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Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

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2023/24**



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 Harry Grant
 Harry Laffin
 Harry Tucker
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 Jay Welch
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 Jordan Ajanlekoko
 Josh Edwards
 Luke Phillips
 Luqman Kassim
 Ollie Harris
 Oliver McCoy
 Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi
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 Steve Quelch
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 Nathan Riley

THE TANNERS



Green and White

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 Alpha Diallo
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Last Match: Horndean A Sat 9 Sep 3-2 FAT 1Q
 Next Match: Lewes H Fri 15 Sep FAC 2Q





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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

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



Good evening and welcome to tonight's Isthmian League match against Leatherhead... a special warm welcome to our visitors tonight.

It was great to see so many of our Ascot Utd teams kicking off their season this past weekend... including some in our U7's playing their first ever matches. We have 95 teams this season, with over 1200 playing members, so it's been a huge task getting everything ready for the season. Massive thanks to Club Secretary Ricky Simons and General Manager Jo Gavin for getting us over the line!

We are trying hard to increase the engagement between the junior and senior sections of the club... one of the key initiatives to help this has been to decision to issue Season Tickets to all junior members allowing them and an adult to attend any men's or women's home league games for FREE. Hopefully there are many here tonight taking advantage!

We have another big game this Friday when we entertain Lewes in the FA Cup – we've had some memorable Cup nights under the lights over the years, and let's hope for another one this Friday... on the back of what we hope will be a positive outcome tonight! ~Simon

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

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



Good evening and a warm welcome to all our dedicated supporters here at the Racecourse Ground. It's fantastic to have all of you with us as we prepare for what promises to be an exciting match against Leatherhead in the Isthmian League, right here on our home 3G pitch.

Let's take a moment to relish some recent memorable wins, including our thrilling 3-2 victory over Horndean, after a blistering start and quality goals from Brendan Matthew and Sam Balogun. And who could forget that outrageous long-range strike from Olly McCoy in the final minute that secured our win against Westfield last weekend?

Let's also acknowledge our opponents today. Leatherhead is a very established club within the non-league scene, and some of you may remember them reaching the FA Cup second round just a few years ago. They've also had an excellent start this season and are considered the league favourites. So, tonight's game will undoubtedly be incredibly tough but I am off full belief our squad will show their resilience, hard work and quality once again to secure 3 points!

Your support so far has been brilliant, and we can't thank you enough for that, especially the 35/40 that followed us on Saturday in the scorching hot sun! We're currently enjoying the positivity with of what 5 consecutive wins brings and I was informed that with recent progression in the FA Cup and FA Trophy that we have extended our winning streak to an incredible 14 consecutive victories in national competitions. Is there a better record in the country?

Looking ahead, on Friday evening, we eagerly anticipate welcoming Lewes here at the Racecourse Ground for the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round. It's bound to be another exciting evening in our journey and I'm sure we will have a few hundred driving the team on again.

Time to come together and give it our all, yellas. Enjoy the game! ~JT



Dean Greenwood
Assistant Manager



Stuart Britton
Strength/Con. Coach



Steve Quelch
Coach



Nathan Riley
Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

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



A massive welcome to Leatherhead tonight as we play the first of 2 huge games under the lights. With Leatherhead comes a side steeped in history, including a fine FA Cup pedigree. The last 2-3 decades or so have been spent between the Isthmian League's step 3 and 4, including an appearance in the 2nd round proper of the FA Cup in 2017, but it was their 10-game run to the 4th round in 1974-75 which ended in a 3-2 defeat at Leicester City that often gets recalled alongside other favourite FA Cup moments such as Ronne Radford's goal for Hereford three seasons earlier than that. Also in their ranks today is Dave Tarpey, and being an occasional supporter of Maidenhead United I have enjoyed watching Tarps; his goals helped them to National League promotion in 2016-17 including some outrageous strikes and like many Magpies fans was devastated he got seriously injured soon after his football league debut for Barnet in the EFL. But he's long since back and hopefully we can keep him quiet tonight!



Prolific! Tanners' striker Dave Tarpey has a profile scoring record. Back in 2016-17, he broke the National League South goalscoring record with 45 goals in 44 matches for Maidenhead United. Injury but the brakes on his career but at 34 years of age he's still knocking the goals in.

Thankfully is promises to be a little cooler tonight with maybe even a drop of rain. Last weekend at Horndean pretty much every supporter was standing in the shade. I think it was Harry Grant who tweeted after the game that he didn't know if he needed a beer, gallon of water, aloe vera or new feet. I'm a runner and regularly run in the lunchtime heat, but rarely for more than an hour. Respect to all teams that produce 90 minutes of tempo football in those conditions! Looking ahead we're expecting a decent crowd on Friday evening and we will be printing a matchday programme to commemorate the occasion. But ahead of then there is work to be done in the league; whilst its nice to be in the cup competitions and we now have another FA Trophy tie on September 23rd, we want to make sure we keep pace with the rest of the pacesetters. Enjoy the game! ~Neal

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
05-Aug	Ardley United	A	FAC KP	1-1	96	Laffin
08-Aug	Ardley United	H	FAC XPr	2-1	141	Killeen, Matthew
12-Aug	Ravnes Park Value	A	ISTH SC	2-3	220	Matthew, Killeen
19-Aug	Mangotsfield United	H	FAC P	5-1	137	Matthew 3, Ajaniekoko, H. Grant
26-Aug	Guernsey	H	ISTH SC	4-0	189	Matthew 2, H. Grant, McCoy
28-Aug	Badshot Lea	A	ISTH SC	1-0	178	McCormack
02-Sep	Westfield	H	FAC 10	1-0	206	McCoy
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10	3-2	110	Matthew 2, Balogun
12-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC			
15-Sep	Lewes	H	FAC 20			
23-Sep	Lancing	H	FAT 20			
26-Sep	Badshot Lea	A	LG 2			
30-Sep	Sutton Common Rovers	H	ISTH SC			
07-Oct	Hartley Wintnev	A	ISTH SC			
10-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC			
14-Oct	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC			
21-Oct	Chipstead	A	ISTH SC			
24-Oct	Binfield	H	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	Metronolitan 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 Wintnev	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	Metronolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			
TBA	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC			

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

MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

BRENDAN'S BRACE HELPS ASCOT THROUGH IN FA TROPHY

Yellamen hold on to win 3-2 against Horndean

Saturday 9th September 2023, Isuzu FA Trophy 1QR, Horndean 2 - 3 Ascot United



Ascot United survived a spirited fightback from Horndean in the Isuzu FA Trophy First Qualifying Round on Saturday. Brendan Matthew's double helped his side to a 3-0 lead with barely a quarter of an hour on the clock before the Hampshire side rallied, but they were unable to deny the Yellamen a debut win in the competition.

Blistering start in blistering heat

Whilst the cloud cover in the first half provided some shelter from the elements, it was a nonetheless warm affair to which Ascot quickly acclimatised.

Barely four minutes were on the clock when Matthew converted sharply from Sean McCormack's cross to give the visitors an early lead, and things got better in the eighth minute when Sammy Balogun drove forwards after Matthew had turned provider before firing a deflected effort past home keeper Cameron Scott.

And, Matthew was at it again just after the quarter-hour mark with a near copy of the first – slamming home first-time from McCormack's low right-wing cross once again after Jordan Ajanlekoko had earlier been involved.

Deans kickstart comeback

Ajanleloko himself tried his luck from distance before The Deans pulled a goal back in the 36th minute; Jack Willett getting the better of Ollie Lahtinen-Kalsi and firing past Hugo Sobte in off the inside of the left hand post after Harry Jackson had picked him out.

Ascot might have had a fourth when Matthew's shot was saved by Scott following Sobte's excellent long clearance, but it remained 3-1 as the sides changed ends.

Kicking down the slope in the second half the home side certainly had more of the ball and Sobte was alert to palm Jack Breed's long-range effort over in the 59th minute.

Josh Edwards had the ball in the net for Ascot soon after although he was penalized for handball, before Horndean set up a grandstand finish when Ronny Taw and Jackson combined on the right wing for Tommy Scott to slam home with twenty minutes remaining.

The Deans then threw everything at Ascot, although The Yellamen stood firm at the back and the closest they came to being breached was in the 86th minute when Lahtinen-Kalsi bravely threw himself in front of substitute Rudi Blankson's goal-bound close-range thunderbolt.

But The Yellamen held on to secure a home 2nd qualifying round tie with Lancing on Saturday September 23rd; The Sussex side beating Chipstead 4-2 to book their own berth.

What's next for Ascot?

The Yellamen will relish an exciting week ahead when Leatherhead (Tuesday) and Lewes (Friday) will provide tough league and FA Cup opposition at The Racecourse.

Ascot United: Sobte, Lock, Tucker, Edwards, McCormack, H. Grant, Ajanlekoko, Matthew (Brown 77), Lahtinen-Kalsi, McCoy (Lalustani 67), Balogun (Welch 74). Subs unused: Killen, Bailey, Morgan, Kassim. **Entertainment:** 3 / **Reporter's Star Man:** George Lock (Ascot United) / **Away fans (estimate):** 25 / **Yellow cards:** Harry Grant 90+2



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11 a side teams (ex. adult teams)	£950 per season	Set of 16 shirts with sponsor logo on	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details.
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Allied Counties Youth Team – next available 25/26 Season	£2,000 per season	Set of shirts with sponsor logo on Pitch-side board to sponsor's design	Logo on AUFU team home page and AUFU club sponsor area with link to sponsors website with contact details Social media support
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LEAGUE FIXTURES

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

SOUTH-CENTRAL

🕒 19:45 Ascot United vs Leatherhead

🕒 19:45 Westfield vs Uxbridge

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

SOUTH-CENTRAL

🕒 15:00 Ashford Town (Middx) vs Chipstead

🕒 15:00 Corinthian-Casuals vs Sutton Common Rovers

🕒 15:00 Guernsey vs Badshot Lea

🕒 15:00 Hanworth Villa P - P Hartley Wintney

🕒 15:00 Raynes Park Vale vs Chertsey Town

🕒 15:00 Southall P - P Thatcham Town

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LEAGUE TABLES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

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

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	8	-	8	-
S Hayes	-	-	2	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	3	-	34	6
B Matthew	8	9	62	56
C Morgan	-	-	5	1
D Bailey	5	-	115	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	-	-	57	10
G Lock	8	-	222	10
H Grant	6	2	58	9
H Laffin	3	1	155	85
H Tucker	5	-	45	3
H Killeen	5	2	5	2
J Welch	7	-	48	2
J Gater	2	-	2	-
J Ajanlekoko	6	1	61	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	3	-	3	-
L Phillips	-	-	2	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	-	-	20	12
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	8	-	8	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	8	1	102	19
S Balogun	5	1	20	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	4	-	79	22
O McCoy	4	2	4	2
Own Goals	-	-	n/a	n/a
	112	19	1,253	279



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YOU can't beat a good feel-good story and Alex Fletcher's return to playing football certainly is one.

You may remember the 24-year-old was involved in a shocking incident last November while playing for the Romans against Dulwich Hamlet.

Fletcher collided with a perimeter wall during the game and had to be rushed to hospital where he spent five days in a coma.

Recovery has been long and arduous. He even had to learn how to walk again. But there were plenty of people in his corner with messages of support from across the game, including England manager Gareth Southgate and new Fulham signing Raul Jimenez, who himself suffered a serious head injury.

For us on the outside it's almost impossible to imagine what a tough period it has been for Fletcher.

We all read about the incident at the time, then heard of his recovery, but the hours away from the spotlight getting ready to come back with the support of his club must have gruelling. That's why it's so nice to see.

In last week's NLP, Fletcher told Bath City reporter — and NLP Step 2 results guru — Mark Stillman about his road back to the pitch, one he was determined to make.

And he did just that a fortnight ago, coming on as an 85th-minute substitute for good friend Cody Cooke. It was a poignant moment for Fletcher, his family and all at the National League South club.

"It was a bit emotional getting back out there," said Fletcher. "I can't really describe the words to say how it felt. It was goosebumps.

"I've played the situation so many times over in my head, just being here again. For it to finally happen felt surreal.

"The reception I got from everyone in the ground, including the Hampton players, meant so much to me.

"I've got over that hurdle. It's a massive milestone reached for me and now it's about building my minutes up but not rushing it, it's important for my body that I don't do that."

Jerry Gill's side have started the season well as they look for a return to Non-League's top flight.

Fletcher, who now wears a protective headband, added: "Hopefully I can start putting myself in contention for what's been a great start to the season though it might be tough as we've got such good attacking players, which can only be good for the team."

Good for Bath but also good for Alex. It's great to see him back doing what he loves. ~Matt Badcock

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

HAYDEN BIRD - Experienced manager who was appointed to the Fetcham Grove hot seat in October 2022. Over the course of the last twenty years he has had successful spells as manager at Croydon Athletic, Carshalton Athletic, Merstham and Kingstonian. Achievements with the various clubs include a number of promotions, exciting runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy and a number of County Cup successes.

TUTU HENRIQUES - Tutu has a wealth of experience as both a player and coach and has worked closely with Hayden at Bromley, Merstham and Kingstonian.

FIKAYO ATEWOLOGUN – Exciting young defender who came through the academy ranks at Dulwich Hamlet. Joined Tanners in December 2022.

KALANI BARTON – Young wing back who spent ten years at Selhurst Park before leaving the Premier League Club in the summer.

KENNY BEANEY – Experienced midfielder signed from Kingstonian last December. He has also played and enjoyed success at Merstham, Dulwich Hamlet, Wealdstone, Beckenham, Grays Athletic and Thurrock.

OLLIE COOK - Commanding centre-half signed from Carshalton Athletic in the summer. Started out with Fulham youth before joining the Southampton Academy. Counts Merstham and Kingstonian among his former clubs.

TYLER COX – Young skilful winger signed from Sutton Common Rovers in the summer. Has also turned out for Lingfield and Sutton Utd.

KACPER DANIELEWICZ – Young goalkeeper who has impressed between the sticks during pre-season.

ALPHA DIALLO - Young midfield player who came through the youth ranks at Dulwich Hamlet and made his first team debut in 2022. Spent some time on loan at Merstham before signing for Tanners in 2022.

MICHAEL ELECHI - A Manchester United Youth graduate. Michael, joined their Academy in 2016, but was released in 2018. He subsequently joined Oxford United and signed his first professional contract in December 2018, lasting until summer 2022. Had been playing for Salisbury before signing in October 2022.

FRANCISCO GOMES – Young striker. Part of the Aspire Academy. Made his debut last season. Previous clubs include Lingfield.



MEET THE OPPOSITION

DAN HECTOR – The speedy forward was an integral part of the Merstham and Kingstonian teams who enjoyed exceptional FA Cup campaigns. Dan is a former Leatherhead player, having appeared for a short spell under Nicky Bull. More recently, he has played for Carshalton Athletic and Sevenoaks Town.

OMARR LAWSON - Midfield player signed in December 2022. Previous clubs include Canvey Island, Bognor Regis, Dulwich Hamlet, Lewes, Crawley Down, Whitehawk, Sevenoaks, Ashford Utd & Kingstonian.

BRADLEY MANNING – Young full back who spent part of last season on loan from Aldershot. Signed permanently for the Tanners in the summer.

TREY MASIKINI - Attacking midfield player signed in the summer from Merstham. Has also played for Carshalton Athletic and Corinthian Casuals. **TOBY McKIMM** - Young goalkeeper who came through the ranks at Tonbridge Angels. Impressed when called upon last season.

BRIAN OKONKWO – Young Arsenal academy goalkeeper who has joined Tanners on a three month loan deal. Has previous senior experience at Hitchin Town.

LUKE PHAIR – Young midfield player who came through the youth and Academy ranks at Aldershot Town and Woking.

JERRY PUEMO – Centre back signed in December 2022 from Sittingbourne. Previous clubs include Cheshunt, Kingstonian, Bognor Regis Town and Farnborough.

TREVAN ROBINSON – Young striker signed from Chertsey Town in the summer. Previous clubs include Hanwell Town (where he came through the youth team) and Farnborough.

SERINE SANNEH - The former West Ham United and Crystal Palace goalkeeper played for Hayden at Kingstonian in 2021-22. He joined the Tanners in February 2023.

FABIO SARAIVA – Summer signing from Chatham, whom he helped to win promotion to Isthmian Premier last season. Has also played for Merstham, Kingstonian, Maidstone Utd and Woking.

JUNIOR SAVANE – Young French born defender signed from Dulwich Hamlet in the summer. Previously in the Borcham Wood academy and had loan spell at Great Wakering Rovers & Wingate & Finchley. Signed from East Grinstead in August 2023.

GUS SOW – The midfielder signed from Carshalton Athletic in June 2023. Gus scored fourteen goals for Kingstonian during the 2021-22 season. He spent three seasons with the K's after moving from Merstham. He previously played for Lewes, Dulwich Hamlet and St Albans City, after coming through the junior ranks at Crystal Palace.

JAMIE SPLATT – Signed from Dulwich Hamlet in 2023. A graduate of the Hamlet youth set-up, he made his first team debut in 2018. Has had loan spells at Merstham and Whitehawk.

DAVE TARPEY - Experienced striker who began his career at Henley Town before joining Basingstoke Town, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Walton & Hersham, Chertsey Town and Farnborough. Tarps joined Maidenhead United in 2014. His goals helped Maidenhead win the National League South title before he signed for Barnet in 2017. Injury curtailed his time with the Bees and he reunited with former manager Alan Dowson at Woking. In 2021 he joined Bracknell Town helping them to promotion from Isthmian Division One South Central before signing for Tanners in June 2022. In all Tarps has scored over 200 career goals.

CLUB HISTORY - LEATHERHEAD

LEATHERHEAD FOOTBALL CLUB can trace its history back to the formation of Leatherhead Rose in 1907. Rose were crowned Champions of the Dorking & District League in 1910 and 1919 before joining the Kingston and District League where they won the League title three times, the last in 1938-39. Leatherhead United were formed in 1924 and, in 1925-6, won Division One of the Sutton and District League. In the early 1930s, United joined the Surrey Junior League becoming Champions in 1933-4. After the War, officials of the two clubs met and in May 1946, Leatherhead Football Club was officially formed at a public meeting. United's Fetcham Grove ground was to be used as the home ground. The Tanners went on to win four consecutive Surrey Senior League Championships before spells in the Metropolitan, Delphian and Corinthian Leagues. Tanners were Corinthian League champions in 1963 before moving into the Athenian League. Leatherhead won promotion from Division One at the end of the first season and inaugurated their floodlights with a match against a Fulham side. Leatherhead won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first, and to date, only time in 1969. After being elected into the Isthmian League, Leatherhead made national headlines in 1974-5 when they reached the Fourth Round proper of the FA Cup, defeating League sides Colchester Utd and Brighton & Hove Albion before bowing out to First Division Leicester City 2-3. In subsequent seasons, the Tanners defeated two more Football League sides at the Grove – Cambridge United and Northampton Town. After the disappointment of defeat in FA Amateur Cup semi-finals in 1971 and 1974, the Tanners finally reached Wembley Stadium in 1978 but were beaten in the FA Trophy Final. The Club then entered a period of decline and were relegated in 1983 and in 1990, slipped down into Division Two South but were back in Division One in 1997. Finances were a problem and in the summer of 2000, the club was within a few days of folding but was saved by its supporters who took over following a crisis meeting. In 2006-7, Leatherhead were the lowest ranked team to reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, losing 1-2 at Football League side, Torquay United. Mick Sullivan was appointed First Team Manager in May 2009. Under Sullivan's guidance, the club had its most successful season in years, winning the Isthmian League Cup (the first major trophy for some 40 years) and finishing the season in fifth place in the League before losing a play-off semi-final (continued).



CLUB HISTORY - LEATHERHEAD

The following season, a dramatic play-off victory against Dulwich Hamlet (4-3 after extra time), saw The Tanners return to the Premier Division for the first time since 1983. Tanners stay lasted just the one season though. In 2013-14 Tanners reached the play offs again, this time edging out Guernsey 3-2, before winning a penalty shootout at Folkestone Invicta to return to the Ryman Premier Division. Sammy Moore was appointed in the summer of 2017. In his first managerial job Sammy steered Tanners to the second round of the FA Cup, a County Cup Final and a top eight finish in the League before departing for Concord Rangers along with the majority of the team. He was replaced by former Margate boss Nikki Bull who, despite having to rebuild the squad, took the team to an 8th place finish narrowly missing out on the play-offs.

After a poor start to the 2021-22 season Luke Tufts was appointed manager in January 2022. but was unable to steer the club out of the relegation places, although from a seemingly impossible position it was very close.

After an indifferent start to 2022-23 Hayden Bird was appointed to the Fetcham Grove hot seat in October 2022.

MAIN CLUB HONOURS

FA Challenge Cup 4th Round 1974/75

2nd Round 1975/76, 1976/77, 1978/79, 2017/18

1st Round 1977/78, 1980/81, 2006/07

FA Trophy Finalists 1977/78

FA Amateur Cup Semi-finalists 1970/71, 1973/74

Isthmian Division One South Play-off Winners

2010/11, 2013/14

Isthmian Division Two Runners up 1996/97

Isthmian League Cup Winners 2009/10 Finalists 1977/78

Isthmian Charity Shield Winners

2010/11, 2011/12

Premier Midweek League Runners up 1969/70

Surrey Senior Cup Winners 1968/69

Finalists 1964/65, 1966/67, 1974/75, 1978/79, 2010/11, 2017/18

London Senior Cup Finalists 1974/75, 1977/78

Athenian League Division One Champions 1963/64

Corinthian League Champions 1962/63

Surrey Senior League Champions

1946/47, 1947/48, 1948/49, 1949/50

Surrey Senior League Cup Winners 1949/50

Surrey Senior Shield Winners 1968/69

Finalists 1967/68

Southern Combination Cup Winners 1989/90



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