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## ASCOT UNITED vs. RAYNES PARK VALE

Sat 6 Apr 2024

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



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 Ollie Harris  
 Sean McCormack  
 Taylor Morgan  
 Usman Lalustani

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Last Match:	Uxbridge	H	Mon 1 Apr	2-2	ISTH SC
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# IN THE CHAIR



**Simon Negus**  
Chairman

**A warm welcome to Raynes Park Vale for today's Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture.**



**A warm welcome to The Racecourse for today's Isthmian league fixture against Raynes Park Vale – a warm welcome to all of our visitors.**

**This week saw the average attendances for this season being published for the league - I was really pleased to see us averaging 214 which puts us in the top 7 clubs. Given we have some really well established and traditionally well-supported clubs in this league, this is really encouraging and reward for the work we have done as a club to improve fan engagement and make the matchday experience as positive as possible. Our free junior season tickets have been a huge success but we want to do more in local schools for next season... if you have links to local schools please get in touch so we can discuss some ideas we have.**

**Finally a reminder that our clubhouse is available to hire for business meetings and private events. Please speak to Sam Knight for further info.**

**Hope you all enjoy the game today! ~Simon**

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

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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.



Please follow us on X via @SellBeforeWeDai or visit our website at: [sellbeforewedai.co.uk](http://sellbeforewedai.co.uk) for more information on our plight

# FROM THE DUGOUT



**Jamie Tompkins**  
First Team Manager

**Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Raynes Park Vale. Enjoy the game!**



**Welcome to the Racecourse Ground for our penultimate home game of the season against play-off chasing Raynes Park Vale.**

**It has been 8 months since we played RPV in our first league game in step 4 football and plenty has changed in terms of squad personnel during that time. Changes were inevitable at the beginning of January as we did not meet expectation set as a group so we have needed to knock down a few walls, reset the foundations and build again block by block.**

**We have followed up by achieving more points in our second half of the season so our future remains positive and optimistic. Our previous game ended in a 2-2 draw against the in-form and free scoring Uxbridge. Tired legs from the long trip to Guernsey two days prior I feel contributed to a dip in performance in the second half after a great first half.**

**Liam Tack, Chris Ellis and the emergence of young Ollie Mason all proving to be in great form and I extend the praise to Chris after winning March's player of the month, an award duly recognising his top performances and cementing the fact that last summer's decision to retire was certainly premature. Long may it continue.**

**Onwards and upwards. 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 Raynes Park Vale for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.**



**Rain rain go away, come back again another day! After another week of heavy rain and postponements, many clubs are in the familiar position of cramming in fixtures before the end of season cut-off. In our league, Binfield still have eight games remaining – not too bad – although their groundsman is likely to be a busy man seeing as six of them are at home and their allied counties youth team also still have four home games to fit in! In the Isthmian North I see Redbridge still have nine games to play which is pretty much Saturday – Tuesday – Thursday until the last day of the season. On the topic of the Allied U18's, our Young Yellamen are closing in on the league title. They currently sit eight points above Thatcham who have three games in hand and the two sides meet at The Racecourse on 30th April, although there is a raft of football to play beforehand to determine whether that is the end-of-season title decider that the scriptwriters are hoping for.**

**Weather Woes!** Another raft of postponements in the past week left many teams with another fixture scheduling headache. Hartley Wintney v Marlow was called off ten minutes before kick off following a torrential downpour (pictured), but it was not the only game to be called-off late-on.



**Our Women's team could also win their league on Sunday, although once again the weather is probably going to have a say. If they win their final game at Woodley and Bournemouth lose what is their penultimate match at Warminster on the same day then the title is Ascot's; any other permutation would make Sports odds-on favourites when they play their final game at Woodley one week later. Fingers crossed! The Women also have an intriguing Combined Counties Cup match looming this coming week (I believe!) here at the Racecourse when Watford Women's Reserves are coming across. Watford's first team play in the 2nd-tier Championship, so I expect their development side to be pretty decent and pose a tough test for Darrel Evan's side. Final word of the day to our visitors today. It seems a long time since we went there on the opening day but they have continued to impress in their own debut at Step 4 and I also remember the much-talked-about hospitality for the visiting officials, especially the home made sausage rolls. Hopefully we can return the favour today, off the pitch only of course! ~Neal**

WELCOME TO THE VALE

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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	2-3	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	Chinthead	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	Chinthead	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			
13-Apr	Chertsey Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
27-Apr	Northwood	A	ISTH SC			

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# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

## YELLAS AND REDS DRAW AGAIN

### Tack's spot on again in 2-2 draw



**Monday 1st April 2024, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Ascot United 2 - 2 Uxbridge**

**Ascot United and in-form Uxbridge shared the spoils for the second time this season as both sides battled out a two-all draw on Easter Monday. Uxbridge scored early in both halves, although Liam Tack's brace sandwiched between them turned the game on its head, in what was an ultimately feisty festive footballing feast.**

#### **Yellamen look to build on Saturday's win**

Both sides had scored four goals in their respective victories 48 hours earlier, and although they were also enjoying a stronger second half of the season to their first, it was the visitors whose eye-catching form – five wins from their last six – that had propelled them to mid-table security. The Yellamen's long day out on Easter Saturday had begun before 6am en-route to a 4-2 triumph in Guernsey, so the question was whether they had recovered sufficiently to abate a rampant Reds side who had netted seventeen goals in their recent half-dozen outings.

#### **Hayes back in goal behind three hardy Ollies**

Young 'keeper Sam Hayes was back in the starting line up for his 2nd appearance of the season, with the three Ollies – Mason, Lahtinen-Kalsi and Harris – also included; Harry Grant overseas and paving the way for Mason to shine once again.

#### **Reds race out of the blocks**

The visitors showed why they have been so prolific in front of goal in recent weeks as Wilson Chingoka's neat touch opened up space for a shot from distance just nine minutes in, although Hayes gleefully gobbled up the effort which was straight down his throat. However, the opening goal soon came as Chingoka did well in the build-up, Mahlonnda Martin floated a near ball to the far post and Andrio Brandao applied the finishing touch with a neat looping header over Hayes, much to the delight of Uxbridge's thirty-plus travelling fans.

#### **Tack leads the response**

The home side showed great character to recover from their early setback, and after Mason's effort from a promising position had signalled his side's intent, Tack produced a defence-splitting cross that Harris scuffed wide first-time. But the Yellas drew level just before the half-hour mark with a goal that owed much to the intervention of the referee's assistant. Sean McCormack did incredibly well to keep his feet in the build-up, and after laying the ball off to George Lock, Lock was upended by defender Hamilton Antonio and a penalty was the decision courtesy of the man with the flag. And, after Tack had hammered his spot-kick just off centre, 'keeper George Legg thought he had done enough to keep it out, only for the ball to cross the line – a decision also made with the aid of the assistant – much to Legg's disgust. And, with three minutes of first half stoppage time played, Ascot forged a half time lead. This time, Taylor Morgan twice did well in the build up to ultimately earn his side a corner. McCormack's resultant delivery wasn't the best, but it fizzed through a congested six yard box for Tack to convert at the far post, and they all count regardless of their quality.

#### **Target man Taylor off as teams toil**

The second half didn't quite match the first in terms of action or drama, and the hosts' options were limited after the early exit of Morgan due to injury. To his credit, the big striker twice tried to carry on after initially pulling up racing onto an overhit through ball near the corner flag, but his day was soon over and Ascot's target man – who worked hard in his 48 minute spell – was replaced by Usman Lalustani. The reshuffle didn't dampen the home side's spirits too much, although Alex Witham did do that in the 54th minute when he showed great feet to dance through the hosts' rearguard and finish with aplomb down low just off centre to draw Uxbridge level once again.

#### **Legg uses his hand but goes unpunished**

The key moment of the second half came barely moments after The Reds had drawn level. Legg raced from his area to avert danger and did so with a well-disguised hand near his waist – this time the officials didn't spot the infringement – although in the ensuing play Tack's glancing header cannoned back off an upright. Had it gone in, it would have been both the ultimate redemption and perfect hat-trick, although sadly the script was written by April's fool, and parity ensued. At the other end a tiring Uxbridge probed and pressed with little profit, although it took a quite brilliant covering block from George Lock to take Elijah Anthony – and briefly Anthony himself – out of the equation with eight minutes remaining.

Manager Jamie Tompkins then transfused his young blood in the closing moments as the impressive Mason – who grows in stature every game – was replaced by Luke Phillips; Mason surely now a candidate for a midfield mainstay following another ninety mature minutes. Five minutes of added time – in part due to the injury delays but moreover due to the plethora of cards dished out – failed to facilitate a late winner for either side, and 2-2 was a fair result for two sides who played their part in a full-blooded bank holiday spectacle.

Ascot United: Hayes, Lahtinen-Kalsi, Lock, Tack, Ellis, Tucker, Edwards, T. Morgan (48'), O. Harris, Mason (Phillips 87), McCormack, Subs unused: Bailey, Lynch.  
Entertainment: 4 / Reporter's Star Man: Liam Tack (Ascot United) / Away fans (estimate): 30

# PHOTOZONE



Photos from our draw with Uxbridge last weekend. **Clockwise from top left:** March player-of-the-month Chris Ellis leads the pre-match pep-talk, Liam Tack converts his penalty, Usman Lalustani on the attack, George Lock in possession, Taylor Morgan holds the ball up well. [ngsportsphotography.com](http://ngsportsphotography.com)





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# FIXTURES

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

### Saturday 6th April

🕒 15:00	Ascot United	vs	Raynes Park Vale
🕒 15:00	Binfield	vs	Ashford Town (Middx)
🕒 15:00	Corinthian-Casuals	vs	Northwood
🕒 15:00	Hanworth Villa	vs	Chertsey Town
🕒 15:00	Hartley Wintney	vs	Chipstead
🕒 15:00	South Park (Reigate)	vs	Badshot Lea
🕒 15:00	Southall	vs	Leatherhead
🕒 15:00	Sutton Common Rovers	vs	Metropolitan Police
🕒 15:00	Thatcham Town	vs	Marlow
🕒 13:00	Westfield	vs	Guernsey

### Tuesday 9th April

🕒 19:45	Badshot Lea	vs	Hanworth Villa
🕒 19:45	Binfield	vs	Sutton Common Rovers
🕒 19:45	Metropolitan Police	vs	Northwood

### Wednesday 10th April

🕒 19:45	Guernsey	vs	Hartley Wintney
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### Thursday 11th April

🕒 19:45	Badshot Lea	vs	Binfield
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THIS WEEK, 35 years ago, we were treated to the greatest ever April's Fools Day joke of all time.

It featured on the front cover of Shoot magazine and depicted Liverpool's top striker pictured in the blue of their big city rivals accompanied by the headline 'World exclusive: Rush signs for Everton'. No PR teams involved and his fists clenched in sheer delight, Rush played along with the gag with a smile of his face. His team wore an Adidas kit, he wore Nike boots and yet he donned an Umbro shirt just for the fun of it.

Unsurprisingly, the red half of Merseyside went into meltdown, I mean, could you imagine Mo Salah slipping on an Everton shirt without so much of a fuss today? While none will ever quite have the same impact as that Rushy's fake transfer in 1989, the new digital age has allowed football clubs to continue the Fool's Day tradition with a more tongue-in-cheek approach – and it usually makes for some pretty humorous reading come April 1st.

This year was no exception.

One of my favourites came from Northwich Victoria, who gave a light-hearted take of the fiercely unpopular decision to move the club into the Midland League last summer by announcing they had been switched to the Southern Combination League for the 2024-25 season. "While this decision has come as a shock to us, we are excited about the opportunity to get acquainted with all the service stations down the M40," the Cheshire club quipped in a statement.

Southern Counties East League side Fisher FC, meanwhile, revealed how the club had teamed up with FOLLS, who are leading the way in sporting artificial intelligence to generate the world's first A.I football manager. The FOLLS Pro A.I system would analyse all of manager Ajay Ashanike's selection, formation and tactics for the rest of this season with the aim of replicating those in future games.

Isthmian League Ascot United went down a similar path, announcing they had hired a brand new Referee Analyst, called Anna Lytics, to help the club keep ahead of the game in influencing officials.



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Various clubs also used their links to the world of celebrity to fool their fans. Former US Open golf champion and Ryder Cup star Justin Rose announced he had signed for his beloved Aldershot Town for the rest of the season, prompting the Shots to respond they were changing their formation to fore-fore-two.

Top comedian and Chesham United director Alex Horne revealed he had signed for the Southern League Premier South champions, while former Watford legend Troy Deeney posed in a Kidlington FC training kit on being unveiled as a Greens player until the rest of the season. Harlow Town got in on the act too. They revealed that Manchester United and England star Harry Maguire had regretted not signing for the club in 2019. "If I could turn back the clock, I'd choose Harlow over Manchester," Maguire was quoted. "There was something special about the club and I regret my decision hugely."

National League South Farnborough – home to the world famous air show – announced that they would have to play future evening games under red light bulbs following new legislation from the Civil Aviation Authority, who had informed the club their floodlights had been distracting pilots flying into nearby Farnborough Airport. Wimborne Town went down a similar route. The Magpies said they had introduced E-seats, which incorporated a pedal-powered dynamo system with a wi-fi connection to a mini generator which powers the floodlights at the New Cuthbury.

Elsewhere, Herefordshire-based Westfields FC revealed they had been accepted into the Welsh Pyramid for next season, while one team who genuinely were, back in 2019, Colwyn Bay, claimed they will now officially be known as Bayern Colwyn as part of a partnership with the Bavarian Tourist Authority. Both Skelmersdale United and Didcot Town revealed unique new kit designs but, perhaps unsurprisingly, there was a reoccurring theme in April Fools' Day pranks this year involving the effects of the great British weather.

Alnwick Town announced their St James' Park ground would be covered by a giant canopy – a "first in world sport" to prevent games from being called off, while the South West Peninsula League's official X account revealed how a survey of groundsmen and fixtures' secretaries across the south west had welcomed the recent climate changes as "a positive move that has seen extra productivity and a welcome rise in the winter water table levels".

And even poor Taunton Town faced a wrath by announcing that their Bank Holiday game against Bath City at rain-sodden Wordsworth Drive was ON following a pitch inspection. Now, that would be just as bizarre as Ian Rush joining Everton! Only kidding Taunton. Happy April's Fools! ~Jon Couch



# FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

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

	ASC	ASH	BAD	BIN	CHE	CHI	COR	GUE	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	6/4	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	0-3	
ASH	2-1		1-3	6-0	0-3	1-1	13/4	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		11/4	0-2	4-2	3-2	4-2	9/4	1-3		2-2	2-2	4-0	2-0	0-4	0-2	13/4	2-2	23/4	16/4	
BIN	2-3	6/4	0-3		1-1	1-1	16/4	1-2	0-3	2-5	0-2	1-2	1-1		20/4	1-1	1-0	9/4	3-5	27/4	2-3	
CHE	13/4	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	13/4	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	6/4	1-2	0-2	1-1	0-5	1-3	20/4	1-1	
GUE	2-4	0-1	1-3	13/4	2-6	5-3	1-1		0-5	10/4	1-4	0-1	1-1	21/4	2-3	0-1	17/4	4-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	
HAN	2-2	16/4	3-1	1-1	6/4	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	6/4	1-1	2-0	2-1		1-1	16/4	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	1-1	27/4		0-2	2-1	0-0	4-1	5-1	2-1	1-0	5-0	4-0	0-0	0-0	
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RAY	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	3-2	2-1	2-0	27/4	0-0	13/4	0-1	1-4	16/4	1-0		1-1	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	4-0	
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THA	2-0	2-0	0-1	3-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-0	0-2	6/4	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	6/4	1-0	5-1	3-0	3-2	2-0	23/4	0-3	2-1	1-3	1-1	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	31	-	141	15
D Brown	5	-	5	-
D Surpanu	2	-	59	10
G Lock	44	2	258	12
H Grant	37	4	89	11
H Laffin	21	5	173	89
H Tucker	24	1	64	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	34	-	34	-
L Phillips	1	-	3	1
L Kassim	5	-	52	13
O Harris	27	5	47	17
O Lahtinen-Kalsi	42	-	42	-
R Gerrard	-	-	34	4
S McCormack	43	5	137	23
S Balogun	23	1	38	1
T Thompson	-	-	11	-
U Lalustani	31	1	106	23
O McCoy	7	2	7	2
R Case	11	-	11	-
C Ellis	25	1	136	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	14	8	14	8
M Scott	10	-	10	-
E Lynch	4	-	4	-
O Mason	6	-	6	-
K Mcleod	2	-	2	-
10wn Goals!	n/a	3	n/a	n/a
	<b>643</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>353</b>



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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.



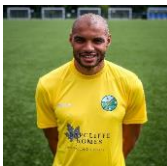
**Ben Harris** - forward. Experienced striker who won the New Zealand championship with Team Wellington sandwiched between spells at Hampton & Richmond Borough, Windsor, Slough Town and Bracknell Town. Rejoined Ascot in January 2024 after featuring in 17/18 following his return to the UK. Excellent in 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 - RAYNES PARK VALE**

**Raynes Park Vale FC was formed in 1995 following the merger of Raynes Park and Malden Vale (formed 1967) but the club's true origins lie in the Southern Railway Football Section when the first local team started. Although a victim of the 1963 Beeching spending cuts the club had some early successes in the 1932/33 Middlesex League and some cup victories to earn the Railway Athletic Association Cup and the Southern Railways Orphanage Cup.**

**The Southern Railway club reformed, post-Beeching, as Raynes Park FC in 1964. RPFC's home colours of black and red stripes are now proudly reflected in the colours of the Raynes Park Vale FC team. Raynes Park FC fielded five senior teams with two playing in the Surrey Premier League and a third in the Surrey South-Eastern Combination**

**In the meantime local team Malden Vale FC were enjoying some success in a variety of leagues that existed between 1967 and 1995 including the North Surrey Youth League, Sunday Sportsman League, South Thameside League & the Surrey Combination League and London Spartan League before emerging into the newly formed Combined Counties League winning that league's title at the first attempt.**

**A runners-up position in the Dan Air League (with BAE Weybridge snagging the top spot) saw the club promoted to the Diadora League Division 2 South where they remained until the end of the 1993/94 season when managers Mick Brown & Ged Murphy left the club to join Hendon. Much of the squad followed and the team finished bottom the following season. In 1995 the two clubs, Malden Vale and Raynes Park FC merged to create the club we now know: Raynes Park Vale F.C.**

**The new club immediately joined the Combined Counties Football League and currently play in the league's Premier League, Tier 9 in the national league pyramid. Their best finish was in 1997–98 when they finished in fourth place at tier 9.**



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They have participated in both national Cup competitions apart from a brief period at the start of the 2000s. The club's reserve team won the Combined Counties Reserve League in 2002–03 and 2005–06 before it joined the Suburban League for the 2006–07 season. The reserve team was disbanded for financial reasons before rejoining the combined counties reserve league for the 2011-12 season under the management of Terry Tuvey. In the 2012-13 season the reserves achieved the league & cup double. The cup being won with a 2-0 win against Worcester Park Reserves in the final. The Reserves also won the fair Play award in both 2011/12 & 2012/13, the 1st team winning the Premier award in 2011//12. The Combined Counties League took the decision to disband the reserve league at the end of the 2012/13 season so for the 2013/14 season they re-joined the Suburban League. Midway through 2013/14 Lee Dobinson stepped down as 1st Team Manager to take over as Club Chairman from Fred Stevens. Former AFC Wimbledon Player Gavin Bolger stepped up to take over as 1st team Manager. Gavin Bolger played 107 times for AFC Wimbledon from 2002 to May 2005 scoring 27 goals from midfield.

The 2019/20 season saw some major changes in the organisation and management of the club with local businessman and supporter John Dalton becoming Chairman and Josh Gallagher replacing Gavin Bolger as manager at the start of the 20/21 season. Extensive restructuring and refinancing of the club saw Raynes Park Vale mount a record-breaking FA Vase campaign in 21/22 and narrowly miss out on promotion.

Raynes Park Vale F.C. were the winners of The Combined Counties Premier Division South 2022/23 and were promoted to The Isthmian South Central Division First Division

