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 Harry Tucker
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 Joe Gater
 Jordan Ajanlekoko
 Kai Allsopp
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 Luke Phillips
 Luqman Kassim
 Oliver Harris
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 Rob Gerrard
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 Sammy Balogun
 Toby Thompson
 Usman Lalustani

Jamie Tompkins
 Dan Masters / Dan Greenwood
 Alex Sykes
 Steve Quelch
 Stuart Britton
 Nathan Riley

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 Asst. Manager
 GK Coach
 Coach
 Coach
 Physio

THE MANGOS



Sky Blue and Maroon

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 Tom Warren
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 Harley Purnell
 Owen Ridler
 Jaydn Crosbie
 Josh Pandolfino
 Marcus Kelly
 Isaac Flynn
 Kai Stenner
 Marcus Kelly
 Keane Ashwood
 Louis Shortt
 Will Ashton

Glyn Ashton
 Matt Doe / Matt Curry

Nikos Arvanitis

Match Officials		
Benjamin Lester	Luke Burford	Matthew Topp

Last Match:	Raynes Park Value	A	Sat 12 Aug	2-3	ISTH SC
Next Match:	Guernsey	H	Sat 26 Aug		ISTH SC



SID NEGUS - A TRIBUTE

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One of the greatest ever players to have put a Fakenham Town shirt on. Over 500 appearances which spaned a period of over 20 years. Made his debut against Italian prisoners of war in the 1940s. RIP Sid Negus.



Ascot United are saddened to hear of the passing of our Chairman's father, Sid Negus, earlier this week. Sid was himself part of the non-league football family and as per the sentiment expressed in former club Fakenham Town's tributes (left and below), he was a huge part of their club for over two decades. Sid would also be proud that grandson Sam followed in his steps by donning the goalie gloves at Step-3 Beaconsfield whilst also standing in as cover on 3 occasions for Ascot United last season. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Simon and his family at this time.

 Fakenham Town FC
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R.I.P Sid Negus ❤️💛

We've received the news today that Sid Negus, Former Goalkeeper for Fakenham Town has passed away at the age of 96.

We are sad to hear of his passing and have decided to dedicate todays win to Sid.

Condolences to all of Sid's family and friends



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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

A warm welcome to Mangotsfield United for today's Emirates FA Cup fixture.



Welcome to The Racecourse for today's FA Cup tie, and a special welcome to all of our visitors today. Whilst we as a club will never forget the memories from last season, it's important we now look forward as a club on and off the pitch.

On the pitch we need to establish ourselves and show that we can more than compete at Step 4 - we want to do better than just survive at this level but know it won't be easy... however I'm confident we have the right squad and management team in place. Today is about the glory of the Cup, and a chance to match our best ever run in the competition, surprisingly.

Off the pitch this season sees us start with a new Club Secretary in Ricky Simons - I've heard him described already several times as our best close season signing and I'm not going to argue! Welcome aboard Ricky and thanks for your contribution already. Another change off the pitch has seen Neil Richards take a step back from his role as Director of Football to recharge the batteries - I'm really pleased that Neil has still been a regular at our pre-season games and remains a great influence around the club, as well as a very valued sounding board for myself.

At our recent AGM we outlined plans for a second 3G pitch at the Racecourse, which will enable us to continue the growth trajectory we have been on for the past few years. Still lots of hurdles to overcome, but with over 1000 playing members across 91 teams this year we need the space - and that's without taking the 400 kids on the waiting list into account. All 1000 junior members have been given free season tickets for this year, for them plus an adult - it's important to build the "one club" culture further.

Finally - I have had to take some time away from the club this week to deal with some personal news. The way the club has supported me and enabled me to take the time needed has been hugely appreciated and won't be forgotten. People talk about the "family" feel in non-league football and it's true. A special thank you to our GM Jo Gavin who stepped in at the last minute to run our managers meeting and AGM earlier in the week, supported as always by Ricky and my Board colleagues - really appreciated.

Enjoy the game. *Simon*

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Mangotsfield United. Enjoy the game!



Good afternoon and a big welcome to all you loyal supporters here at the Racecourse Ground. It's seriously fantastic to see all of you as we gear up for a totally new and exciting season together. Your unwavering support has been our driving force, and we can't thank you enough for that.

Let's take a moment to think back to the wild celebrations after our victory in the FA Vase Final at Wembley Stadium in front of 4500 yellas. And now, in the blink of an eye, the off-season zipped by, giving us only a short five weeks to regroup. Amidst the hustle, we took a breath to reflect on our journey – appreciating our past wins and learning from the tough times – all while keeping our eyes locked on what's coming up. Just as our club has been growing beyond the field, our mission is to bring that growth onto the pitch.

This season, we're diving right into a whole new level of competition, as we make our debut in Step 4 football in the Isthmian League. This new challenge needs some real energy and grit, and I'm confident that our players will prove their qualities again and again. They've been giving their all in training, and I know they're ready to give a performance that's not only going to make us proud but also set the vibe for the whole season.

In the spirit of building a stronger community, we're delighted to announce that all our young talents – our youth players – will be receiving their own season tickets. And the best part? These tickets get them and an accompanying adult free entry to all our home games in the league. We're all about showing appreciation to these young players who are shaping the future of our club. Having them in the stands, bringing their energy, makes them our 12th player.

As we move forward, let's also not forget the fresh faces gracing the pitch this afternoon, and throughout our upcoming fixtures – new talents that have joined our ranks. Among them are Hugo Sobte, Harvey Killeen, Luqman Kassim, Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi, Josh Edwards, Joe Gater and Dan Brown. Each of them shares our vision and brings their distinct strengths to enrich our team's dynamics. Additionally, off the field, we've welcomed another gem in Ricky Simons, our new Club Secretary. His expertise is poised to fortify our operations and help us reach new heights.

To all of you who've been with us, through the highs and even the epic moment at Wembley Stadium, and to those of you just joining the ride, your passion for our club means the world to us. Together, let's craft yet another memorable season. Enjoy the game, yellas //



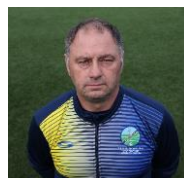
Dan Masters
Assistant Manager



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Assistant Manager



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Steve Quelch
Coach



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Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Mangotsfield United for this Emirates FA Cup match.



Well it's that time of the year again when your programme editor dusts off his parchment paper, dons his quill and starts scribing again! This is my tenth season of doing this having 'only' taken it on towards the end of the 14/15 season to (quote one of our directors at the time) "just get us through to the end of the season". Here I am roughly 300 programmes later... Anyway, today is our first meeting with Mangotsfield who are now playing at step 5 once again having been at step 4 and even (step 3) between the 2000/01 and 2021-22 seasons; relegation to the Hellenic League for last season's campaign ended their two-decade stay in the Southern League. In the FA Cup they've been as far as the 4th and final qualifying round on four different occasions but never managed to get into the first round proper. As for Ascot, we've never been past the first qualifying round but who knows, maybe this is our season especially with a half decent recent pedigree in certain cup competitions!!!

50 UP! Luqman Kassim celebrated his 50th appearance for Ascot United when he came on as a substitute at Raynes Park Vale last weekend. Luqman first featured in 18/19 and has spent his time between the UK and Finland where he has played professionally in the 2nd tier.



Away from Ascot I notice that Marcus Mealing has made a cracking start to life at Flackwell Heath and has scored a few goals already, whereas our Wembley goalscoring hero Kai Walters is turning out for Holyport before he moves to Australia. On that note, I saw Holyport's FA Cup 'win' at Hartpury University FC was nullified and replayed after the referee sin-binned a home player for the final 3 minutes when sin-bins aren't actually used in the FA Cup (thankfully they also 'won' the replay) and there was more controversy in their league game with Wallingford when the referee deemed their claret kit clashed with Wallingford's orange kit and abandoned it before it started – Wallingford at fault for not having a change kit!!!! Anyway, back to today and if it's a draw then it'll be all down to Bristol during midweek; the draw for the first qualifying round will be on Monday. Safe journey to everyone and Up The Yellamen!
Neal

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The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the Football Association's statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against all forms of discrimination.

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The Isthmian League and our Member Clubs are committed to promoting equity and equality by treating all people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of our communities.

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Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardlev United	H/A	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Value	A	ISTH SC	2-3	220	Matthew, Killeen
19-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H/A	FAC P			
26-Aug	Guernsey	H	ISTH SC			
28-Aug	Badshot Lea	A	ISTH SC			
02-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC			
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10			
16-Sep	Binfield	H	ISTH SC			
23-Sep	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC			
30-Sep	Sutton Common Rovers	H	ISTH SC			
07-Oct	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC			
10-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC			
14-Oct	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC			
21-Oct	Chipstead	A	ISTH SC			
04-Nov	Corinthian-Casuals	A	ISTH SC			
11-Nov	Southall	H	ISTH SC			
18-Nov	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC			
25-Nov	Marlow	H	ISTH SC			
02-Dec	Westfield	A	ISTH SC			
09-Dec	Northwood	H	ISTH SC			
16-Dec	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC			
23-Dec	Chertsev Town	H	ISTH SC			
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC			
30-Dec	Leatherhead	A	ISTH SC			
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC			
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC			
13-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
20-Jan	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC			
27-Jan	Sutton Common Rovers	A	ISTH SC			
30-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC			
03-Feb	Hanworth Villa	A	ISTH SC			
10-Feb	Chipstead	H	ISTH SC			
24-Feb	Corinthian-Casuals	H	ISTH SC			
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC			
09-Mar	Southall	A	ISTH SC			
16-Mar	Westfield	H	ISTH SC			
23-Mar	Marlow	A	ISTH SC			
30-Mar	Guernsey	A	ISTH SC			
01-Apr	Uxbridge	H	ISTH SC			
06-Apr	Raynes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC			
13-Apr	Chertsev Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			

ISTH SC - Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, FAT - Isuzu FA Trophy, FAC - The Emirates FA Cup, BB - Berks&Bucks Cup, LC - Pitching In League Cup

MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

ASCOT BEATEN IN STEP 4 DEBUT

Yellamen let 2-0 lead slip against Raynes Park Vale

**Saturday 12th August 2023, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Raynes Park Vale
3 - 2 Ascot United**



Ascot United's Isthmian League debut ended in defeat after slipping to a 3-2 defeat at Raynes Park Vale on Saturday. After a blistering opening that saw them 2-0 up inside fifteen minutes, the hosts roared back to make their own debut a memorable one.

Multiple Milestones on historic day

This was also the Vale's debut at Step 4 having spent 28 seasons in the Combined Counties League, promotion from the Southern section coming with an almost carbon-copy of Ascot's Northern section record; 99 points from 38 games compared with the Step-5 best tally of 102 earned by The Yellamen. On the pitch, Harry Grant returned from holiday and started alongside Harry Tucker, the only two changes to the starting line-ups against Ardley United. Luqman Kassim would make his 50th appearance from the bench, but sadly for him he entered the game just before Vale struck their winner.

Yellamen quickly find their feet

Ascot created plenty of chances in the first half although the home side threatened first and might have led but for the width of the crossbar; Jordan Gallagher cutting onto his right and thumping an effort past Huge Sobte but off the top right hand corner of the frame. But Ascot were soon two-nil up after Brendan Matthew curled a delightful effort into the top right from a tight angle in the tenth minute to make it 1-0 – his 49th goal in yellow - before being involved in his side's second by providing the assist for Harvey Killeen, who played an unlikely one-two before lifting the ball over advancing home 'keeper Billy Bishop; 14 minutes played. Matthew had two further chances that he was unable to take but at the other end Ascot survived a scare that VAR would probably have looked at in a case of ball-to-unnatural hand position in their own area – Dan Bailey relieved – but Vale did strike moments later in the dying embers of the half when Gallagher rose to plant Louie Downey's cross past Sobte after JJ O' Sullivan had started the hosts' move down the left; 2-1 to Ascot at the break.

Good work is eventually to no a-vale

Credit to the hosts, they were stronger in the second half and although Killeen threatened first for Ascot with a dipping effort from a tight angle that Bishop did superbly well to tip over, they were soon on terms when Gallagher converted from the spot after George Lock was adjudged to have fouled him in the 51st minute; 2-2 and it was anyone's game. Sobte then made a big save to thwart Downey from close range and the impressive Gallagher narrowly missed with another effort to the top right, but Ascot got themselves back into the game only for Killeen's lob to be headed off the goal-line by O'Sullivan and Harry Tucker then missed with a glancing header from Sean McCormack's corner. But shortly after Ascot had made their final two of three changes, Vale won it when Calum McCallister slammed a superb 81st minute effort in off the right-hand post; 3-2 and the turnaround was complete.

What's next for Ascot?

The Yellamen have a week off before welcoming Bristol-suburbia outfit Mangotsfield United in the Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round.

Ascot United: Sobte, Lock, Ajanlekoko, Tucker (Laffin 85'), Bailey, McCormack, Killeen, Matthew, Lahtinen-Kalsi, Welch (Balogun 77'), H. Grant (Kassim 77'). Subs unused: Brown, Allsopp

Entertainment: 4

Reporter's Star Man: Jordan Gallagher (Raynes Park Vale)

Away fans (estimate): 45



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Att. 104 Ashford Town (Middx) 6 - 0 Binfield

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Att. 109 Badshot Lea 0 - 4 South Park (Reigate)

⌚ Full time

Att. 484 Chertsey Town 2 - 1 Hanworth Villa

⌚ Full time

Att. 162 Chipstead 6 - 2 Hartley Wintney

⌚ Full time

Att. 673 Guernsey 3 - 1 Westfield

⌚ Full time

Att. 335 Leatherhead 2 - 1 Southall

⌚ Full time

Att. 198 Marlow 0 - 1 Thatcham Town

⌚ Full time

Att. 105 Metropolitan Police 0 - 4 Sutton Common Rovers

⌚ Full time

Att. 158 Northwood 4 - 0 Corinthian-Casuals

⌚ Full time

Att. 220 Raynes Park Vale 3 - 2 Ascot United

⌚ Full time

LEAGUE TABLES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Ashford Town (Middx)	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
2 Chipstead	1	1	0	0	6	2	4	3
3 Northwood	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
4 South Park (Reigate)	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
5 Sutton Common Rovers	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
6 Guernsey	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
7 Raynes Park Vale	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
8 Chertsey Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
9 Leatherhead	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
10 Thatcham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
11 Uxbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Ascot United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
13 Hanworth Villa	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
14 Southall	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15 Marlow	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
16 Westfield	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
17 Hartley Wintney	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0
18 Badshot Lea	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
19 Corinthian-Casuals	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
20 Metropolitan Police	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
21 Binfield	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0

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	3	-	3	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	2	-	33	6
B Matthew	3	2	57	49
C Morgan	-	-	5	1
D Bailey	3	-	113	15
D Brown	1	-	1	-
D Surpanu	-	-	57	10
G Lock	3	-	217	10
H Grant	1	-	53	7
H Laffin	2	1	154	85
H Tucker	1	-	41	3
H Killeen	3	1	3	1
J Welch	3	-	44	2
J Gater	2	-	2	-
J Ajanlekoko	3	-	58	4
K Allsopp	1	-	1	-
J Edwards	-	-	-	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	3	1	50	14
O Harris	-	-	20	12
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	3	-	3	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	3	-	97	18
S Balogun	2	-	17	-
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	-	-	75	22
Own Goals	-	-	n/a	n/a
	42	5	1,183	265



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By Jon Couch, Executive Editor of The Non-League Paper

BARELY 90 minutes (or should that be 110) into the new season and already football has found itself in the centre of a new storm.

Strict instructions from the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to get tough on time wasting and tot up the exact minutes for substitutions, goal celebrations, injuries etc have gone down like a lead balloon among the professional game with stars such as Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne and Manchester United defender Raphael Varane fearing that player welfare is at risk.

In the EFL on the opening day of the season, the average time added on was over 16 minutes, but for National League players, the need for compromise is all the more important.

Clearly unaware of the storm that was to follow, National League clubs voted against increasing the number of substitutes used from three to five in the AGM of 2022, and again this summer.

As it stands, Steps 1-4 can only make three changes while Step 5 and 6 clubs are in line with the higher reaches of the game in being allowed five, in three windows.

In retrospect, by voting against an increase in subs, the National League clubs have made their bed, so to speak, but in last Sunday's NLP, Chorley manager Andy Preece, Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury and Dorking Wanderers striker Jason Prior all expressed the need for a rethink, and the opportunity to vote again – this time with the benefit of hindsight.

"If you're going to play an extra 20 minutes a game then our levels have to wake up," the vastly experienced Preece told us.

"Premier League players are moaning but they've got five subs – we've only got three. I don't get it anyway, but now I really just do not get it. It will lead to injuries. You're going to have to change the way you train so that players last that bit longer.

"But you can't just do that. You've got to have a long-term strategy with planning through pre-season.

"I just think for this season it could be dangerous for the players and put extra stress on them. With three subs you don't have that chance to take players off and rest.

When it's Saturday-Tuesday, that's when you're going to see the difference. If you're effectively playing another half of football in a few days it's going to take its toll. We've got to change it so that five subs can come on.

"The Premier League lads have got everything at their disposal — sports scientists and all things like that. If they're talking about it and they're worried about it, what chance have we got with only three subs?

"The sooner they look at it and do it, the safer it will be, the better it will be.

"It's something that needs to be addressed as quickly as possible. If it's five from five and that helps with budgets then so be it. Ideally it would be five from seven but I just think you need to have five. We have to protect our players."

Bradbury's Eastleigh lost points to a late, late Solihull Moors equaliser on the opening day and admits that the added time changes the mindset of a manager in the dugout and his players on the field itself.

"They are trying to make it fair for everyone and for the supporters to see more football, trying to stay a step ahead of the game but where do you stop," Bradbury told us.

"It does affect the way you think a little bit, you no longer just have to get to 90 minutes, you probably have to get to 100 now.

"You are thinking about your substitutions – when you are bringing them on after 85 minutes they might have 15 minutes to play so you don't want to make your changes too early.

"With three substitutions at this level and with the amount of time that we are now likely to see added on, it is hard to get through and we probably need more substitutions. I wouldn't be surprised if most other managers said that.

"We would like to be able to make more changes but you have to keep one up your sleeve."

Prior too, has beef with the new rules. Dorking are one of a handful of clubs who operate in the top-flight on a hybrid three-day- a-week training regime, and Prior insists the extra playing time makes it even more difficult for them to compete with the league's full-timers.

"This new added time rule madness needs addressing," the striker said after Wanderers conceded a 99TH MINUTE winner to title favourites Chesterfield on the opening day. "[Playing] 94/95 minutes is hard enough on your body and is what everyone is used to. Twenty minutes added time is a joke. Saturday/Tuesday that could be an extra half of football!

"Imagine a cup game with extra time! The people implementing the rules clearly haven't considered the impact on the players and the inevitable higher injury rate. If this is going to carry on, allowing five subs is a must. If it's not broken, don't TRY and fix it.

"It's as simple as book anyone at any point in the game for obvious time wasting and go back to normal."

Prior's certainly got a point too. As the row rumbles on at Premier League HQ, there's little thought that has gone into the welfare of players at Steps 1-4 who may find themselves playing an extra half of football a week at times, often after a day's hard graft in their daytime jobs.

It's clear a five sub rule will help ease a real dilemma for both player and clubs, and voices such as Preece, Bradbury and Prior need to be heard.

The National League has the power to bring this level of football in line with the rest, if that's what their member clubs desire this time. Whatever they decide, however, it's highly unlikely that the constitution will change mid-season.

That then leaves the onus with the players on the pitch and the matter at hand...timewasting. The IFAB directive has been brought in for a reason so, ultimately this season, players and managers are just going to have to wear it and get on with it!

MEET THE YELLAMEN

Hugo Sobte – goalkeeper. Signed for the 23/24 campaign having previously played for Windsor FC and most recently Step 4 football with Hanwell Town. A strong all-round 'keeper with good distribution and is particularly comfortable with the ball at his feet.



Alex Sykes – goalkeeper. Goalkeeping coach and reliable backup. Has international experience having played for the England Futsal team. Part of the successful double-winning squad of 22/23.

Josh Edwards – defence. Signed for the 23/24 season from Thattham 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.

Toby Thompson – defence. A product of the Ascot United junior ranks having also captained the Allied Under 18 side. Spent part of last season at Step 5 outfit Sheerwater, helping them escape relegation.



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.



Rob Gerrard – defence. Powerful full back and technically strong. Big part of the FA Vase campaign, scoring a late equaliser in the semi-final and in the starting line-up Wembley before a head injury curtailed his afternoon. Signed from Thattham Town in November 2022.

Alfie Gray – defence. Commanding and non-nonsense defender. Signed from Reading City in October 2022. Another one of our FA Vase winners with a big performance in defence.



Harvey Killeen – midfield. A fantastic addition for 23/24 having signed from North Greenford United, for whom he starred against us in 22/23. Works incredibly hard, pops up all over the pitch and scores bags of goals despite not being an outright attacker.

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



Jay Welch – midfield. Signed in 22/23, a versatile player who can play in defence or midfield. Bundles of energy and tenacity alongside great technical ability. Massive performance in winning the FA Vase and only denied a Wembley goal by the woodwork.

MEET THE YELLAMEN

Ollie Harris – midfield. Signed from near neighbours Binfield in 22/23 where he was a huge part of The Moles' run to the FA Vase final in 20/21. A true clubman, he was a huge part of Ascot's double-winning campaign in 22/23 despite long-term injury and will bounce back in 23/24. Exceptionally quick and talented forward with bags of tricks.



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

Jordan Ajanlekoko – midfield. Cultured midfielder who signed in 22/23 after Step 3 experience with Beaconsfield. Previously featured for the Yellamen on loan with 2 appearances in 17/18 and became a permanent addition for the 22/23 season. Unavailable for the FA Vase final but a huge part of the cup run.



Sammy Balogun – midfield. Signed midway through the 22/23 season and proved invaluable in midfield with some big performances, especially in the 22/23 FA Vase Semi Final. Reads the game exceptionally well. Unused substitute at Wembley.

Lugman Kassim – forward. Returns to the club for a third spell having played professional football in the Finnish 2nd tier, notably with VPS and JaPS. A livewire winger with plenty of pace and skill.



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.

Brendan Matthew – forward. Exceptionally quick and a proven goalscorer. Signed for the 22/23 season from Egham Town and smashed Ascot' goalscoring record with 47 goals in his first season. Subsequently won just about every award at the end-of-season presentation evening. On his day he is simply irrepressible. Another FA Vase winner.



Dan Brown – forward. Experienced striker who joins for 23/24 from Ashford Town having also featured for Wingate & Finchley.

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.



Sean McCormack – forward. Skilful forward signed from Walton and Hershaw in 21/22 and previously with Maidenhead United and Bracknell Town. Was the players' and supporters' POY in his first campaign after dazzling on the right wing. Incredible workrate and vision and tracks back to cover the defence. Another FA vase winner.

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.



Dan Masters – assistant manager. Joined in 2018/19, Dan has a wealth of experience and knowledge in local football. A key member of the management team and vocal on the touch line. Helped mastermind the league and FA Vase double.



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.



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.



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.



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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.



Meet the Mango's

Glyn Ashton Manager. Has managed the first team in the previous three seasons, albeit not as the full time manager. Last season he stepped back into the helm as other managers departed, He managed about half of the squad through the youth system up to U18's level.

Matt Curry Assistant Manager/Coach. Joined Mangotsfield as part of Glyn Ashton's coaching staff. Last season he worked with both previous managers following the re-appointment of Glyn. Matt remains an important part of the management team with lots of experience at youth level so will get the most out of the younger players within the squad

Matt Doe Coach. Matt combines his first team role with coaching the Under 18's. Matt provides an important link between the youth and the senior sections and has a very promising coaching career ahead of him.

John House Kit Man. Part of the furniture at Mangotsfield. Played for "The field" as a youngster and has helped manage the team years ago. A stalwart of the club who seems to know someone at each and every club we play! A key member of the management team

Jordan Anstey - a versatile player who normally plays at Centre Half but can play as Full Back or in Midfield. Jordan came up through the ranks at Keynsham and was a key player at that club. Jordan's solid performances helped to make the instrumental change of fortunes last season, and as a coach himself can contribute to the team in many other ways

Will Ashton - Son of Manager Glyn and a product of our youth system and attended SGS until 2022. Has spent a large proportion of last season on loan at AEK Boco but was recalled towards the latter half of the season. A versatile left footer who can play at Full Back or in Midfield and has excellent delivery from set pieces.

Keane Ashwood - An energetic midfielder who was at Chipping Sodbury last season. Will add extra options to Glyn's line ups.

Liam Atwell- Previously at Bristol Telephones. He took time away from the beloved game to focus on his personal Training career, but has decided to make a comeback to the game with "The Field".

Sam Bainbridge - A robust centre half who has impressed during pre season. A product of our youth setup and has been promoted from our U18s squad.

Harvey Baker - An experienced player at this level who has played for The Field at Southern League level. Despite living locally Harvey has had spells with Chipping Sodbury, Shepton Mallet and more recently Bradford Town.

Luke Bence - A product of our youth system and current SGS student. Luke is a strong and quick centre half who as spent a large proportion of last season on loan at Hallen, but was recalled to the squad by Glyn and played an important role in the team

Matt Binding - Defender who is a sports lecturer at SGS college. Played for "The Field" at Southern League level. Despite his young years he coaches some of our younger player as part of his full time job. Very quick centre half who's good in the air and can play out.

Jaydn Crosbie - Another local youngster who was a part of the SGS Football Programme. Talented striker who works tirelessly for the team. He is quick, has a great first touch, is good in the air has now added regular goals to his game. Made his debut with The Field at Southern League level.

Nick Crouchier - after a stint across the pond coaching, nick finds himself bak on home soil and donning the gloves.

Issac Flynn Another local youngster who has been with the club since the age of 12 and spent two years as part of the SGS Football Programme. A very quick attacking player with a powerful left foot who can play in wide areas as well as central.

Ben Ford Another product of our youth set up and currently part of the Bath College Football Programme where he has regularly been involved with Bath City first team. Can play in either full back positions or in midfield. Has a very promising future ahead.

Jakob Glover - Goalkeeper who made his debut for Mangotsfield's first team at just 16 years old. Has been involved with Mangotsfield United Youth set up since the age of 4 and is a Mango through and through. Also had two years as part of the SGS Football Programme. Has now made the number one jersey his own.

Kerem Karakus - A strong and powerful striker with an eye for goal and great technique. Has played for our U18's and remains part of the SGS Football Programme. Currently gaining more experience with Stoke Gifford but has a big future with Mangotsfield.

Kyrese Morrison – A quick and strong player who can play at full back, wing back or on the wing. Currently part of the SGS Football Programme. Played for The Field in the Southern League and has had spells with Bath City and Highworth Town this season before returning to Mangotsfield in December

Rohan Nelson - 18 year old who was released by Bristol City at the end of last season after spending 4 years with their youth academy. He looked a very promising signing but unfortunately broke his leg in a pre season friendly, but will hopefully be available before the end of the season.

Jack Nunn - A promising youngster and versatile midfielder. The youngest member of the squad who has broken through the ranks and continues his development

Josh Pandorfini - A versatile attacking player who has made the switch from Chipping Sodbury this season.

Harley Purnell - In his second spell at Mangotsfield, previously playing for the Mangos in 2011/12 making 34 appearances. The 33 year old central midfielder brings a wealth of experience to the club and as our captain is helping our younger players develop

Owen Ridler - Although one of our younger players "Rids" has been with the club the longest joining at the age of 4! A versatile player who operates mainly in central midfield, but can play a variety of the positions. Great close control and passing range and pops up with the odd goal or two!

Ben Shepherd - Played for our U18s squad last season and is making the step up to senior football. A robust forward who enjoys a physical battle

Louis Short - Yet another product of our successful youth setup. Had a brief spell at Odd Down last season, but back in the Maroon and Sky blue now.

Ashton Trott - young goalkeeper who has been with the club since the age of 8. A capable shot stopper who gained experience at Wick FC last season.

Stuart Tovey joined us from Bristol Manor Farm last season. A very experienced defender who has spent much of his career playing in the Southern League with Bristol Manor Farm, Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town & Larkhall Athletic. A tough tackling defender and natural leader who helps guide our younger players.

Tom Warren in his mid 30's, very experienced centre back. Has a wealth of knowledge at this level and higher. Was player coach at Larkhall Athletic last season. Tom originally played for the Mango's back in the 2005/06 season before returning for three seasons ten years later. Has also played for Yate Town, Bridwater Town, Melksham Town to name just a few.

James White - Joins us this season from Ashton & Backwell. "Jimmer" looks a real good addition in the centre of the park



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CLUB HISTORY - MANGOTSFIELD UNITED

Our Club History



The 2023/24 season will be Mangotsfield's second season playing at step 5 following 22 seasons as a Southern League club, which includes the voided 2019/20 and 20/21 seasons. After thirteen seasons in the "Pitchin In" Southern Football League Division One South previously finishing 9th in 2009/10, 3rd in 2010/11, (but losing the play-off semi-final, 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, 14th in 2015/16, 8th in 2016/17, & 16th in both 2017/18 and 2018/19, following the 2 year "Covid gap" Mangotsfield finished 18th (out of 19 teams) in 2021/22 and were automatically relegated into the Hellenic League Premier Division.

There has been football in the village since 1888 and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founder member of the Bristol & District League (later to become the Western Football League in 1895) but the club folded after 10 years. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and subsequently reformed on several occasions. In January 1951, the parent club dispensed with the Reserve XI for financial reasons leaving many local players without a team to play for. These players decided to form a new club in the village and at the start of the 1951-52 season, the newly established Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division VII. They achieved five successive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957. The club remained there until 1972-73, when it was accepted in to the Western League.

The Club became established in the Western League during the 1970's and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, "The Field", as they were affectionately known, bounced straight back the following season and under the guidance of the charismatic Ralph Miller, who as Chairman, undertook the task of improving the ground and its facilities, became a force in the Premier, mainly featuring in the leading positions.



CLUB HISTORY - MANGOTSFIELD UNITED

Our Club History (Continued)

In 1991, the club, managed by Harold Jarman and assisted by Terry Rowles, achieved regional glory by taking the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, ahead of runners-up Torrington. Disappointingly, they were denied promotion to the Southern League as the ground failed to meet the grading requirements and there followed several lean seasons as the team disbanded. Under newly-elected Chairman Richard Davis, however, off the pitch, things were improving. Terry Rowles returned to manage the club himself in 1995 and kept them in the spotlight by consistently finishing in the top three/four in the Great Mills/Screwfix League and an appearance in the FA Vase semi-final (losing to Clitheroe), but their ambitions of promotion and Southern League football were always thwarted by the continual success of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was considered very important to establish a sound working base, improve ground facilities and secure a long-term tenure on their Cossham Street ground.

In earlier years, the Roger Pullin / Richard Davis partnership had seen many improvements take place, with the installation of Conference-style floodlights and at the end of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, together with new toilet blocks and social club improvements. Ex player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999 and guided the club to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and three successful campaigns. The 2003/04 campaign did not go too well and just before Christmas, Black was replaced by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the campaign, Nigel Webb came in as his Assistant, but the club could only finish in 13th place, which was not high enough for the planned restructuring of the Pyramid.

The Management duo made promotion their priority in 2004/05 and the club headed the table for most of the campaign, eventually taking the Division One West title with a 21 match unbeaten run. After 28 seasons at Western League level, the club had spent just five campaigns at Southern League level before reaching the Premier Division. In April/May 2005, Roger Pullin left the club and Mike Richardson took over as Chairman, with a new Board.



CLUB HISTORY - MANGOTSFIELD UNITED

Our Club History



As detailed at the start of this article Mangotsfield enjoyed life in the Southern League finishing most seasons around mid table, but have struggled financially during the last few years. Sometimes now referred to as "The Mangos", the 2020/21 campaign, started with Glyn Ashton, at the helm. He had previously been in charge of the U18s Floodlit Youth side, but took over as temporary Manager in 2019/20, after the sudden departure of Manager Ollie Price, and bought in almost his entire U18s squad. Glyn Ashton returned to his role of managing the U18/Reserve team for the 2021/22 season as Ray Johnston, along with assistant Terry Moore, took over the first team management role but Glyn returned to the hot seat following the departure of Ray and Terry following some disappointing performances and results. The club, however, were unable to "avoid the drop" finishing in 18th place in a league of 19 teams.

The summer of 2021/22 has been a busy one for the club as Chairman Mike Richardson has been replaced by Steve Brown, a new committee has been formed, and with a new commercial team in place the club are about to enter an exciting new era in its history

At the start of last season a new management team, headed by John Allen, previously of Tool Station outfit Keynsham Town, took charge with a mix of experienced players, that John bought in, along with the young players already at Mangotsfield. Unfortunately results didn't go as well as expected as the players struggled to "gel", so Glyn Ashton stepped into the lead role yet again. The team were in 18th place just before Christmas but eventually finished in 11th place and won the Wiseman Lighting Cup in the process. Mangotsfield will play in the Hellenic Premier Division for the 2023/24 season and will be looking to improve on the mid table finish last season and are hopeful for some major ground improvements for next season.



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