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Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division



**Matchday
Programme**

Respect



**Season
2025/26**





THE YELLAMEN

Yellow and Blue

Kie Plumley (GK)
 Sam Hayes (GK)
 Sam Swyer (GK)
 Kai Allsopp
 Rayon Atkinson
 Jacob Bancroft
 Andrio Brandao
 Lamin Ceesay
 David Garlinge
 Baback Dehghani
 Fope Deru
 Josh Edwards
 Sean Fraser
 Cass Fried-Jones
 Harvey Harry
 Jaheim Kamara
 Bailey Lamb
 Luis Le Paith
 George Lock
 Troy Murray
 Tyrese Osbourne
 Cameron Rohart-Brown
 Ibrahim Sankoh
 Khalid Simmo
 Cheick Sylla
 Joden Trickett
 George Wallace

THE K'S

Red and White

Tyla Dickinson (GK)
 Harry Mills
 Joe Bell
 Arsen Ujkaj
 Stan Flaherty
 Sean O'Brien
 Ben Parkinson
 Zain Walker
 Yoan Edoukou
 Dennis Kelmendi
 Mitchal Gough
 Reuben Duncan
 Jamie Hilton
 Joel Brown
 Nima Ghandali
 Darrell Goather-Braithwaite



Gavin Smith
 Victor Ocansey / Dan Bailey

Manager
 Asst. Manager
 GK Coach
 Coach
 Coach
 Physio

Dean Thomas / Mitchal Gough

Shaun McAuley

Tiffany Weedon

Nathan Riley

Match Officials		
Benjamin Maskery	Harry Yellen	Jake Symes

Last Match:	Norndean	A	Sat 13 Sep	2-0	ISTH SC
Next Match:	Nadley	A	Sat 20 Sep		FAT 2Q



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IN THE CHAIR



Rob Jones
Chairman

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



A very warm welcome to the players, supporters and officials from Kingstonian Football Club. We go into the fixture having won our last three games and hoping to continue with our 100% home record for this season in all competitions. We have played some of our best football at The Racecourse and let's hope that this continues tonight! We moved into the top four on Saturday following our first away win of the season at Horndean. It was a very solid performance!

I write my piece for the programme having spent a very wet and cold Sunday afternoon watching the Women's team win their first ever match in the National League recording a 1-0 victory over Portishead Town. It was wonderful to see the hard-work of the team and coaching finally rewarded with a good league win thanks to a Kate Fox goal.

I have recently been given the numbers of children that attended our soccer camps this summer. The numbers are significantly up on last year and I would like to thank Will Chaisty and all the coaches who provided such a wonderful camp this summer. There will be a camp over the half term holiday. Enjoy the game! ~Rob

FROM THE DUGOUT



Gavin Smith
First Team Manager

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



Tonight sees us take on a Kingstonian side that is in my opinion going to be one of our biggest tests to date.

We come into it off the back of a very good 3 points away at Horndean last Saturday. Having gone there last season with Badshot Lea we knew the difficulties the pitch would present to us although with it being early in the season and with the rain we have had, it was probably the best time we could visit.

Josh Edwards made the right decision in shooting down the hill first half and this saw us take a 2-0 lead. Our qualities should have seen us increase that lead but a couple of good saves from the home keeper and some chances we should have done better with, the score remained at 2 going into the break from two very well worked goals.

Second half I thought we defended the slope very well and restricted Horndean to minimal attempts at goal which meant the points would come home with us.

**The squad is looking healthy with a couple of loan signings in due to the injuries we have going forward but with Sean Fraser and Cameron Rohart-brown still to feature this season, once they are back it will be a very competitive squad.
Enjoy the game! ~Gavin**



Dan Bailey
Assistant Manager



Victor Ocansey
Assistant Manager



Nathan Riley
Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

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



Good evening everyone as we welcome Kingstonian looking to extend our perfect home record this season! It was a great weekend just gone with victory at Horndean and then the Women's home win against Portishead; 2 clean sheets as well!!! Horndean seemed to have all the seasons in 1 day with wind, sun, rain all packed into 90 minutes and as Gavin said we made a good decision to attack downhill in the first half. With all the rain that had gone before it drained down to the end we were shooting and it looked like half of the players were missing studs, but credit for playing some nice football. The opening goal was an excellent team goal moving the ball quickly and with a load of players joining in.



WORT ABOUT THAT?! Ascot defender Katelyn Wort in action at Bournemouth nine days ago. The Yellowwomen have a mean defence having conceded just 3 goals in 6 games so far this season.

Aside from last weekend and tonight, I'm looking forward to next weekend because not only are we in FA Trophy action on Saturday, The Women have a local derby at Maidenhead United on Sunday. It seems crazy to think that we could be considered Berkshire's Premier Women's team and if we win next Sunday we will move above The Magpies in the league!!! On the topic of Maidenhead, their Men's team were on the end of an FA Cup upset last weekend losing to Faversham at home – 2 divisions lower – but if you get the chance I recommend you get on twitter, look at Chadderton FC (step 5) and see their winner at step 3 FC United of Manchester. Some goal and some shock! Enjoy the game! ~Neal

WELCOME TO THE K'S

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
10-Aug	Littlehampton Town	A	ISTH SC	0-1	337	
12-Aug	Binfield	H	ISTH SC	3-1	252	Sylla, Simmo, Le-Paih
16-Aug	Chislehurst Glebe	H	FAC P	2-1	103	Sylla, Simmo
23-Aug	Fareham Town	A	ISTH SC	0-1	240	
25-Aug	Southall	H	ISTH SC	2-0	186	Sylla, Le-Paih
30-Aug	Soul Tower Hamlets	A	FAC 10	1-4	80	Sylla
05-Sep	Three Bridges	H	FAT 10	2-0	136	Kamara (2)
09-Sep	Raynes Park Vale	H	LC	4-2		Kamara (2), Le-Paih, Ceesay
13-Sep	Horndean	A	ISTH SC	2-0	145	Sylla, Deru
16-Sep	Kingstonian	H	ISTH SC			
20-Sep	Hadley	A	FAT 20			
23-Sep	South Park (Reigate)	H	ISTH SC			
27-Sep	Harrow Borough	H	ISTH SC			
04-Oct	Bognor Regis Town	A	ISTH SC			
11-Oct	Bedfont Sports	H	ISTH SC			
15-Oct	Kingstonian	A	ISTH SC			
18-Oct	AFC Portchester	A	ISTH SC			
25-Oct	Westfield	H	ISTH SC			
01-Nov	Leatherhead	A	ISTH SC			
08-Nov	Moneyfields	H	ISTH SC			
11-Nov	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
15-Nov	Raynes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC			
22-Nov	Metropolitan Police	A	ISTH SC			
29-Nov	Littlehampton Town	H	ISTH SC			
06-Dec	Haves & Yeadon United	H	ISTH SC			
13-Dec	Hendon	A	ISTH SC			
20-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	A	ISTH SC			
27-Dec	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC			
03-Jan	Southall	A	ISTH SC			
10-Jan	Hanworth Villa	H	ISTH SC			
17-Jan	Exham Town	H	ISTH SC			
24-Jan	Bedfont Sports	A	ISTH SC			
31-Jan	Bognor Regis Town	H	ISTH SC			
07-Feb	Harrow Borough	A	ISTH SC			
14-Feb	AFC Portchester	H	ISTH SC			
21-Feb	Westfield	A	ISTH SC			
28-Feb	Leatherhead	H	ISTH SC			
07-Mar	Moneyfields	A	ISTH SC			
14-Mar	Hendon	H	ISTH SC			
21-Mar	Haves & Yeadon United	A	ISTH SC			
28-Mar	Hanworth Villa	A	ISTH SC			
04-Apr	Fareham Town	A	ISTH SC			
06-Apr	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC			
11-Apr	Horndean	H	ISTH SC			
18-Apr	Raynes Park Vale	A	ISTH SC			
25-Apr	Metropolitan Police	H	ISTH SC			
TBA	Exham 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, LC - Velocity League Trophy,



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YELLAMEN MOVE FOURTH WITH HORNDEAN WIN

Impressive 2-0 success on road lifts Ascot into play-offs

**Saturday 13th September 2025, Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division,
Horndean 0 - 2 Ascot United**



Ascot United moved into an early-season play-off berth with a 2-0 victory at Horndean on Saturday. In an impressive first-half display, goals from Cheick Sylla and Fope Deru preceded a well-managed second half, earning Gavin Smith's side their third win on the trot

Yellamen seek to break duck on the road

Having lost both their two league and one FA Cup games on the road, this was a chance for Smith's side to build on their back-to-back FA Trophy and League Cup victories in the prior eight days. Standing in their way was a Horndean side below them in the table, and although Five Heads Park had been a happy hunting ground for Ascot in recent seasons, times are different, even if the hosts' sloping pitch is not. Into the starting line-up came debutant Andrio Brandao alongside Deru, who had come off the bench for his debut during midweek.

Excellent first half sees Ascot deservedly lead

In an entertaining first half, The Yellamen – playing in blue – were exceptional in patches and created a string of chances. The first of them came in the 11th minute when Sylla mis-connected with a header from Troy Burray's delivery, although with home 'keeper Myles Bowman stranded, the ball could have gone anywhere than just over the bar. At the other end, Kie Plumley weighed in with a couple of good saves – the best of them came in the 14th minute when Ryan Carroll and Ollie Godziemski combined for Michael O'Connell, who saw his snapshot turned onto a post by Plumley's fine reaction stop. Josh Edwards then headed Ibbi Sankoh's corner over as Ascot were gifted a succession of free headers from set-plays, but they took a 19th minute lead with a goal right out of the top drawer. Brandao and Deru's neat interchange near the right-wing corner flag teed up the chance, Kai Allsopp's give-and-go with the latter opened up space, and after he had picked out Jaheim Kamara, Sylla ultimately nipped in to sweep home. Bailey Lamb then headed over another Sankoh corner, but Ascot made their dominance count with a second goal in the 40th minute. This time, The Deans' own attack broke down on the edge of Ascot's penalty area, Kamara picked up the loose ball and sprinted clear, before spinning and playing a well-timed pass for Deru to break the offside trap; Deru raced clear, checked, and smashed into the top left hand corner. Those two players had also combined moments before for Fope to bring a fine save out of Bowman, but Plumley would produce another fine save to preserve Ascot's two-goal cushion in the 43rd minute when he stood up well to deny Godziemski after he had got goal-side on the end of Brandon Chebby's excellent curling pass over the visiting defence. Sylla might have done better than glance another free header wide from man-of-the-match Sankoh's 44th minute corner, but the visitors nonetheless took a 2-0 lead in at the break.

Two key moments define uneventful second half

The second period was more of a slow-burner with the visitors content to manage the game, although their smattering of perfectionist fans would rue a lack of delivery into the box when presented with many opportunities to do so. That said, it was an otherwise solid display, although the game hinged on two key moments. The first came in the 66th minute when both Chebby and Carroll found themselves completely unmarked at the far post following a cross from the right. Carroll would be the one to take aim with the goal at his mercy – but flashed wide-right of a gaping target. Defender Josh Edwards superbly outmuscled Tommy Whitehead who threatened to get his head on a dangerous 72nd minute delivery as Horndean pressed again, and the clocked ticked ever closer towards three points. But the second key moment came with nine minutes to go when home substitute Oliver Erdinc played-in Godziemski - it looked odds-on as if he would score from close range - but Plumley somehow got down low to his left with a big hand to keep the shot out, before the loose ball was hacked off the line to thwart any threat of a grandstand finish.

Ascot United: Plumley, Sankoh, Murray, Edwards, Lamb, Allsopp (Lock 80'), Deru (Garlinge 80'), Le-Paih, Sylla (Trickett 83'), Brandao (Simo 77'), Kamara (Behghani 83').

Venue: Five Heads Park / **Attendance:** 145 / **Weather:** 17c, partly sunny, showery, then sunny / **Reporter's star man:** Ibrahim Sankoh (Ascot United) / **Entertainment:** 3 / **Away fans estimate:** 6 / **One-word summary:** Energetic

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If you want to see some goals, it looks like Whitley Bay and Retford United are the places to be.

That was certainly the case in July and August. This season we're teaming up with the guys at Non-League HQ - find them on X - to bring monthly stats from across the Pyramid. It promises to show a snapshot into how teams and players are performing each calendar month. Perhaps the table shows they're struggling but a deeper look may show a team is in fact one of the most in-form sides around.

Our first instalment shows Whitley Bay scored 27 times in the opening period of the season as did Retford at Step 6 - although Cranfield are just a goal behind them. Of course Steps 1-4 started a little after Steps 5 and 6 but it will be fascinating to see how things unfold throughout the campaign.

We'll also be highlighting the players. At the end of August, the top scorer across Non-League football was Zak Khan. The Route One Rovers man hit 13 goals including three hat-tricks for the Northern Counties East League Division One side.

He was closely followed by Alnwick's Euan Potts and Step 5's leading scorer from Penrith, Luke Hunter, who both ended August on 12. Potts has also grabbed two trebles, while Hunter led the way when it comes to consecutive games he scored in with nine (continued...)

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The closest player to that sequence is Oxhey Jets' James Barnett with six games on the spin.

At Steps 1 to 4 - having not played as many games - National League North duo Michael Gyasi, the King's Lynn Town striker, and Scarborough Athletic's Stephen Walker were the most profitable in the opening month with seven goals each. The stats will focus on different areas throughout the season but we can't wait to see how the Golden Boot races unfold.

And who knows where these goal getters might end up. In last week's NLP, Tony Incenzo spoke to QPR's new signing Richard Kone. It seems incredible the striker, who the Hoops recently signed from Wycombe Wanderers, was playing for Athletic Newham in the Essex Senior League a couple of years ago.

The 22-year-old scored 125 goals for the Non-Leaguers while visa issues were sorted to allow him to move into the full-time game. "I was playing against tough men week in, week out," he said. "It helped me discover how to overcome physical defenders."

His rapid rise will be a real inspiration to so many. After all, goals pay the bills. And they also help draw in the crowds! Whitley Bay and Retford are certainly on our ones to watch in September! ~Matt Badcock.



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LEAGUE TABLE

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	+/-	
	1 Leatherhead	3	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	6	5	1	0	15	3	+12	16
	2 Raynes Park Vale	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	5	4	0	1	13	7	+6	12
	3 Harrow Borough	3	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	5	4	0	1	10	7	+3	12
	4 Ascot United	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	5	3	0	2	7	3	+4	9
	5 South Park (Reigate)	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	3	0	2	8	6	+2	9
	6 Hartley Wintney	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	2	1	1	8	3	+5	7
	7 Bedfont Sports	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7
	8 Hayes & Yeading United	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	5	2	1	2	8	9	-1	7
	9 Metropolitan Police	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	1	1	8	9	-1	7
	10 Kingstonian	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	6	2	1	3	10	12	-2	7
	11 Littlehampton Town	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	2	1	2	3	7	-4	7
	12 Binfield	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
	13 Fareham Town	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	7	5	+2	6
	14 AFC Portchester	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	5	2	0	3	12	11	+1	6
	15 Westfield	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
	16 Moneyfields	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	5	1	2	2	11	16	-5	5
	17 Hanworth Villa	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	5	3	+2	4
	18 Bognor Regis Town	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	3	6	1	1	4	9	14	-5	4
	19 Horndean	4	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	6	1	1	4	9	14	-5	4
	20 Hendon	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	2	5	0	3	2	5	9	-4	3
	21 Southall	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	3	3	7	-4	3
	22 Egham Town	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

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Non League Pyramid (Extract) / Competition Eligibility

Step 1 **National League** **Isuzu FA Trophy**

Step 2 **National League South** **Isuzu FA Trophy**

Step 3 **Isthmian League Premier** **Isuzu FA Trophy**

Step 4 **Isthmian League South Central** **Isuzu FA Trophy**

Step 5 **Combined Counties League Premier North/South** **Isuzu FA Vase**



ASCOT UNITED WOMEN



League: FA Women's National League South West

Level on Pyramid: 4

Management: Andy Cox

Next game: Maidenhead United (A), NLSW, Sunday 21st September

Date	Opposition	Comp	Score	Lloyd
17-Aug	Bristol Rovers (A)	NLSW	0-1	
19-Aug	Moneyfields (H)	LC GRP	0-0	
24-Aug	Moneyfields (H)	NLSW	1-1	Lloyd
31-Aug	Swindon Town (A)	NLSW	0-1	
07-Sep	Bournemouth Sports (A)	LC GRP	4-0	Lane, Delaney, Huntley, Fox
14-Sep	Portishead Town (H)	NLSW	1-0	Fox
21-Sep	Maidenhead United (A)	NLSW		
28-Sep	AFC Bournemouth (H)	LC GRP		
12-Oct	Bridgwater United (H)	NLSW		
28-Oct	Worthing (A)	NLSW		
02-Nov	Bournemouth Sports (H)	NLSW		
16-Nov	Keynsham Town (A)	NLSW		
30-Nov	Marine Acad. Plymouth (A)	NLSW		
07-Dec	Abingdon United (H)	NLSW		
14-Dec	Bristol Rovers (H)	NLSW		
04-Jan	Moneyfields (A)	NLSW		
26-Jan	Portishead Town (A)	NLSW		
08-Feb	Swindon Town (H)	NLSW		
17-Feb	Worthing (H)	NLSW		
22-Feb	Bridgwater United (A)	NLSW		
08-Mar	Maidenhead United (H)	NLSW		
22-Mar	Bournemouth Sports (A)	NLSW		
29-Mar	Keynsham Town (H)	NLSW		
12-Apr	Abingdon United (A)	NLSW		
26-Apr	Marine Acad. Plymouth (H)	NLSW		



Above: Action from the win at Bournemouth Sports nine days ago.

NLSW - FA Women's National League South West, LC GRP - League Cup Group Stage, BB Cup - Berks and Bucks County Cup, FAC - Adobe Womens FA Cup

National League South West

		P	GD	PTS
1	Swindon Town	4	11	12
2	Bristol Rovers	4	14	10
3	Moneyfields	4	12	10
4	Bridgwater Utd	4	1	5
5	Maidenhead Utd	4	0	5
6	Keynsham Town	4	-1	5
7	Marine A. Plym'th	4	0	4
8	Ascot United	4	-1	4
9	Bournemouth Sp.	4	-6	4
10	Abingdon United	4	-9	4
11	Worthing	4	-12	3
12	Portishead Town	4	-9	0



ASCOT UNITED WOMEN

YELLOWWOMEN OFF THE MARK IN NATIONAL LEAGUE



Fox fires home only goal in Portishead win

Kate Fox scored the only goal as Ascot United Women won their first league match of the season against Portishead Women at the Racecourse on Sunday. After watching the visitors dominate the first half, boss Andy Cox's stern half time words were enough to kickstart an improved second half from the home side, who ultimately finished much stronger in their 1-0 success.

Battle of bottom-two gives opportunity to get off the mark

Whilst the game itself saw the league's two lowest sides up against each other – Portishead pointless and Ascot with one – there was a sense of optimism in the home camp as their games had come against three teams billed as the strongest. And off the back of last week's thumping league cup win in Bournemouth, the hope was that they would earn their first league win at National League level.

Standing in their way were Portishead, and no doubt they would want to make something of their 200 mile round-trip from Somerset.

Portishead dominate but Cherry's on top

The visitors were in total control in a largely one-sided first half – somewhat surprisingly – but all credit went to them with their high-pressing game which gave Ascot little time to manoeuvre. Home 'keeper Cherry Preisner was, fortunately, on top form with a couple of fine saves, although it was Erin Huntley's loose pass after just 30 seconds that almost undid Ascot; Kimmi Tanner-Joyce nipping in and striking the outside of the angle of post and crossbar albeit with little target to aim at. But Preisner's flying save to claw Louis Hiott's curling effort away in the 23rd minute set the tone, before producing an even better moment three minutes later when she stretched every sinew to tip Phoebe Tate's first-time shot over the bar. The home side rarely threatened and only had Molly Gladwell's low shot to show for their effort earlier in the half, but visiting 'keeper Esme Lamb made a routine save.

Visitors threaten early but eventually tire

There were more warning signs soon after the restart when Allanna Torrington's deep free kick was nodded onto the roof of the net by visiting substitute Mia Blazey. But after that, the home side began to assert their dominance, and scored what proved to be the winner just after the hour mark. Gladwell's driving run down the left paved the way for Bella Cox to cut the ball back for Fox, and she took a touch before drilling low and hard into the bottom left from just inside the area. Blazey's incredible goal-line clearance kept Cox's 71st minute corner from going directly into the net, before another Cox corner caused mayhem in the 81st minute; Lamb clawing the ball away after it had cannoned of team-mate Natascha Bevan.

Player-of-the match Anna Machado's stand-out display at right-back also saw her weigh-in with a near-assist – playing in Alice Balaam to tee up Anais Harney – whose shot on the turn brought another sprawling save from Lamb.

But Machado capped a fine afternoon with a goal-saving tackle on Portishead's Shannon Holloway in the game's dying embers – Holloway central and with a gaping target to aim at – but Machado read the danger to step in to a more central position and assist equally impressive centre-back Katelyn Wort.

Ascot United: Preisner, Machado, Cox, Huntley, Wort, Maxted, Dearlove (Balaam 46'), Lane (Fox 46'), Lloyd (Harney 75'), Delaney (Dias 66'), Gladwell (Glover 69'). Subs unused: Curr, Goulden

Entertainment: 3 / Reporter's Star Player: Anna Machado (Ascot United)

Attendance: 98 (10 away)

ASCOT UNITED U18'S

Ascot United Under 18's team manager David Burton is back on point with pen and paper, continuing his regular column by looking what constitutes "making it".



Welcome to the Racecourse this evening.

Five wins from five is a fantastic home record, and Ascot will need to be at their very best tonight to keep that run going. For us, we are still waiting patiently for our first league game of the season. Preparations are going well, and the lads can't wait to step into their first competitive Isthmian League fixture.

I'm often asked by parents whether their lad will "make it." The truth is — it depends on what you mean by making it. The numbers can sound harsh: 1.5 million boys play organised youth football in England. Only around 180 ever sign a Premier League contract. That's just 0.012%.

So why do we play?

Because football is about more than contracts or statistics. It's about Teamwork, Discipline & resilience, Friendship and most importantly fun! I have never seen miserable players win anything! Atmosphere and culture are everything.

Very few will ever run out at Old Trafford or Anfield. But every single one of us can take the values football teaches into the rest of our lives, whatever level we reach. Our lads already have a pathway: U18s to Addlestone to Virginia Water to Ascot UTD. Step by step, chance by chance. The dream fuels us, but the journey is what truly shapes us.

That, in my opinion, is "making it" Enjoy the game! ~David

GET TO KNOW... JOSH WEST



*Ascot
United*

GET TO KNOW OUR U18 BOYS:

FULL NAME?	JOSH WEST
NICKNAME?	WESTY
AGE?	17
HEIGHT?	5,9
POSITION?	STRIKER
PREVIOUS CLUBS? (IF ANY)	MANACROFT UNITED
FAVOURITE PLAYER?	VITINHA
BEST PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST?	JACK BROOKSWEAVER
ANY PRE-GAME SUPERSTITIONS?	HIGH JUMPS ON HALF WAY LINE BEFORE KICKOFF
FAVOURITE STADIUM?	SIGNAL IDUNA PARK
FAVOURITE FILM?	THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
FAVOURITE FOOD?	LAMB ROGAN JOSH (CURRY)
IF YOU WASN'T PLAYING FOOTBALL WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING?	RUGBY
PRE-GAME TUNE?	PURPOSE- POTTER PAYER



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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

Saturday 13th September 2025

Hanworth Villa (0)	0	1	(0) Hayes & Yeading United <i>Onabanjo (92')</i>		365
Harrow Borough (0)	3	0	(0) Kingstonian <i>Chendlik (22'), Farhall (27', 47')</i>		209
Hartley Wintney (0)	0	0	(0) Littlehampton Town		222
Horndean (0)	0	2	(2) Ascot United <i>Sylla (18'), Oluwanifemi Deru (39')</i>		145
Leatherhead (0)	2	2	(1) Hendon <i>Hogan (66' pen, 91') Cole (45'), Muir (81' pen)</i>		411
Raynes Park Vale (2)	3	2	(1) Bognor Regis Town <i>Beaney (44' pen), Cox (46'), Lawson (83') Gifford (31' pen), Seok-Jae (77')</i>		232
South Park (Reigate) (1)	2	0	(0) Binfield <i>Moody (36'), Edwards (78')</i>		116
Southall (0)	2	1	(0) AFC Portchester <i>Arron Roberts (47'), Amahrio Scott (57') Duffin (66' pen)</i>		105

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Ascot United	v	Kingstonian
Fareham Town	v	Horndean
Hanworth Villa	v	Harrow Borough
Hayes & Yeading United	v	Bedfont Sports
Hendon	v	Southall
Leatherhead	v	Hartley Wintney
Metropolitan Police	v	Binfield
Moneyfields	v	Bognor Regis Town
Raynes Park Vale	v	Egham Town
South Park (Reigate)	v	Littlehampton Town
Westfield	v	AFC Portchester

FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

Last 6 Matches								P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Leatherhead	W 3-0 v WEST.	W 3-0 v SOUT.	W 3-0 v LITT.	W 2-1 v KING.	W 2-0 v BOGN.	D 2-2 v HEND.	6	5	1	0	15	3	+12	16
	2 Raynes Park Vale		W 2-0 v FARE.	W 4-1 v HARR.	W 3-2 v WEST.	L 2-1 v METR.	W 3-2 v BOGN.	5	4	0	1	13	7	+6	12
	3 Harrow Borough		W 2-1 v ECHA.	L 4-1 v RAYN.	W 2-1 v BOGN.	W 2-1 v HAYE.	W 3-0 v KING.	5	4	0	1	10	7	+3	12
	4 Ascot United		L 1-0 v LITT.	W 3-1 v BINF.	L 1-0 v FARE.	W 2-0 v SOUT.	W 2-0 v HORN.	5	3	0	2	7	3	+4	9
	5 South Park (Reigate)		W 3-0 v HAYE.	L 3-0 v LEAT.	W 3-2 v HEND.	L 1-0 v WEST.	W 2-0 v BINF.	5	3	0	2	8	6	+2	9
	6 Hartley Wintney			W 3-0 v HEND.	W 4-1 v MONE.	L 2-1 v BINF.	D 0-0 v LITT.	4	2	1	1	8	3	+5	7
	7 Bedfont Sports				W 3-2 v KING.	D 1-1 v HEND.	W 2-0 v AFC.	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7
	8 Hayes & Yeading Uni...		L 3-0 v SOUT.	W 2-0 v ECHA.	D 4-4 v MONE.	L 2-1 v HARR.	W 1-0 v HANW.	5	2	1	2	8	9	-1	7
	9 Metropolitan Police			L 4-0 v HANW.	D 2-2 v KING.	W 2-1 v RAYN.	W 4-2 v HORN.	4	2	1	1	8	9	-1	7
	10 Kingstonian	L 3-2 v BEDF.	D 2-2 v METR.	W 3-1 v HORN.	L 2-1 v LEAT.	W 2-1 v HANW.	L 3-0 v HARR.	6	2	1	3	10	12	-2	7
	11 Littlehampton Town		W 1-0 v ASCO.	W 2-0 v BOGN.	L 3-0 v LEAT.	L 4-0 v FARE.	D 0-0 v HART.	5	2	1	2	3	7	-4	7
	12 Binfield	L 4-1 v HORN.	L 3-1 v ASCO.	W 2-1 v SOUT.	W 2-1 v HART.	D 4-4 v MONE.	L 2-0 v SOUT.	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
	13 Fareham Town			L 2-0 v RAYN.	L 3-2 v AFC.	W 1-0 v ASCO.	W 4-0 v LITT.	4	2	0	2	7	5	+2	6
	14 AFC Portchester		L 5-4 v BOGN.	W 3-2 v FARE.	L 2-0 v BEDF.	W 4-0 v MONE.	L 2-1 v SOUT.	5	2	0	3	12	11	+1	6
	15 Westfield			L 3-0 v LEAT.	W 3-1 v HORN.	L 3-2 v RAYN.	W 1-0 v SOUT.	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
	16 Moneyfields		W 2-0 v SOUT.	L 4-1 v HART.	D 4-4 v HAYE.	L 4-0 v AFC.	D 4-4 v BINF.	5	1	2	2	11	16	-5	5
	17 Hanworth Villa			W 4-0 v METR.	D 0-0 v HEND.	L 2-1 v KING.	L 1-0 v HAYE.	4	1	1	2	5	3	+2	4
	18 Bognor Regis Town	W 5-4 v AFC.	L 2-0 v LITT.	L 2-1 v HARR.	D 1-1 v HORN.	L 2-0 v LEAT.	L 3-2 v RAYN.	6	1	1	4	9	14	-5	4
	19 Horndean	W 4-1 v BINF.	L 3-1 v WEST.	L 3-1 v KING.	D 1-1 v BOGN.	L 4-2 v METR.	L 2-0 v ASCO.	6	1	1	4	9	14	-5	4
	20 Hendon		L 3-0 v HART.	D 1-1 v BEDF.	L 3-2 v SOUT.	D 0-0 v HANW.	D 2-2 v LEAT.	5	0	3	2	5	9	-4	3
	21 Southall			L 2-0 v MONE.	L 2-1 v BINF.	L 2-0 v ASCO.	W 2-1 v AFC.	4	1	0	3	3	7	-4	3
	22 Egham Town					L 2-1 v HARR.	L 2-0 v HAYE.	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

	AFC	ASC	BED	BIN	BOG	EGH	FAR	HAN	HAR	HAR	HAY	HEN	HOR	KIN	LEA	LIT	MET	MON	RAY	SOU	SOU	WES
AFC		18/10	4/4	14/3	4-5	21/2	11/11	18/4	6/12	7/10	7/2	21/10	27/12	22/11	10/1	7/3	1/11	4-0	24/1	4/10	11/4	14/10
ASC	14/2		11/10	3-1	31/1	17/1	4/4	10/1	27/9	27/12	6/12	14/3	11/4	16/9	28/2	29/11	25/4	8/11	15/11	23/9	2-0	25/10
BED	2-0	24/1		6/4	14/3	3/1	6/12	4/10	14/2	28/2	14/10	11/11	18/4	3-2	22/11	20/12	21/10	7/2		25/10	8/11	28/3
BIN	13/12	11/11	27/12		22/11	1/11	18/10	21/2	10/1	2-1	24/1	7/2	1-4	18/4	30/9	21/3	14/10	4-4	20/9	11/4	4/4	4/10
BOG	29/11	4/10	13/12	25/4		15/11	27/12	7/2	4/4	8/11	7/10	24/1	3/1	25/10	0-2	1/1	21/3	15/10	11/4	10/1	14/2	28/2
EGH	25/10	7/10	28/2	18/4		24/1	4/4	1-2	14/2	11/11	22/11	10/1	8/11	4/10	13/12	7/2	11/4	14/10	27/12	21/10	21/3	
FAR	2-3	1-0	21/3	14/2	6/4	11/10		13/12	28/2	17/1	28/3	20/12	16/9	27/9	8/11	3/1	15/11	25/10	29/11	25/4	31/1	21/10
HAN	15/11	28/3	31/1	25/10	27/9	30/9	14/3		16/9	6/12	0-1	3/1	17/1	20/12	14/2	11/10	29/11	28/2	25/4	8/11	23/9	6/4
HAR	21/3	7/2	18/10	28/3	2-1	29/11	1/11	14/10		15/11	3/1	6/4	7/3	3-0	24/1	21/2	28/10	4/10	1-4	13/12	25/4	20/12
HAR	20/12	6/4	1/11	3/1	7/3	18/10	28/10	21/3	18/4		22/11	3-0	21/2	28/3	14/10	0-0	20/9	11/11	4/10	7/2	13/12	24/1
HAY	27/9	21/3	16/9	11/10	17/1	2-0	10/1	11/4	1-2	25/4		8/11	31/1	28/2	25/10	15/11	13/12	4/4	23/9	29/11	27/12	14/2
HEN	17/1	13/12	1-1	27/9	11/10	25/4	30/9	0-0	27/12	29/11	7/3		18/10	31/1	11/4	1/11	21/2	21/3	10/1	4/4	16/9	15/11
HOR	6/4	0-2	15/11	29/11	1-1	28/3	14/10	20/9	8/11	25/10	4/10	14/2		1-3	7/2	25/4	20/12	24/1	13/12	21/3	28/2	1-3
KIN	25/4	15/10	29/11	15/11	21/2	7/3	7/2	2-1	11/4	10/1	1/11	4/10	4/4		1-2	18/10	2-2	22/10	27/12	24/1	21/3	13/12
LEA	28/3	1/11	25/4	17/1	20/12	31/1	7/3	18/10	11/10	16/9	21/2	2-2	27/9	3/1		3-0	6/4	13/12	21/3	3-0	15/11	29/11
LIT	8/11	1-0	23/9	6/12	2-0	14/3	0-4	24/1	25/10	11/4	18/4	28/2	22/11	14/2	4/4		4/10	27/12	7/2	14/10	10/1	28/10
MET	28/2	22/11	11/4	16/9	6/12	27/9	18/4	0-4	17/1	4/4	14/3	25/10	4-2	11/11	27/12	31/1		10/1	2-1	14/2	11/10	8/11
MON	3/1	7/3	27/9	20/12	16/9	23/9	21/2	1/11	31/1	1-4	4-4	6/12	11/10	17/1	14/3	6/4	28/3		18/10	15/11	29/11	25/4
RAY	11/10	18/4	17/1	8/11	3-2	16/9	2-0	22/11	11/11	31/1	20/12	28/3	14/3	6/4	6/12	27/9	3/1	14/2		28/2	25/10	3-2
SOU	3/1	20/12	21/2	2-0	28/3	6/4	22/11	7/3	14/3	27/9		3-0	3-2	6/12	11/10	11/11	16/9	18/10	18/4	1/11		3/1
SOU	2-1	3/1	7/3	1-2	18/10	20/12	4/10	12/11	22/11	14/3	6/4	15/10	1/11	6/12	18/4	28/3	24/1	0-2	21/2			7/2
WES	16/9	21/2	10/1	31/1	1/11	6/12	11/4	27/12	30/9	11/10	18/10	18/4	11/11	14/3	0-3	17/1	7/3	22/11	4/4	1-0	27/9	

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 24/25

The 25/26 campaign sees the constitution remain at 22 teams. We said goodbye to 7 teams: Farnham Town and Uxbridge (promoted), whereas Guernsey, Ashford Town (Middx), Sutton Common Rovers and Badshot Lea were all relegated to Step 5. Rayners Lane laterally moved into the Southern League Central Division.

Step 4 – Isthmian League – South Central

- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 1 | AFC Portchester |
| 2 | Ascot United |
| 3 | Bedfont Sports |
| 4 | Binfield |
| 5 | Bognor Regis Town |
| 6 | Egham Town |
| 7 | Fareham Town |
| 8 | Hanworth Villa |
| 9 | Harrow Borough |
| 10 | Hartley Wintney |
| 11 | Hayes & Yeading United |
| 12 | Hendon |
| 13 | Horndean |
| 14 | Kingstonian |
| 15 | Leatherhead |
| 16 | Littlehampton Town |
| 17 | Metropolitan Police |
| 18 | Moneyfields |
| 19 | Raynes Park Vale |
| 20 | South Park (Reigate) ^ |
| 21 | Southall |
| 22 | Westfield |

The incoming 7 teams are highlighted in the table; AFC Portchester, Bedfont Sports, Egham Town and Fareham Town were all promoted from Step 5. Littlehampton Town laterally moved in from the Isthmian League South East, whilst Bognor Regis Town and Hendon were both relegated from the Isthmian League Premier Division at Step 3.

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Season 2025/26		All-time	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
K Plumley	9	-	9	-
S Hayes	-	-	5	-
S Swyer	-	-	1	-
G Lock	6	-	310	15
S Fraser	-	-	47	2
K Simmo	9	1	46	9
H Harry	1	-	30	6
I Sankoh	7	-	7	-
T Murray	9	-	9	-
B Lamb	9	-	9	-
K Allsopp	9	-	13	-
L Ceesay	5	1	5	1
L Le-Paih	8	3	8	3
J Trickett	8	-	8	-
J Kamara	7	4	7	4
R Atkinson	3	-	3	-
D Garlinge	8	-	8	-
B Dehghani	9	-	9	-
C Sylla	8	5	8	5
J Edwards	9	-	84	-
C Fried-Jones	6	-	6	-
J Bancroft	4	-	4	-
G Wallace	4	-	4	-
F Deru	2	1	2	1
A Brandao	1	-	1	-
Own Goals	n/a	-	n/a	n/a
	141	15	643	46

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MEET THE YELLAMEN

Kie Plumley - goalkeeper. Commanding number one with excellent distribution. Boasts Manchester United on his CV, alongside Oxford United, Weston Super Mare, Beaconsfield, Hartley Wintney and most recently Herne Bay.



Sam Hayes – goalkeeper. Young goalkeeper who came through the junior ranks at Ascot United and has already featured several times for the first team. Will be a reliable back-up to Kie Plumley for the 25/26 campaign.

Sam Swyer - goalkeeper. A young player with huge potential who has already gained valuable first team experience with local step 5 and 6 sides.



Rayon Atkinson - defence. Promising defender who recently featured for Harrow Borough.

Ibrahiim Sankoh - defence. Signed for the 25/26 campaign after his most recent spell with Beaconsfield Town.



George Lock – defence. Club stalwart who holds the record for the most appearances. 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. Lifted the FA Vase with Ascot in 22/23.

Sean Fraser - defence/midfield. A hugely experienced player having played over 350 games for Slough Town. A cool head at the back, his presence is invaluable and he was voted both the players' and supporters' player of the season in 24/25.



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. Appointed club captain for the 25/26 campaign. Previously with Basingstoke Town.

Bailey Lamb - defence. Commanding left-sided centre back who signed for the 25/26 campaign. Previous clubs include Southall and Harrow Borough.



Troy Murray - defence. Another addition for the 25/26 campaign having signed from Uxbridge FC.

Cameron Rohart-Brown - defence. Another acquisition for 25/26 having been a fans' favourite at Badshot Lea. Previous clubs include Hanwell Town, Burnham, Hartley Wintney, Ashford Town, Westfield and Binfield having been at Portsmouth as a junior.



Tyrese Osbourne - midfield. Signed for the 25/26 campaign having recently been with Harrow Borough.

George Wallace - defence.



Luis Le-Paih - midfield. Frenchman who joins for the 25/26 campaign from Badshot Lea. Has a tireless workrate and an eye for goal. Previously with Basingstoke Town.

MEET THE YELLAMEN

Kai Allsopp - midfield. Another signing for the 25/26 campaign having been with Badshot Lea in 24/25. Featured 4 times for Ascot in the 23/24 season.



David Garlinge - midfield. Talented youngster who played under Gavin Smith at Badshot Lea and joined for the 25/26 season.

Baback Dehghani - forward. Versatile midfielder who joined for the 25/26 campaign.



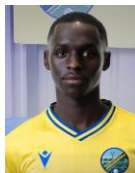
Cheik Sylla - forward. A lively forward who joins for the 25/26 campaign from Badshot Lea.

Joden Trickett - forward. Young striker who signed for the 25/26 campaign on a dual registration from Woking FC.



Jaheim Kamara - forward. Tricky winger who joins for the 25/26 campaign. Also previously with Badshot Lea.

Harvey Harry - forward. Exciting player who joined from Badshot Lea in November 2024. Has also featured for Southall, Binfield, Thatcham Town and Bracknell Town. Formerly a student at Reading FC's John Madejski Academy.



Khalid Simmo - forward. Arrived in October 2024 having played most recently at Step 2 side St. Albans City. Exceptionally skilful winger with quick feet, he has also played for Marlow, Badshot Lea and Uxbridge having been with Reading FC at youth level.

Cass Fried-Jones - midfield. Signed from Farnborough on a short-term loan in mid-August 2025. A promising attacking midfielder who is a product of the Farnborough FC Academy, he made his first team debut for 'Boro in 24/25.



Lamin Ceesay - midfield. A creative wide player who joins from Badshot Lea for the 25/26 campaign. Scored 17 goals for The Baggies in their first season at Step 4.

Jacob Bancroft - forward.



MEET THE YELLAMEN

Gavin Smith - manager. Appointed first team manager for the 25/26 season having previously managed Badshot Lea where he was joint-manager when they were promoted to Step 4 for the 24/25 campaign. Renowned for developing young talent and playing an exciting, attacking brand of football.



Dan Bailey - joint assistant manager. Assistant to Gavin Smith, whom he worked alongside at Badshot Lea.

Vic Ocansey - joint assistant manager. Popular figure who enjoyed a successful playing career before linking up with Gavin Smith as assistant.



Nathan Riley – physio. Joined us in 22/23 and became the club's main physio in 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. After securing promotion to Step 4 for 2023-24 where they consolidated their status by finishing mid-table, they pushed for promotion again in 2024-25 only to lose at Hanworth Villa in a play-off semi final. The 2025-26 campaign will see incoming manager Gavin Smith lead a new-looking squad following Tompkins' departure during the Summer; expectations remain high but with a touch of realism given the major change in personnel.

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 where they were runners-up in both 2022-23 and 2023-24. However, an unbeaten league campaign saw them crowned champions in 2024-25, earning them promotion to the National League at Step 4 for the 2025-26 campaign. Our Women's Phoenix side achieved back-to-back promotions from the Thames Valley League to take their place at Step 6 in 2023-24, and the Junior Premier League (U18s) also won their league title in 2022-23 and 2024-25.

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.



CLUB HISTORY - KINGSTONIAN

The Kingstonian club came into being in 1919 as a result of the merger between Kingston Town FC and Old Kingstonians FC. However, the club can trace its origins even further back and celebrated its centenary in 1985; the reason for this is that one of its forerunners, Kingston & Surbiton YMCA FC played its first match on a ground in Bushy Park in November 1885. In 1887 the YMCA changed its name to Saxons FC. Then in 1890 it changed to Kingston Wanderers FC and once again to Kingston-on-Thames Association Football Club (KAFC) in 1893. Unfortunately, in the early 1900s there was trouble in the camp and in 1908 the club split in two with Kingston Town playing at Norbiton Sports Ground and Old Kingstonians on what became known as the "back pitch" at Richmond Road.

The new Kingstonian set-up started life in the Athenian League, a competition that it won in both seasons 1923/24 and 1925/26, playing its home matches at a brand new ground in Richmond Road that remained its home until 1988. In 1929 the Kingstonians, widely known as the K's, accepted an invitation to join the Isthmian League as a replacement for the Civil Service FC, and remained in that league until 1998.

The K's have a credible history and their blue ribbon period of the early 1930's produced players such as Frank Macey, Doug Whitehead, George Lee and the Whittaker brothers achieving in April 1933 its then greatest accolade by winning the FA Amateur Cup which well and truly put Kingstonian on the football map. Wins over Portland United (after a replay), Leyton, South Bank, Dulwich Hamlet, and Whitehall Printeries took the K's through to the final, staged at Dulwich, against Stockton, which resulted in a 1-1 draw. For the replay Kingstonian had to travel to Darlington, but despite going one goal behind after only four minutes, the K's came back to win 4-1 thanks to goals from Gibson, Urpeth (penalty) and Whitehead (2).

In the following season, 1933/34, K's bowed out of the Amateur Cup in a second round replay to Wimbledon at Plough Lane, but went on to successfully win the Isthmian League, a feat they repeated in season 1936/37 and, of course in 1997/98.

In season 1959/60 it seemed as though the Amateur Cup was going to return to Kingston as the legendary Johnny Whing headed K's into the lead against Hendon in the final at Wembley Stadium. Two goals in the last three minutes, though, had the FA officials busily changing the red and white ribbons for green and white ones as Hendon won the cup for the first time. To qualify for the final, Kingstonian disposed of Histon, Letchworth Town, Ferryhill Athletic, Carshalton Athletic, and Crook Town in a semi-final tie played at St James' Park, the home of Newcastle United.

The Kingstonian teams of the early 1960's were arguably as good as those of the 1930's and many trophies were won. After winning the Surrey Senior cup for the 9th time (as Kingstonian) in 1967, the club's successes dried up and despite the endeavours of many managers and countless players, the team went into decline. In 1979 relegation to Division One was suffered, but in 1985 the club bounced back as runners up to Farnborough Town. K's were a mite fortunate as Leatherhead, who finished above them on goal difference, had three points deducted for fielding an ineligible player. Kingstonian remained as members of the Premier Division until the end of the 1997/98 season when promoted to the Nationwide Conference.

The famous Richmond Road ground, which was loved by so many, became increasingly dilapidated and subject to vandalism, so a decision was made to relocate and develop the site for housing - a move that also assisted the club's finances. The last game played there was in January 1988 against Bromley. After one and a half season's ground sharing at Hampton's Beveree ground, K's opened their brand new Kingsmeadow Stadium (on the site of the old Norbiton Sports Ground) in August 1989, when Slough Town were the visitors. After achieving a draw with Peterborough United in 1992, the club recorded a fine FA Cup win at Kingsmeadow by beating Brighton in 1994; they also competed well the following year against Plymouth. In front of 3,495 supporters the K's held Leyton Orient to a 0-0 draw only to lose 2-1 in the FA Cup 2nd Round Replay in 1998. Drawn away to Luton Town in the First Round of the FA Cup in October 1999 saw the K's come in at half time 1-1 only to go down 4-2 at the end.

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At the beginning of the 1997-98 season, the club appointed Geoff Chapple as manager. He brought about an exciting change of fortune for the club. In his first season, he took the club to the Isthmian League Premier Division Championship. In the following season, their first in the Football Conference, the club finished a creditable 8th, but they capped it all off by winning the FA Trophy at Wembley in May 1999 with a 1-0 victory over Forest Green Rovers. The following season 1999/2000, in the last FA Trophy Final between the famous Twin Towers, the K's retained their title with an exciting 3-2 win over Kettering Town, giving Chapple his 5th FA Trophy Final win in seven seasons (the other three with Woking). The club also reached their highest position of 5th in the Conference.

However, season 2000/2001 proved to be extremely mixed. The K's made the headlines again with a tremendous run in the FA Cup. A home win against Devizes Town was the start of an incredible run that saw the K's defeat Brentford, Southport and Southend United all away from home. In the Fourth Round, K's were thwarted in the last kick of the game at Ashton Gate as Bristol City scored a very last gasp equaliser before winning the replay at Kingsmeadow in a live televised match. Unfortunately, the club's league form proved to be exactly the opposite, as the K's finished next to bottom and were relegated back to the Ryman Football League.

Season 2001/2002 and it was time again for a change, as the club and Geoff Chapple parted by mutual consent. Kingstonian quickly appointed former Dover Athletic man Bill Williams as their new manager, who had working alongside him former Tottenham Hotspur player Steve Sedgley as his assistant. In late 2001 Williams departed the club and Sedgley moved up to the position of manager and his assistant was Kim Harris who was promoted up from the position of reserve team manager.

December 2002 saw the sudden resignation of the highly promising Sedgley as manager. The club immediately promoted Harris, a former K's striker, to manager and appointed former Woking man Scott Steele as player/coach. The club had ups and downs over this period but only failed to make the new Conference South following a single goal defeat to Lewes in a Ryman League playoff.

Following a poor start to season 2004/05 Harris decided to call it a day after just four games. Scott Steele was promoted to manager but, despite encouraging good football from his side, was unable to prevent what became an inevitable relegation to Division One. However, good news arrived off the field when local businessman Jimmy Cochrane bought the football club, giving the club a positive outlook for the first time in several years. Steele's resignation followed towards the end of the season when former assistant manager Ian McDonald was brought in along with Stuart McIntyre as his coach with a view to resurrecting the club's fortunes.

The 2005/06 season saw K's move up the table only to miss out on playoffs on the final day of the season, though silverware was achieved following a 1-0 win over AFC Wimbledon in the Surrey Senior Cup Final. McDonald was almost immediately succeeded by McIntyre as manager, whilst the club was jointly bought by Mark Anderson and Malcolm Winwright – the board would be completed by the presence of John Fenwick as chairman from May 2011 to June 2014 and then co-chairman with Anderson and Winwright until January 2018, when he became sole chairman again.

Stuart McIntyre's time as manager was unfortunately short-lived and unsuccessful, and midway through the 2006/07 season he was replaced as manager by former Walton and Hersham manager Alan Dowson. Dowson and his team immediately transformed the club, and achieved a semblance of stability. There was plenty of expectation for the 2007/08 season, though inconsistency led to the K's missing the play-offs once again on the final day of the season.

The 2008/09 season was successful from start to finish. A run to the Third Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was highlighted by a 4-0 home win over Conference South team Braintree Town, all four goals scored by midfielder Dean Lodge. This performance led to the K's player winning the Performance of the Round award from the FA. But it was in the Ryman League Division One South that the biggest success came, as a very strong start and a storming finish led to Kingstonian winning the division by seven points ahead of Cray Wanderers.

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After an absence of four years, the club almost passed straight up through the Ryman Premier Division, recovering from a difficult start to reach the end of the season playoffs. It was Boreham Wood, however, who won the controversial final match. Heartache followed in the following 2010/11 season when a final day collapse at Margate cost another attempt at the playoffs. The following two seasons saw mid-table finishes in the league accompanied by successive London Senior Cup final appearances, before a return to the playoffs in the 2013/14 season, after the club finished runners-up in the league. A semi final defeat against AFC Hornchurch however denied the chance of promotion, in what turned out to be Alan Dowson's last game in charge.

With former K's midfielder Tommy Williams installed as manager, the club again reached the FA Cup Third Qualifying Round, losing 3-2 to a last minute goal against Eastbourne Borough. The league campaign was a roller-coaster, a late challenge for the play-offs falling short in the last couple of weeks of the season. In his second season, the 2015-16 campaign saw the K's lift their first cup in ten years, winning the Isthmian League Cup with a 5-0 victory over Faversham Town.

The 2016-17 season proved to be a difficult campaign, as the club flirted dangerously with relegation thanks to a dreadful run following Christmas; with six games left and hopes almost lost, Tommy Williams was replaced as manager by former Billericay Town man Craig Edwards. He turned the club around immediately and K's moved up to 16th after a five match unbeaten run to end the season. K's left the Kingsmeadow Stadium at the end of the season and moved to Fetcham Grove with Leatherhead FC; Edwards resigned in October 2017 and was replaced by former Whyteleafe manager Leigh Dynan.

At the beginning of the 2018-19 season, Kingstonian moved back to the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames and started a ground share with Corinthian-Casuals at King George's Field. A difficult season saw K's have three managers, as Leigh Dynan was replaced by Dean Brennan and then very quickly by stand-in manager Kim Harris - K's moved from second place in the table on New Year's Day to escaping relegation by a single place after a horror run of results.

The 2019-20 season may have been curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but new manager Hayden Bird's arrival gave the club an enormous boost, and the K's supporters were rewarded amply with fine runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Trophy - the club reached the First Round of the FA Cup for the first time since 2000-01, and defeated Macclesfield Town 4-0 at Moss Rose in Round One before howling out in Round Two at home to AFC Fylde on a day that saw the club host that afternoon's edition of BBC Football Focus. Their FA Trophy run also ended in Round Two but was most notable for a fine 3-1 victory over Alan Dowson's Woking team at King George's Field. The 2020-21 season was curtailed even more than the previous season, ending in November with K's sitting in fourth position in the Premier Division.

The 2021-22 season started out extremely well, with K's topping the Premier Division for a lengthy period before Christmas, but form then disappeared, and the club had to settle for an ultimately disappointing tenth place and a place in the Surrey Senior Cup Final, which was lost on penalties to Dorking Wanderers after a 1-1 draw. During the summer, the club moved temporary home once again, this time to Imperial Fields at Tooting and Mitcham United, and Lee O'Leary was appointed manager after the resignation of Hayden Bird. A difficult season ensued, Lee O'Leary stepped down due to personal reasons, to be replaced by Spencer Knight, who also resigned for personal reasons a couple of months later and was replaced by former Westfield manager Simon Lane, who saved the club from relegation. However, the 2023-24 was even more difficult for the club, as it started poorly and got worse. Simon Lane left in February 2024 to be replaced by his assistant Tutu Henriques, relegation became inevitable and the club finished bottom of the league.

In preparation for Kingstonian's first season in the South Central Division of the Isthmian League, former Walton and Hersham chief Scott Harris was appointed as manager, and his almost totally new squad had an exciting season, reaching the play-off semi-final, eventually falling in a penalty shoot-out to eventual winners Uxbridge. That proved to be Scott's last game as manager as he stepped down in the summer, being replaced by joint managers Mitchal Gough and Dean Thomas.