in the club's history, winning promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League in the process. The following season – the club's first in the South Midlands Division One – they added a second Herts Centenary Trophy beating Letchworth Garden City Eagles 3-2 in the final. Lions were able to go on better in 2012/13, winning the South Midlands Division One title and promotion to the heights of the South Midlands Premier Division. The club also made their debut in the FA Cup, winning 4-0 against Clapton.

Now just one league away from semi-professional football, it was a tall order for a team missing a number of players who had departed following promotion, and so 2013/14 saw Lions suffer their first ever relegation at the end of a difficult season. Having steadied the ship, the club decided to return to the Herts Senior County League for 2015/16 in order to rebuild.

Seeking to promote a new generation under manager Andy Landesberg, there was immediate reward by winning the Anagram Records Trophy at the end of their first season, with most of the starting XI having come through the club's massive youth set up. We then achieved an unprecedented treble in winning the league, Centenary Trophy and, for the first time, the Aubrey Cup.

The club was welcomed back to Spartan South Midlands League where we have won further honours in the shape of the Division One Cup (2018), Herts Centenary Trophy (2019) and Spring Cup (2021) while threatening to get promotion to the Premier Division before Covid struck.

The club was reassigned to the Combined Counties League Division One in the summer of 2021 and we are again targeting promotion to the next step, as well as representing our community with pride.

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