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Last Match:	Chertsey Town	A	Sat 13 Apr	1-3	ISTH SC
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IN THE CHAIR



Simon Negus
Chairman

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



Welcome to our final home game of the season, and a special welcome to everyone from today's Isthmian League opponents Met Police.

The first thing I'd like to mention is how proud I've been in the way our club has come together this week in support for a much loved member of our community... as a club we have been in direct contact with the Police and the family to offer our help, and we are all so glad to hear of a positive outcome. A reminder that our Club Chaplain Tim Rose is always available to support our community in any way required.

As we draw our first season at Step 4 to a close, it's a good time to reflect on what we have achieved. After the huge high of Wembley and promotion, it was always going to be difficult to match those experiences... however it was always important to see the bigger picture and personally I've been delighted to see the squad evolve and develop through the season to a point where we are consistently competitive whoever the opposition are, and have consolidated our place within a very strong Step 4 league.

Off the field we have also continued to build – we complied with all ground grading requirements within the FA deadlines, and we have very visible new facilities at The Racecourse with “The @TMS Reach Shed End” stand and new turnstiles.

I know Jamie is really keen to finish the season with two positive performances to build some further momentum... we have already had several positive meetings to start planning for next season, and I know he shares the club's ambition to continue our upwards trajectory on and off the pitch. There is much to look forward to for next season and I hope to see all of you on that journey.

Enjoy the game today. ~Simon

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

We are a club in massive trouble right now. During Mr Dai's tenure, 16 points have been deducted, we've been under a transfer embargo for around five years now, wages haven't been paid on time on multiple occasions, winding up petitions have been launched, sponsors have stepped in to cover player payroll, caterers have been removed from the training ground, staff are demoralised, players are reportedly being sold behind the manager and sporting director's back and two first-team coaches have been made redundant.

Some of these issues are worse than others, but combined, they have been disastrous and this has led to fans worrying about whether their club will be in existence at the end of the season. The prospect of back-to-back relegations is scary enough, but the thought of liquidation is unbearable.

We want our children and grandchildren to follow in our footsteps and support the club in the future. That is no longer a certainty thanks to Mr Dai and his sister Dai Xiu Li, who were tasked with taking care of this football club but have run it into the ground instead. Both of them need to be removed as quickly as possible.

Local teams who have benefitted and may continue to benefit from having some of our players on loan in the future would also benefit from an ownership change,

with our young players also profiting from gaining some valuable experience.

What are our hopes for the future?

We don't care about spending millions, we just want a fully functioning football club to support. Our situation has worsened considerably in recent months and the constant cycle of bad news is never-ending.

Whatever league we find ourselves in, we just need stability and a form of escape from the realities of life. At the moment, supporting the Royals is anything but that, and that's a massive shame because we used to be run incredibly well by Sir John Madejski.

In the short term, we need to save the club. As a campaign and fanbase, we will keep pushing until a sale is complete and having fans of all clubs onside will help to make that happen. Let's make Reading Football Club a Dai-free zone.



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FROM THE DUGOUT



Jamie Tompkins
First Team Manager

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Metropolitan Police. Enjoy the game!



Welcome to the Racecourse Ground for our final home match of the season, where we face off against Met Police FC.

As we take stock of our inaugural campaign in the Isthmian League, I firstly wish to thank our brilliant supporters for following us home and away. Your support really makes a difference. The sight of home crowds exceeding 200 on 16 occasions this season speaks volumes and I have no doubt today will make that 17! Not forgetting our brilliant away support in great numbers. It really shows how far we have come to regularly hit these numbers with increased attendances and increased season averages. Looking ahead, I am confident that we will maintain this momentum into the next season.

2023/24 will mark our highest placed finish in the club's history – we cannot forget that, despite high expectations, this season has been one of invaluable lessons, consolidation, and a deeper understanding of the journey that lies ahead. Our current squad is relishing the challenges, recognising that we are progressing, that we are far more competitive and showing great togetherness, which is evident in our performances on the pitch and the atmosphere surrounding the team.

We must recognise and share our huge thanks to our volunteers and staff for their continuous support and dedication. Demands off the pitch are greater given the step up in the football pyramid but we continue to hit them head on and overcome any challenges faced.

To finish, we will keep progressing on and off the pitch. We have welcomed new additions this season with our new TMS Shed End stand and new turnstiles, further proof of the progression the club are making, and we can look ahead into next season full of optimism and belief that we can again achieve a highest league position in the clubs history. Onwards and upwards. Enjoy the game! ~JT



Dean Greenwood
Assistant Manager



Stuart Britton
Strength/Con. Coach



Steve Quelch
Coach



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Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

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



Welcome to what is our final home game of the season and one where we can be proud of the fact we've consolidated our place at step 4 and made new friends along the way. Today's match has more significance for Met Police who haven't quite staved off any lingering threat of relegation, but they'd need four teams below them to outperform them to be dragged into the mire and one of them – Chipstead – would need positive results against both Thatcham and Southall, and I can't see that happening. Elsewhere, could Binfield pull off the Houdini Act of all-time? Having been in the drop zone all season they now stand on the cusp of survival, and Thursday's win lifted them out of the bottom two! Around The Racecourse, our Women ended up 2nd in the Southern Region Women's Football League. Having led the division, it was defeat at Bournemouth in their penultimate game that was their undoing. Ascot subsequently lost at Woodley in their last game too, although the bitter pill is had they won that match then they would still have won the league as Bournemouth only drew their final game to nick the title by a point. And a date for your diaries is Tuesday 30th April, as that is when our Allied U18s entertain Thatcham Town in the end-of-season 'possible' title decider.

50 up! Ollie Harris is set to make his 50th appearance for Ascot United. Harris first featured at the start of last season and scored 12 goals in 20 matches before suffering an ACL injury. However, he was a huge part of the team's success even on the sidelines, and is a Yellafans' favourite!



As it stands, Thatcham are 7 points behind Ascot with 2 games in hand, therefore victories for Thatcham in those games prior to the 30th April's match will determine whether that game will be a winner-takes-all clash. And onto milestones, aside from Locky being on the verge of equalling JB's appearance record by featuring today and next week, it's great that Ollie Harris has finally reached a half-century, also assuming he features today. It feels like Ollie has been with us for years – and indeed he has - a true clubman who was part of our FA Vase journey, encouraging his team-mates on the pitch whilst on crutches after major knee injury, so to see him make his comeback earlier this season and get back to full strength is truly fantastic. Finally, it's time for me to sign off for another season once again and say what a pleasure it's been following The Yellamen and seeing the travelling support out there. Away days like Southall and Leatherhead when we travelled in numbers really show the attraction and indeed further potential we've got. We're never likely to be a Dulwich Hamlet, Ramsgate or Horsham with 4-figure crowds every week but we've certainly left our one-man-and-his-dog days behind and it is a pleasure to be part of. Long may it continue. ~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	1-0	206	McCoy
09-Sep	Horndean	A	FAT 10	3-2	110	Matthew 2, Balogun
12-Sep	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	246	
15-Sep	Lewes	H	FAC 20	1-2	451	OG
23-Sep	Lancing	H	FAT 20	6-2	162	Matthew 4, Killeen, McCormack
26-Sep	Badshot Lea	A	LG 2	0-1	78	
30-Sep	Sutton Common Rovers	H	ISTH SC	1-1	136	H. Grant
07-Oct	Whitehawk	A	FAT 30	0-2	357	
14-Oct	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC	1-3	218	Matthew
17-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC	1-2	127	Matthew
21-Oct	Chinstead	A	ISTH SC	0-1	97	
24-Oct	Binfield	H	ISTH SC	4-0	227	Matthew 2, Lock, McCormack
11-Nov	Southall	H	ISTH SC	1-3	186	Lock
14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A	ISTH SC	0-2	113	
25-Nov	Marlow	H	ISTH SC	0-2	186	
28-Nov	Corinthian Casuals	A	ISTH SC	2-1	135	Matthew, O. Harris
02-Dec	Westfield	A	ISTH SC	0-1	145	
09-Dec	Northwood	H	ISTH SC	1-0	202	Matthew
12-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC	1-4	62	McCormack
16-Dec	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC	5-2	115	Matthew 2, T. Morgan 2, H. Grant
23-Dec	Chertsey Town	H	ISTH SC	1-2	332	A. Grant
26-Dec	Uxbridge	A	ISTH SC	1-1	147	O. Harris
30-Dec	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC	0-1	486	
01-Jan	Badshot Lea	H	ISTH SC	3-1	213	Welch, O. Harris, OG
06-Jan	Thatcham Town	H	ISTH SC	1-5	212	Morgan
09-Jan	Beaconsfield Town	H	BB 4	1-3	75	Laffin
12-Jan	Binfield	A	ISTH SC	3-2	261	Tack 2, OG
16-Jan	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC	0-2	168	
20-Jan	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC	0-1	295	
27-Jan	Sutton Common Rovers	A	ISTH SC	0-1	74	
30-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC	2-2	137	Laffin, B. Harris
03-Feb	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC	2-2	135	Laffin, T. Morgan
10-Feb	Chinstead	H	ISTH SC	1-0	216	Tack
24-Feb	Corinthian Casuals	H	ISTH SC	2-2	238	Tack, Lalustani
02-Mar	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC	2-0	221	Laffin, O. Harris
09-Mar	Southall	A	ISTH SC	1-0	112	O. Harris
16-Mar	Westfield	H	ISTH SC	0-3	283	
23-Mar	Marlow	A	ISTH SC	1-2	320	McCormack
30-Mar	Guernsey	A	ISTH SC	4-2	622	Tack 2, Ellis, Tucker
01-Apr	Uxbridge	H	ISTH SC	2-2	246	Tack 2
06-Apr	Ravnes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC	2-3	148	Laffin, Mason
13-Apr	Chertsey Town	A	ISTH SC	1-3	1,122	Tack
20-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			

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MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

VALIANT YELLAS FALL SHORT AT CHERTSEY

Defeat for Ascot as Curfews crowned champions

Saturday 13th April 2024 , Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Chertsey Town 3 - 1 Ascot United



Ascot United slipped to a 3-1 defeat at Chertsey Town on Saturday in front of a partisan 1,122 crowd, *writes William Powell*. The hosts, who knew victory would guarantee them the league title, duly emerged with all three points on an afternoon where they were initially pegged back after going ahead.

The game started off lively and was evenly balanced. However, Chertsey took the lead in the 17th minute after Louis Degand bundled home from close range. Mark Scott came out to try and scupper the effort, but Degand just got there before the Yellas' shot stopper to poke home.

Ascot quickly responded to the deficit when Liam Tack curled an effort into the top corner from distance. The move started from Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi picking out a perfect pass to the feet of Ollie Harris, who drove at the Chertsey defence before offloading the ball to Tack, who emphatically found the top corner past Jupp in Town's net (pictured celebrating, shooting-stars.co.uk).

However, the eventual champions just didn't relent. Three minutes later, Conor Lee regained their lead. Lee, rather effortlessly, placed the ball into the bottom corner from a free-kick past the Ascot wall and goalkeeper.

Both sides went back-and-forth for the remainder of the enthralling encounter but the hosts led 2-1 at the interval.

Ex-Yellaman Oliver McCoy had a fantastic chance to extend Town's lead moments after the restart but his headed effort flew wide. Chertsey, who had clearly come out of the blocks quickly, threatened again in the 50th minute when Gianluca Botti found himself one-on-one with Scott. As Botti looked certain to slot home, George Lock stuck a foot out and brilliantly thwarted his effort.

Moments later, however, Chertsey scored. Scott fumbled the ball from a corner, and Botti calmly slotted into an empty net. Chertsey continued to push on but Scott made some fantastic saves to keep their efforts out.

The corks popped for the hosts soon after – and congratulations to them. They will now be after two wins to reach the 100-point mark, a feat achieved quite recently by another FA Vase winning side not too far from the Surrey border...

PHOTOZONE



Photos from our defeat at Chertsey last weekend. **Clockwise from top left:** Sean McCormack forces the home 'keeper into a save, Mark Scott is called into action at the other end, Liam Tack celebrates his goal, Scott is beaten by a free-kick, Ascot throw their bodies in front of another home attack, Dan Bailey defends. shooting-stars.co.uk



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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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FIXTURES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

Saturday 20th April

⌚ 15:00 Ascot United vs Metropolitan Police

⌚ 15:00 Ashford Town (Middx) vs Westfield

⌚ 15:00 Binfield vs Raynes Park Vale

⌚ 15:00 Chipstead vs Thatcham Town

⌚ 15:00 Corinthian-Casuals vs Uxbridge

⌚ 15:00 Hanworth Villa vs Leatherhead

⌚ 15:00 Hartley Wintney vs Southall

⌚ 15:00 South Park (Reigate) vs Marlow

⌚ 15:00 Sutton Common Rovers vs Chertsey Town

Sunday 21st April

⌚ 14:00 Guernsey vs Northwood

Tuesday 23rd April

⌚ 19:45 Badshot Lea vs Uxbridge

⌚ 19:45 Hanworth Villa vs Corinthian-Casuals

⌚ 19:45 Westfield vs Northwood

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⌚ 19:45 Guernsey vs Hartley Wintney



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WHERE has the season gone? It feels like only yesterday that Notts County were edging out Chesterfield to take the final National League promotion spot into League Two, alongside Wrexham, and FC Halifax Town and Ascot United were lifting the FA Trophy and Vase respectively at Wembley. In between, we've encountered the usual highs and lows that the Non-League season never fails to throw us up, and ridden the rollercoaster of emotions which somehow lure us back to the terraces year after year.

It's difficult to fathom that in eight days' time on reading this, the regular season for 2023-24 will be over at Steps 1-4. But for the shocking weather we've had it probably would be in the majority of the Step 5-6 divisions too.

So, with time ticking down on another memorable campaign, I thought we take the chance to reflect and run through the battles at the top and bottom of each division. It's important to note that this was written before an absolutely crucial midweek calendar when the pressure really comes to the fore under the lights.

This afternoon sees the final day of the National League season – and what a year it's been. Paul Cook's Chesterfield put their play-off final defeat behind them as they waltzed to the title even before the Easter Bunny arrived, while Oxford City, Dorking Wanderers and Kidderminster Harriers fell through the trap door. The rest, as it stands, is up for grabs with FC Halifax Town, Aldershot Town and Southend United, despite a 10-point deduction, all looking to join Barnet, Bromley, Altrincham and Isuzu FA Trophy finalists Solihull Moors and Gateshead in the play-offs, which kick off on Tuesday night.

At the bottom, last year's play-off contenders Woking and Boreham Wood surprisingly found them sucked into a relegation dogfight, along with big spending York City, Wealdstone and Ebbsfleet United. Potentially, today's crunch clash at Meadow Park between Boreham Wood v Ebbsfleet United is a relegation shootout. In National League North, Tamworth made it back-to-back titles under boss Andy Peaks to reclaim their place on Non-League's top table, ahead of Scunthorpe United. Brackley Town, Chorley and Alfreton Town are also home and dry in the play-offs with surprise package Curzon Ashton, South Shields, Spennymoor Town, Boston United, Hereford and Chester all fighting it out for the remaining two spots.

Bishop's Stortford *annus horribilis*, having been placed in the North division from the Isthmian League, ended in relegation, along with Gloucester City and Banbury United.

Yeovil Town bounced back from their relegation last season to take the National League South title with Chelmsford City, Worthing, Braintree Town and FA Cup heroes Maidstone United all reaching the play-offs. Bath City, Hampton & Richmond, Aveley and Farnborough all took it to the final week in a bid to take the last two spots.

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The story of the season, however, came at the bottom where two of the divisions big-hitters over the years, Dartford and Havant & Waterlooville, both fell through the trapdoor, along with Dover Athletic. Torquay United, after having 11 points deducted through going into administration and playing an ineligible player, could yet join them with Taunton Town and another big gun, Eastbourne Borough, also in the mix.

In the Northern Premier League, Radcliffe rallied to the Premier division title under co-bosses Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley with Warrington Rylands battling for second with Macclesfield. Leek Town won NPL West after a sterling season, while the East and Midlands division are still up for grabs – the latter thanks to a six-point deduction handed to then leaders Harborough Town for fielding an ineligible player.



















Spalding United lead the way there with north-east rivals Stockton Town and Hebburn Town battling it out in the East. The Southern League Premier Central title went to Needham Market, under Kevin Horlock, in the season where Nuneaton Borough perished, while Chesham United were convincing winners of Premier South.

Both Step 4 divisions will go to the wire with Biggleswade Town holding pole position over Bedford Town, Ware, Waltham Abbey and AFC Dunstable in Division One Central honours and Wimborne Town and Frome Town neck-and-neck in Premier South. What a game that is this afternoon at the New Cuthbury! Hornchurch were thumping winners of Isthmian League Premier division with Chatham Town impressive runners-up, but former big guns Kingstonian and Concord Rangers dropped out. Chertsey Town clinched the South Central title but the other two are set for a showdown with Lowestoft Town going head-to-head with Bowers & Pitsea and Felixstowe & Walton United for the North title and Kent rivals Ramsgate and Cray Valley PM locking horns in a thrilling South East finale. And talking of county rivalries, Romford and Great Wakering Rovers will be the pride of Essex when they lock horns in the Isuzu FA Vase final on May 11.

With the play-offs filtering all the way down to Step 6 this season, there's still so much football to be played, so if you're invested in the action as much as we are, then you'll pick up your Non-League Paper tomorrow. Let the games begin. ~Jon Couch

LEAGUE TABLES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

		Home				Away				Total				+/-	Pts		
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L			F	A
	C Chertsey Town (-1)	19	14	5	0	19	15	3	1	38	29	8	1	99	31	+68	94
	2 Marlow	19	12	1	6	19	15	1	3	38	27	2	9	101	47	+54	83
	3 Leatherhead	19	12	4	3	19	14	1	4	38	26	5	7	67	30	+37	83
	4 Southall	19	14	1	4	19	10	4	5	38	24	5	9	76	43	+33	77
	5 Westfield	18	11	4	3	19	11	4	4	37	22	8	7	74	49	+25	74
	6 Raynes Park Vale	19	11	5	3	19	11	3	5	38	22	8	8	65	45	+20	74
	7 South Park (Reigate)	19	10	5	4	20	7	5	8	39	17	10	12	71	59	+12	61
	8 Hanworth Villa	18	8	5	5	19	8	6	5	37	16	11	10	72	54	+18	59
	9 Thatcham Town	19	9	4	6	19	7	4	8	38	16	8	14	68	62	+6	56
	10 Hartley Wintney	19	7	5	7	18	8	2	8	37	15	7	15	61	71	-10	52
	11 Badshot Lea	19	6	4	9	19	8	5	6	38	14	9	15	62	68	-6	51
	12 Uxbridge	20	11	2	7	17	4	3	10	37	15	5	17	67	64	+3	50
	13 Ascot United	19	6	4	9	19	6	2	11	38	12	6	20	53	63	-10	42
	14 Sutton Common Rovers	19	7	2	10	19	4	5	10	38	11	7	20	49	66	-17	40
	15 Northwood	19	9	1	9	18	2	4	12	37	11	5	21	63	67	-4	38
	16 Metropolitan Police	19	4	5	10	19	4	5	10	38	8	10	20	35	61	-26	34
	17 Cuernsey	18	5	3	10	19	4	3	12	37	9	6	22	59	86	-27	33
	18 Ashford Town (Middx)	19	4	3	12	19	5	3	11	38	9	6	23	40	68	-28	33
	19 Binfield	18	4	4	10	20	4	4	12	38	8	8	22	58	108	-50	32
	20 Chipstead	19	5	3	11	19	3	3	13	38	8	6	24	44	77	-33	30
	R Corinthian-Casuals	19	3	3	13	18	1	3	14	37	4	6	27	29	94	-65	18

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**

[STAY] UPS AND DOWNS - THE ED SAYS...

Chipstead (30 points) now look likely to go down with **Corinthian Casuals (18)** unless they can somehow leapfrog in-form **Binfield (32)**, whose 5th win in 7 games took them out of the drop zone on Thursday. To do that they surely need a win – most likely against Thatcham at home otherwise they'll need something at resurgent Southall on the final day. They also need Binfield to take no more than a point from their remaining two games, but The Moles will fancy their chances against anyone, and both of their remaining games are at home.

Ashford (33) and **Met Police (34)** are a little better off, and they have the added spice of playing each other on the final day of the season. Ashford's position would come under threat if they lost both of their remaining games and Chipstead won one of their games and overturned an inferior goal difference of five, and Binfield also leapfrogged them. However, Ashford have at least won two of their last six, so their form is more promising.

Guernsey (33) will surely win at least one of their remaining three games, Northwood at home being the target game on Sunday, especially as The Wood have an abysmal away record. However, The Islanders have the worst form in the division having lost five of their last six, so they'll be chewing their nails across The Channel.

It's all to play for, but the author thinks The Chips are Down!

Position / Team / Points (games) / remaining matches:

16th Met Police - 34 (38) Ascot (A), Ashford (H)

17th Guernsey 33 (37) Northwood (H), Hartley Wintney (H), Raynes Park Vale (A)

18th Ashford 33 (38) - Westfield (H), Met Police (A)

19th Binfield 32 (38) – Raynes Park Vale (H), Uxbridge (H)

20th Chipstead 30 (38) – Thatcham (H), Southall (A)

21st Corinthian Casuals 18 (37) - relegated

FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

Last 6 Matches

P W D L F A +/- Pts

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

	ASC	ASH	BAD	BIN	CHE	CHI	COR	CUE	HAN	HAR	LEA	MAR	MET	NOR	RAY	SOU	SOU	SUT	THA	UXB	WES
ASC		2-2	3-1	4-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	4-0	1-3	0-2	0-1	0-2	20/4	1-0	2-3	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	0-3
ASH	2-1		1-3	6-0	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-3	3-5	0-3	0-1	1-3	2-0	0-6	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	20/4
BAD	0-1	3-0		2-5	0-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	2-2	1-3	2-3	2-2	2-2	4-0	2-0	0-4	0-2	0-1	2-2	23/4	0-4
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CHE	3-1	2-1	27/4	9-0		2-1	4-1	4-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	4-1	4-4	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-1	1-1
CHI	1-0	2-2	0-0	0-5	1-2		4-1	4-1	0-0	6-2	0-4	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-4	1-4	0-1	2-3	20/4	2-0	0-1
COR	1-2	1-2	1-3	0-0	0-6	0-1		0-4	1-0	0-3	2-3	1-4	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-1	0-5	1-3	20/4	1-1
CUE	2-4	0-1	1-3	3-3	2-6	5-3	1-1		0-5	24/4	1-4	0-1	1-1	21/4	2-3	0-1	0-3	4-2	3-1	3-0	3-1
HAN	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	23/4	4-4		1-3	20/4	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-3	2-0	3-3	2-1	1-1	1-0	4-2
HAR	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-4	1-3	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-1		1-1	0-4	5-2	4-0	1-1	0-0	20/4	2-1	2-2	1-3	0-4
LEA	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	27/4		0-2	2-1	0-0	4-1	5-1	2-1	1-0	5-0	4-0	0-0
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MET	2-5	27/4	1-1	1-2	0-1	4-0	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-2	0-4	1-2		0-0	0-1	2-1	1-2	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-3
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SOU	4-1	3-0	2-2	2-1	0-4	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	6-2	1-2	20/4	0-0	2-0	0-3		3-1	2-1	5-1	1-1	4-5
SOU	0-1	2-1	3-1	8-0	0-3	27/4	5-2	1-1	4-1	2-0	1-0	4-1	1-2	2-1	0-1	3-2		1-0	1-0	3-1	3-1
SUT	1-0	1-4	1-1	4-1	20/4	2-0	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-5	0-1	0-3	2-0	2-2	1-2	3-0	1-2		1-3	1-2	0-3
THA	2-0	2-0	0-1	3-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-0	0-2	4-5	0-2	2-0	0-0	3-0	2-2	27/4		4-1	2-2
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WES	1-0	0-0	1-1	7-2	0-0	3-1	27/4	2-1	1-0	5-1	3-0	3-2	2-0	23/4	0-3	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-1	2-1	0-5

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2023/24		All-time	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
A Sykes	-	-	4	-
H Sobte	31	-	31	-
S Hayes	2	-	4	-
A Everiss	-	-	26	1
A Grant	12	1	43	7
B Matthew	26	21	80	68
C Morgan	12	-	17	1
D Bailey	32	-	142	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	46	2	260	12
H Grant	37	4	89	11
H Laffin	23	6	175	90
H Tucker	26	1	66	4
H Killeen	14	3	14	3
J Welch	27	1	68	3
J Gater	3	-	3	-
J Ajanlekoko	21	1	76	5
K Allsopp	4	-	4	-
J Edwards	36	-	36	-
L Phillips	1	-	3	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	29	5	49	17
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	44	-	44	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	45	5	139	23
S Balogun	23	1	38	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	32	1	107	23
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	27	1	138	3
C Goulter	12	-	12	-
T Morgan	17	4	73	21
L Edgecombe	3	-	4	-
J Clark	1	-	1	-
B Harris	9	1	16	8
L Tack	16	9	16	9
M Scott	12	-	12	-
E Lynch	6	-	6	-
O Mason	8	1	8	1
K Mcleod	3	-	3	-
10wn Goals!	n/a	3	n/a	n/a
	670	73	1,986	356



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MEET THE YELLAMEN

Mark Scott – goalkeeper. A commanding, experienced goalkeeper who signed in January 2024 having played for a string of higher level clubs including Step 2 football with Hungerford Town. Previous clubs also include Bracknell Town, Slough Town, Oxford City, Beaconsfield and Basingstoke Town.



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

Josh Edwards – defence. Signed for the 23/24 season from Thatcham Town where he was player of the season in 22/23. A strong, powerful defender and excellent in 1 v 1 scenarios. Previously with Basingstoke Town.



Oliver Lahtinen-Kalsi – defence. Exciting addition for the 23/24 campaign having joined us on a season-long loan from National League neighbours Aldershot Town.

Dan Bailey – defence. Experienced centre back and club captain. Previously played at a higher level with Marlow and has a FA level 2 coaching qualification. A great communicator who shows incredible commitment and leadership on the pitch. Pivotal member of our double-winning campaign in 22/23, leading the team to victory at Wembley.



George Lock – defence. A fearless right back previously with Binfield and Bracknell. Technically strong and a consistently high performer who likes to get forward and has weighed in with important goals. Has made over 200 appearances heading into the 23/24 campaign. Another FA Vase winner.

Alfie Grant - defence. Commanding and non-sense ball-playing defender who relishes winning aerial challenges. FA Vase winner who originally signed from Reading City in October 2022 and then re-signed in November 2023. Previously with Oxford United's youth team.



Harry Tucker – defence. Strong, commanding defender who oozes confidence on the ball and has excellent distribution. Previously with Kings Langley and Thame United. FA Vase winner.

Joe Gater – defence. Highly respected defender on the local scene having previously played Step 4 football with Bracknell Town and Binfield. Tall and physical with a strong aerial presence.



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

Liam Tack - midfield. Signed from step 3 neighbours Bracknell Town in January 2024. Versatile midfielder player with pace and good passing ability, plus has a good eye for goals. Also played for Flackwell Heath, Thame United and Egham Town.



Chris Ellis - defence. Came out of retirement what must be the 58th time this season. A strong defender who possesses a long throw-in, but has also proved versatile all over the park including a cameo in goal. Another FA Vase winner. Will probably retire again at least 5 more times!

Kraig McLeod - defence. Signed in the Spring of 2024. A commanding defender with Step 3 experience. Most recently with Wingate & Finchley and previously featured for Corinthian Casuals, Enfield Town, Brightlingsea Regent and Maldon & Tiptree. Came through QPR U18 and U21's.

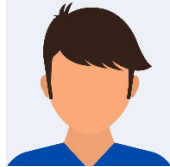
MEET THE YELLAMEN

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



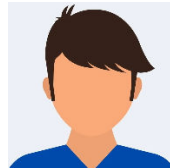
Harry Grant – midfield. A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club in 22/23. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League 2 and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017/18 before repeating the feat with Ascot United in 22/23.

Ollie Mason - Midfield. Ollie, a dynamic midfielder, is an Ascot United youth product having first joined the club at our soccer school aged 5 and has since played for every age group for the club. Most recently joining Woking FC Academy, he returns to the yellas to gain first team experience.



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

Ewan Lynch - forward. Signed in February 2024 after playing college football for four years in the US. A Binfield youth product who also played for Maidenhead United.



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

Taylor Morgan - forward. Rejoined the Yellamen in December 2023 from Hartley Wintney having previously featured for Ascot United between 2020-2022. An experienced striker who has played Major League soccer in the US, as well as having spells in Sweden and Scotland. Pacey and holds the ball up well.



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

Usman Lalustani – forward. Rejoined The Yellamen in 22/23 after featuring in 18/19 and 19/20 when he netted 11 goals from 38 appearances. Maintains high fitness levels and on his day will cause problems for any defence. An ice-cool character, he scored the winning penalty in the FA Vase Quarter Final in but was suspended for the final.



MEET THE YELLAMEN

Jamie Tompkins – manager. Highly respected throughout the club who won the league cup in his first season (18/19) and almost won the league in 20/21 only for COVID to strike. However, overseeing a league and FA Vase double in 22/23 eclipsed all that went before and he now gets the chance to have a crack at Step 4 in 23/24. Jamie is also Senior Director of Football Development at Brentford FC.



Dean Greenwood – assistant manager. Joined the coaching team in November 2022 and also has first team management experience from his spells in charge at Ashford Town (Middx) and Camberley Town. Also helped mastermind the league and FA Vase double.

Steve Quelch – coach. Many years of experience in the local game with Chalvey Sports and is a UEFA B coach, joined the club ahead of the 2019/20 season. A big character, especially during our 22/23 double-winning campaign.



Stuart Britton – strength and conditioning coach. Joining in the summer of 2021, 'Stu' joined to focus on the fitness, recovery and injury prevention and rehabilitation of the squad which was invaluable during the gruelling 22/23 league and FA Vase campaign.

Nathan Riley – physio. Joined us in 22/23 and becomes the club's main physio for 23/24. Another important member of our double-winning team.



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CLUB HISTORY - ASCOT UNITED

Ascot United as we know it, was founded in 1965 by a men's team who played their games at Sunninghill with "after match meetings" in The Wells in Cheapside village (now Mikado's). Teams played as long ago as 1928 under the name "Ascot United" but nothing to link them directly to the current club. In 1965, the club had gained permission from the Ascot Racecourse Trustees to convert the land east of coach park 10 into a football pitch. A wooden clubhouse was built, and this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed.

Various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, and in 1992 the East Berks 7-a-side Association was formed by our then Chairman Keith Wicks, introducing small-sided junior games and having disbanded in 1980 the men's team also reformed. The men's senior team enjoyed early success through the East Berks League gaining continued promotions to the Senior division and winning various Cups including the Fielden Charity Cup in 1996/7. In 2001, the First Team join the Reading Senior League, were awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2004, and won the Reading Evening Post Senior Cup at the Madejski Stadium in 2006. Promotion to the Hellenic League Division 1 soon followed in 2007, before promotion to the Premier Division in 2009.

"The Yellamen" made their debut in the FA Cup in 2011 with a home tie against Wembley FC. The game attracted 1,149 people to The Racecourse on a Friday evening where the famous trophy itself was on display, and the match was streamed live on Facebook. In 2012-13 and 2015-16 we reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase twice, enjoyed two top-three finishes in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, and won both the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup and Perpetua Press Floodlit Cup. In 2018-19, new manager Jamie Tompkins led his side to the top of the table for long spells, and although they couldn't hang on to their lead, they would taste league cup glory once again by defeating Windsor FC 3-1.

A lateral move to the Combined Counties Premier Division for the 2019-20 season, combined with the installation of a new 3G pitch provided a platform for further development both on and off the pitch. The Yellamen were clear at the top of the league before COVID curtailed their first crack at the title before the 2021-22 season saw them reach the Bucks Senior Cup Final after defeating three sides from higher divisions, including Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-final in front of a club-record crowd of 1,267.

However, it is the 2022-23 campaign that will surely remain the club's most successful for decades to come. Tompkins' side dominated the league, taking 102 points from 38 league matches to win the title with four matches to spare. And if that wasn't enough, they achieved an incredible double by lifting the Isuzu FA Vase at Wembley in front of over 4,400 travelling Ascot United supporters and the BT Sport cameras. Impressively, they entered in the very first qualifying round before winning ten matches in a mesmerizing run; Kai Walters heading home in the 79th minute to secure a 1-0 win over the then-holders Newport Pagnell Town.

The club has also enjoyed much success at all levels particularly in the Women's and Girls Section. Our Senior Women won promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League in 2017-18 and enjoyed their best season in 2022-23 when they were runners-up but ended on a high by winning the league cup. Our Women's Phoenix side achieved back-to-back promotions from the Thames Valley League to take their place just one level below the Senior side for 2023-24, and the newly-formed Junior Premier League (U18s) also won their league title at the first attempt in 2022-23.

Ascot United has grown to become one of the largest Community football clubs in the UK with over 1,000 registered players and over 90 teams playing every weekend embracing all ages and abilities from 5 year olds through to veterans. We are also extremely proud to have a mixed-ability team representing our club, the Ascot United Warriors, who are affiliated with Special Olympics GB. The future is bright.



CLUB HISTORY - METROPOLITAN POLICE

On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969.

In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under Team Manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper.

In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season (1977/78) resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In Season 1981/82 the club finished 3rd in Division One, missing promotion by just two points.

However, fortunes changed and in 1984/5, as a result of finishing third from the bottom, the Blues were relegated to Division Two (South). Ironically, in that 1984/5 season the Blues enjoyed their best run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper. The home tie against Dartford was subsequently featured on the BBC's "Match of the Day" programme. Defeat against Dartford was followed by a run of defeats in the league, which saw the Blues drop into one of the four relegation places introduced that season.

On returning to Division Two (South) the Blues finished 7th in both 1985/6 and 1986/7. During 1987/88 the Blues led the Division Two (South) table in January by seven points but they were overhauled by Chalfont St Peter, who won their last two games of season and became champions by just one point. The Blues were runners-up by virtue of a one-goal difference over Dorking. It was a nail-biting finish to a season in which the Blues lost just two league matches, both away.

The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table in Division One but in 1990/1 the club finished second from bottom and were relegated into the newly formed Division Two of the restructured Diadora (Isthmian) League. The club remained in Division Two for several years, always finishing in the top half but just outside the promotion positions. In 1993/4 the Blues again reached the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, losing 2:0 to Crawley Town.

Season 1994/5 saw the club celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a game against the Army and the opening of a new grandstand at Imber Court. The Blues finished in 5th position in Division Two and ended the season with a thrilling victory in the Carlsberg Trophy, defeating Collier Row in a penalty shoot-out following a 1:1 draw after extra-time.



CLUB HISTORY - METROPOLITAN POLICE

During the next few seasons the club continued to finish in the top half of Division Two and in 1999/2000 reached the 5th Round of the F.A. Vase (last 8), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town.

Throughout the first decade of the 2000s the club were mainly in and around the play-offs but were frustratingly defeated each time in the semis or the finals.

In 2009/10 the Blues won the London Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating AFC Wimbledon in an exciting final, 4:3 on penalties, after the match ended 4:4 after extra time. The 2010/11 season proved to be the most exciting in the club's history, culminating in the club winning the Ryman League Division 1 South Championship by the narrow margin of one goal. Bognor Regis Town had a 2 point advantage during the latter stages of the season and that was the situation when the clubs lined up for the final match. Bognor were held to an unexpected draw by Chatham Town and with the Met managing to scramble a 1:0 win against Merstham, it was enough to win the title with a goal difference of 61 against Bognor's 60.

The next few years saw The Blues establish themselves at this level with a series of higher to mid table finishes and a Surrey Senior Cup win in 13/14 over Merstham.

In the 2018/19 season due to FA restructuring, we were moved from the Bostik league to the Southern League which led to the departure of our long serving manager Jim Cooper, a number of players and also greatly increased travelling costs. Gavin Macpherson was appointed manager with Jon Nurse as his assistant and they gave youth a chance which they took with both hands playing outstanding football and commitment to finish 3rd in the league and then beating Salisbury and Poole Town in the play offs. We then had to play a super play off final against Tonbridge Angels winners of the Bostik league play off for promotion to the National league South, unfortunately we lost 3-2 aet. The club had a tremendous run in the FA Cup reaching the 1st Round proper where we lost to AFC Newport County of League 2. The Blues also won the Surrey Senior Cup beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 in the final.

The seasons of 2019/20 & 2020/21 were both curtailed early due to the Covid 19 pandemic but 2021-2022 proved to be yet another enthralling campaign, eventually finishing 4th in the league, the clubs highest ever final position, and were in the hunt for the title until the final few games of the season. We were eventually beaten 2-1 A.E.T in the play-off semi-final by Farnborough who went on to be promoted after winning the final.

2022-23 was another season where the Met played good football, however with midweek away trips to the likes of Plymouth Parkway and Tiverton Town the travelling and busy schedule was likely affecting the team's ability to challenge for promotion, not to mention the costs of travelling regularly to the likes of Devon and Dorset. A reputable eighth place was achieved and silverware was sourced in the form of another win of the Surrey Senior Cup via an impressive 4-1 final win over Virginia Water, but it was apparent that the long and hard campaigns on and off the park warranted discussion.

In the summer of 2023 the Club held a number of internal discussions, Manager Gavin MacPherson had departed for Enfield and with FA League Committee Deadlines approaching, the club decided to apply for relegation to Step 4 and a return to the Isthmian League. Confirmation from the FA Leagues Committee followed and a new chapter for The Blues was turned. A number of players departed the club, seeking Step 2 & 3 football but with the new Management Team of Suj Singh Khara and Scott Kemp in place a new-look Met Squad has been assembled with a number of players progressing from the Development Squad, bolstered by key signings and one or two familiar faces returning to the club.