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# THE SMART FELLAS



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Edward Turner	Richard Wharton	Kovilen Sawmynaden

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# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

**A warm welcome to Westfield for today's Emirates FA Cup fixture.**



**Welcome to The Racecourse and today's FA Cup tie against Westfield... a special welcome to those visiting us from the opposition today.**

**It's been a decent start to the season for the Men's First Team, following a six-point bank holiday weekend... we're starting to find our feet at Step 4, but we now have national FA competitions to focus on for the next two weekends starting today. You can't beat a good cup run to get the whole club engaged, and we hope we can reach our furthest ever stage in the FA Cup by winning today and make a successful debut appearance in the Trophy next weekend.**

**It's the calm before the storm for the club as a whole - we have 91 teams this season and Club Secretary Ricky Simons has been busy supporting all of our volunteer junior team managers get their teams fully registered for the first games. Training for most starts next week, so the club will be back to its usual bustling self shortly. Our Women's First Team start their league campaign this weekend against Wycombe Wanderers - we will have a new manager in the dugout, with Darrel Evans taking a backseat while he recovers from some ill health and Will Blithing stepping up to take charge.**

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# 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 afternoons clash against Westfield in the FA Cup First Qualifying Round. This competition is a big deal, no doubt. Each round takes the heat up a notch, and the prize money on the line could make a huge difference to the club.**

**Around 30-40 fans on bank holiday Monday, away at Badshot Lea, were cheering our team on towards our second win in just 48 hours. Your dedication is really appreciated and makes a difference.**

**Following our emphatic 4-0 home win against Guernsey last Saturday, it was important to utilise the squad to keep our energy levels high against a youthful Badshot Lea team. 6 points from two games last bank holiday weekend will give the squad confidence ahead of this weekend's game.**

**Let's give a big shout out to Sean McCormack. He recently hit a massive milestone of 100 appearances for the club and marked it with the winning goal. Sean's journey with us has been nothing short of outstanding. He displays brilliant commitment, honesty, and top-notch quality. You can see his dedication with every performance on that pitch. The way he's always striving to get better shows his passion for the game.**

**As we meet Westfield for the first time, they've been showing some impressive performances with draws against Leatherhead and Chertsey. Right from the start of the season, they've been showcasing their determination and their solid defensive play that's been holding out against tough opposition.**

**Once again, thank you for your support. Your presence and dedication is greatly appreciated. Let's make today's match another brilliant experience for players and fans alike. Enjoy the game, yellas! ~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 Emirates FA Cup match.**



Welcome to one and all for this Emirates FA Cup tie, which is a real opportunity for both sides to put themselves one step closer to a place in round one. Yes, it's a long shot, but then so was Wembley for us when we joined the FA Vase in the very first qualifying round a year ago! The real big guns of the National League don't enter until the fourth qualifying round, so with a fair wind and decent draws, who knows! Westfield, as JT says, have registered excellent draws against much-fancied Chertsey and Leatherhead so will be no easy pickings today, and remember if it's a draw it'll be all back to Woking in midweek. Looking around some of the other ties today, Stormzy's AFC Croydon are at Marlow – some of you may have heard the rapper is co-owner of Croydon now and was at Horley Town for their win in the last round – whereas there are tough ties for Chertsey at Hayes & Yeading and Southall entertaining Beaconsfield. Leatherhead v Horsham is also a decent-looking tie between 2 sides with cup pedigree and only 18 miles apart.

WELCOME TO THE SMART FELLAS

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**What a load of Rap!** Stormzy was at Horley Town to watch his AFC Croydon Athletic side win 1-0 in the FA Cup 2 weeks ago. Today they travel to our league rivals Marlow in the 1st qualifying round.

Back to Ascot and I pinged JT after the game suggesting it might be one of his best ever bank holiday weekends and sure enough it was considered the best! I wasn't at the Guernsey game but watching Monday's game proved we've got the strength and depth to do very well at this level and players have already stepped up a level from last season. The supporters know there often isn't a big gap between the top of step 5 and bottom of step 4 but if you want to compete for play-offs and titles then there most definitely is. Long balls won't work so well against big defenders and we have to find different ways to unlock defences whilst keeping it tight at the other end. And the 2 clean sheets last weekend was a testimony to the latter. Once again the yellows travelled well on the road. It's still holiday season and to have at least 40 at Badshot Lea was excellent for us. If we don't have a midweek replay then let's focus on getting a decent crowd down to Horndean next weekend for our debut in the FA Trophy. Seeing as we can't defend the FA Vase we'll just have to 'defend' (win) the FA Trophy!!! ~ Neal





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# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardlev United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardlev United	H	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Vale	A	ISTH SC	2-3	220	Matthew, Killeen
19-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	FAC P	5-1	137	Matthew 3, Ajaniekoko, H. Grant
26-Aug	Guernsey	H	ISTH SC	4-0	189	Matthew 2, H. Grant, McCoy
28-Aug	Badshot Lea	A	ISTH SC	1-0	178	McCormack
02-Sep	Westfield	H	FAC 10			
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10			
12-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC			
16-Sep	Binfield	H	ISTH SC			
23-Sep	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC			
26-Sep	Badshot Lea	A	LC 2			
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	Chertsey 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	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, LC - Velocity League Cup

# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

## CENTURION SEAN FIRES ASCOT TO 1-0 VICTORY

### McCormack wins it for Ascot on landmark appearance

**Monday 28th August 2023, Pitching in Isthmian League South Central, Badshot Lea 0 - 1 Ascot United**

Sean McCormack celebrated his 100th game for Ascot United by scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win at Badshot Lea on Bank Holiday Monday. The popular winger – whose match-winning penalty sent the Yellamen to Wembley last season – came up with the goods from an improbable angle midway through the second half to make it six points from six for his side over the holiday weekend.

#### Chances for both sides in even first half

The first half was a slow burner that took a while to ignite, although Ascot were somewhat incensed after just six minutes when the referee awarded only a free kick outside the area for a pull on Usman Lalustani inside the area. Badshot Lea then enjoyed a decent spell and George Frise found space with a free header at the far post from Reece Robins's corner, teeing-up Kane Fitzgerald who could only blaze his nod-down over. Hugo Sobte then did well to get down to save Baback Behgani's raking effort before Josh Edwards superbly picked up the pieces for Ascot, although it was his side who finished the half more strongly. Home 'keeper Harry Cawdron brilliantly tipped Lalustani's free kick over seven minutes before the break after an earlier foul on Sam Balogun, before carnage in the hosts' box saw neither Brendan Matthew nor George Lock unable to force the ball home. In between those efforts Behgani flashed wide for The Baggies, exposing the space on the left wing as Lock lay injured, but Harry Grant's glancing effort over the bar for Ascot in the 45th minute was the last meaningful action of an entertaining albeit goalless half.

#### Hosts eventually pay price for slack defending

Badshot Lea's mean defence had underpinned their promotion from Step five last season, conceding just 29 league goals in 38 matches, but this was a poor rearguard showing from a side that were dispossessed on multiple occasions when trying to play out from the back. That said, the Yellamen will also take much credit for their high-press, and although Lea's Billy Dram had seen a deflected effort sail wide for the hosts in the first chance of the half, it was an otherwise measured performance from Jamie Tompkins' side.

When the crucial goal finally came it was a peach. Lalustani judged a long ball over the top and down the left channel to perfection – home defender Harvey Griffiths did not – but if Lalustani's first touch to flick the ball forward with his hip was delicious then his low, inviting cross across the six-yard box was simply scrumptious. McCormack still had work to do from a tight angle, but he iced his own cake with a rasping first-time thunderbolt into the net from a tight angle that simply oozed everything this team will need to reproduce to unlock step-four defences.

#### Squad strength shines through

Tompkins then shuffled his pack with Dan Brown a stand-out introduction, breaking down opposition play alongside key spoiler Balogun, but the granite rock lay at the feet of Edwards, who simply refused to let The Baggies have a sniff in-and-around Sobte.

Indeed, it might have got better for Ascot only for Matthew to drag an effort wide after Grant and Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi had linked up to good effect with nine minutes remaining – the home side once again tripped up when trying to play out from the back – whereas two long-range efforts from substitute Steven Sylla that sailed harmlessly off target were as close as it got at the other end.

Balogun then joined Jay Welch in the book for an, erm, 'expertly executed intervention' when it looked like the Ascot midfield had been breached with four minutes of regulation time remaining. And, even though there would be six further added in the overage, it was fairly plain-sailing for The Yellamen who would ultimately reflect on a fruitful three days at the office that yielded two clean sheets, five goals and another rung on this level's learning ladder.

#### What's next for Ascot?

The Yellamen are back in Emirates FA Cup action next weekend when South Central Division rivals Westfield visit The Racecourse. Ascot have never been past the first qualifying round stage of the competition, but this is surely their best-ever opportunity to go one better than they have done previously. And, if they play with all the positives from this weekend then they will be in the box seat.

**Ascot United:** Sobte, Lock, Tucker, Edwards, McCormack (Brown 68'), H. Grant, Matthew, Lalustani (McCoy 68'), Lahtinen-Kalsi, Welch (Allsopp 78'), Balogun. Subs unused: Laffin, A. Grant

**Entertainment:** 4 / Reporter's Star Man: Josh Edwards (Ascot United) / Away fans (estimate): 45 / Yellow cards: Welch 33', Balogun 86'





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Action from last weekend's win over Guernsey. **Clockwise from top left:** Brendan Matthew shoots, Matthew scores, Harry Grant on his left foot, Ollie McCoy scores, Harvey Killeen in possession, tackles fly in. Photos courtesy of shooting-stars.co.uk.







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# LEAGUE TABLES

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chipstead	3	2	1	0	11	4	7	7
2 Chertsey Town	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
3 Leatherhead	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
4 Marlow	3	2	0	1	10	3	7	6
5 Northwood	2	2	0	0	8	1	7	6
6 Ascot United	3	2	0	1	7	3	4	6
7 South Park (Reigate)	3	2	0	1	6	2	4	6
8 Raynes Park Vale	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
9 Uxbridge	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
10 Thatcham Town	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
11 Ashford Town (Middx)	3	1	1	1	6	2	4	4
12 Southall	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
13 Hartley Wintney	3	1	0	2	8	10	-2	3
14 Sutton Common Rovers	3	1	0	2	6	8	-2	3
15 Guernsey	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
16 Westfield	3	0	2	1	1	3	-2	2
17 Hanworth Villa	3	0	1	2	3	6	-3	1
18 Metropolitan Police	3	0	1	2	3	10	-7	1
19 Binfield	3	0	1	2	2	11	-9	1
20 Badshot Lea	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0
21 Corinthian-Casuals	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	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	6	-	6	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	3	-	34	6
B Matthew	6	7	60	54
C Morgan	-	-	5	1
D Bailey	5	-	115	15
D Brown	3	-	3	-
D Surpanu	-	-	57	10
G Lock	6	-	220	10
H Grant	4	2	56	9
H Laffin	2	1	154	85
H Tucker	3	-	43	3
H Killeen	5	2	5	2
J Welch	6	-	47	2
J Gater	2	-	2	-
J Ajanlekoko	5	1	60	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	1	-	1	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	4	-	51	13
O Harris	-	-	20	12
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	6	-	6	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	6	1	100	19
S Balogun	3	-	18	-
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	2	-	77	22
O McCoy	2	1	2	1
Own Goals	-	-	n/a	n/a
	<b>84</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>275</b>



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BARELY three weeks into the new season and already the managerial merry-go-round is gathering momentum.

We're not even into September yet two National League bosses have lost their jobs – an ever-growing trend which has sadly been set year-on-year, whatever the level.

Friday night's defeat by Southend United spelt the end of the road for Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury, whose side, despite heavy investment and much strengthening over the summer, had failed to hit the ground running.

And, a little over 48 hours later, it was a similar tale for York City's Mikey Morton as a 3-1 home defeat by Rochdale saw him follow the same path through the exit door and into the pool of the unemployed.

Sadly, given the re-structures, growth and ambition of the two football clubs they represented, Bradbury and Morton were sitting ducks. As will their successors be.

Such is the high-octane nature and pressure cooker landscape of the game these days, even in the fifth tier of the English game, not a shred of leniency or empathy is afforded to the man in the hotseat. It's dog eat dog from the very first whistle.

Three draws from their opening five games was deemed insufficient for Bradbury as the Spitfires, under returning owner and chairman Stewart Donald and director of football Richard Hill back at the helm, had brought in the likes of Scott Quigley, Paul McCallum, Enzo Boldewijn and Chris Maguire to bolster the Spitfires' chances of finally fulfilling their Football League dream.

At York, Morton was at least given six games of the new season to save his skin, but the Minstermen didn't win any of them and would be bottom of the table but for Southend's 10-point deduction.

That, sadly, is just not good enough for a club who have spent big over the summer with new owner Matt Uggla rubber-stamping deals for the likes of David Stockdale, Tyler Corder, Dipo Akinyemi and Alex Woodyard.

Lower down the pyramid, it's even less forgiving. While The NLP have continued through the summer bringing you all the latest, not many weeks have passed when there hasn't been one managerial casualty somewhere or another.

Take Jamie Ward for example. The former Northern Ireland international was in the final throws of preparing for the start of the new season at Ilkeston Town when a decision to 'mutually' end his contract came.

Despite being described as "a great manager" by Robins chairman Andrew Nally, opted to recommence his playing career at Nuneaton Borough where, guess what, another manager is under pressure.

A 7-0 defeat at AFC Telford United forced the club to issue a lengthy statement apologising to disillusioned fans and calling for unity, while manager Jimmy Ginnelly offered those who made the trip to the New Bucks Head free entry for their new home game, against AFC Sudbury.

Ginnelly's got some work to do to appease fans at Liberty Way but it's a situation that he, along with any other every football manager, will be well used to.

He's thick-skinned enough to know that, one day, the axe will eventually fall and he'll be back on the managerial merry-go-round seeking an new opportunity. It's such a brutal industry. ~ Jon Couch



# 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 Grant** – defence. Commanding and 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 Laffin** – forward. Needs little introduction. 'Laffers' is a goal-machine who returned late in the 22/23 season to add more attacking options having scored 29 goals in 30 appearances for Ascot in 21/22. Has netted over 80 goals for the club heading into 23/24 in just over 150 games.

**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.



**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.





# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## THE SQUAD



**TUCKER QUINN (GK)**



**SONNY WHEELER (GK)**



**BILLY NUTBEAM**



**QUINCY ROWE**



**LUKE ELLIOTT (C)**



**AIDAN KING**



**LEWIS JACKSON**



**CALEB WRIGHT**

# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## THE SQUAD



**ALFIE HUCKLE**



**MAYOWA ADAJE**



**THEO WHITE**



**MANOLIS GOGONAS**



**JUNIOR DA CRUZ**



**DIDI NDOMBE**



**ANDREW CROSSLEY**



**JACOB BRECKON**



**JAKE BAXTER**

# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## THE SQUAD



**TAYSHAN HAYDEN-  
SMITH**



**KANYE MOYO**



**TITUS LISK**

# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## MANAGEMENT TEAM



**IAN SELLEY -  
1ST TEAM MANAGER**



**MICHAEL BENNETT -  
ASSISTANT  
MANAGER**



**DAVE POWELL -  
COACH**








**PRINCESS GOODWIN  
- PHYSIO**



# CLUB HISTORY - WESTFIELD

## WESTFIELD FC - CLUB HISTORY TIMELINE

- 1953**  Westfield Boys Club formed, winning League titles and Cups throughout the 1950s
- Accepted into the Parthenon League (originally Middlesex Senior League)
- 1962** 
- 1963**  Joined the Surrey Senior League, becoming Champions in 1972-73 and 1973-74, and League Cup winners in 1971-72 and 1972-73
- Home Counties (later Combined Counties) League formed from Surrey County League
- 1978** 
- 1990**  League Cup runners-up to Hartley Wintney
- New floodlights switched on by Geoff Chapple of Woking FC
- 1999** 
- 2000**  FA Vase exploits beating Wantage, Sidley, Lewes and Bowers to reach the fourth round
- Westfield join the Premier Division after a merger of the Combined Counties and Surrey Senior leagues
- 2003** 
- 2006**  Westfield relegated to the First Division on ground grading
- Brand new Clubhouse opened and pitch raised up with new drainage
- 2011** 
- 2012**  Finished third, promoted to Premier Division and reached League Cup final
- Combined Counties Premier League Cup winners, beating Epsom & Ewell in the final at Windsor FC
- 2017** 
- 2018**  Promoted as champions to Isthmian League, highest level in club's history



# 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 Merrow 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.

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