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## ASCOT UNITED v HANWORTH VILLA

## Sat 10 Jan 2026

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

PITCHING IN

# Matchday Programme

Respect

# Season 2025/26

# THE YELLAMEN

## Yellow and Blue

Kie Plumley (GK)
Sam Hayes (GK)
Sam Swyer (GK)
Kai Allsopp
Rayon Atkinson
Andrio Brandao
David Garlinge
Baback Dehghani
Fope Deru
Josh Edwards
George Franklin
Sean Fraser
Harvey Harry
Shae Hutchinson
Jaheim Kamara
Luis Le Paih
Troy Murray
Tyrese Osbourne
Cameron Rohart-Brown
Ibrahiim Sankoh
Khalid Simmo
Bernie Tanner
Joden Trickett
Lucias Vine
Quaye Vine

# THE VILLAINS

## Red and Black

Tyla Dickinson (GK)
Adam Withers (GK)
Joe Adoo-Peters
Guy Ansah-Palmer
Josh Casey
Marco Correia
Brandon Curtis
Liam Ferdinand
Ben Geraghty
Devan Ghedia
Marco Haigh
Guy Hollis
Abdullah Javaid
Seb Karczewski
Chidi Linhart
Kensley Maloney
Sam Mead
Sam Merson
Ben Mulley
Abdullah Selloum
George Wells

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| Gavin Smith | Manager | Simon Haughney |
| Victor Ocansey/ Dan Bailey | Asst. Manager | Ben Thomas |
| | GK Coach | Ben Wilkins |
| | Coach | Chris Balchin |
| | Coach | Dean Wells |
| Nathan Riley | Physio | Chad Smith |

**Match Officials**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Last Match: | Hartley Wintney | H | Sat 27 Dec | 0-0 | ISTH SC |
| Next Match: | Binfield | A | Wed 14 Jan | | ISTH SC |

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# IN THE CHAIR



Rob Jones
Chairman

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

Good afternoon and a very Happy New Year! I do hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas! It is that time of the year again when fixtures are cancelled due to the weather. Both of our last two away fixtures at Southall and Kingstonian have been postponed due to frozen pitches. Hopefully with the 3G there will be no problems today.

We have two visitors coming down today to see what Ascot United is all about. I would like to welcome Orlando Bell from Pitching In, one of the League sponsors and also Jack Rankin, our local Member of Parliament for Windsor. We are also celebrating the work of a number of our long standing volunteers and there will be a short presentation in the Club House at about 2.30. I am sorry to disturb your pre-match drink but it is really important to celebrate many years of dedication from several of our members and Jack will present the awards.

Whilst the first team have not played for a couple of weeks it was wonderful watching our Under 18s win their first league match this season with an outstanding performance against Aldershot Town on Tuesday night. The team has been on a real journey over the last 18 months and it was very satisfying to see how they have developed as a team. They won a highly contested match with a 2-1 win. Both Ascot goals were outstanding but the winner was struck from inside the centre circle and is one of the best I have seen this season. Well done Milo Stuart! I would like to congratulate the work that Dave Burton and Steve Reeves have done over the last 18 months in developing the team. They have another match next Tuesday, away against Farnham Town, with a 7.45 kick off.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to players, officials and supporters from Hanworth Villa. They have followed up on last season's play off final defeat with another excellent season and they are currently 4th. Today's match promises to be a challenge!

Enjoy the game! ~Rob

# FROM THE DUGOUT



Gavin Smith
First Team Manager

## Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Hanworth Villa. Enjoy the game!

Happy new year to you all and welcome back to The Racecourse Ground for what will turn out to be our first game of the new year after 2 away postponements.

Last time out at home saw us pick up our first league draw of the season against Hartley Wintney in what was a very lacklustre game with both teams not deserving of anything more than a point.

A point though is a positive - as was the debut of Sam Swyer in goal - who deputised for Kie Plumley who is out after dislocating his finger in training. Sam dealt with everything he needed to do very well for a keeper of his age and certainly has a very good future ahead of him.

Since that game we have lost 2 players; both Bailey Lamb and Ezekiel Williams have moved on after approaches from other clubs, both did really well for us and it's a shame to lose 2 good players. We have though been quick to add to the squad and today's game should see a couple of new faces involved, with more to follow hopefully in the coming week.

It was important to assess where we are now as we are just over halfway through the season and the gradual progress has kept us within touching distance of the last play off place, if we can keep ourselves around the top half in the next 10 games it will be an interesting and exciting end to the season.

Today sees a tough challenge in Hanworth Villa who in my opinion are always a really good side; they have players who are above the level [they are playing at] and have consistently been at the right end of the table, they will definitely be one of my favourites to go up this season so a good test that we are all looking forward to.

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 Hanworth Villa for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division match.



WELCOME TO THE VILLAINS

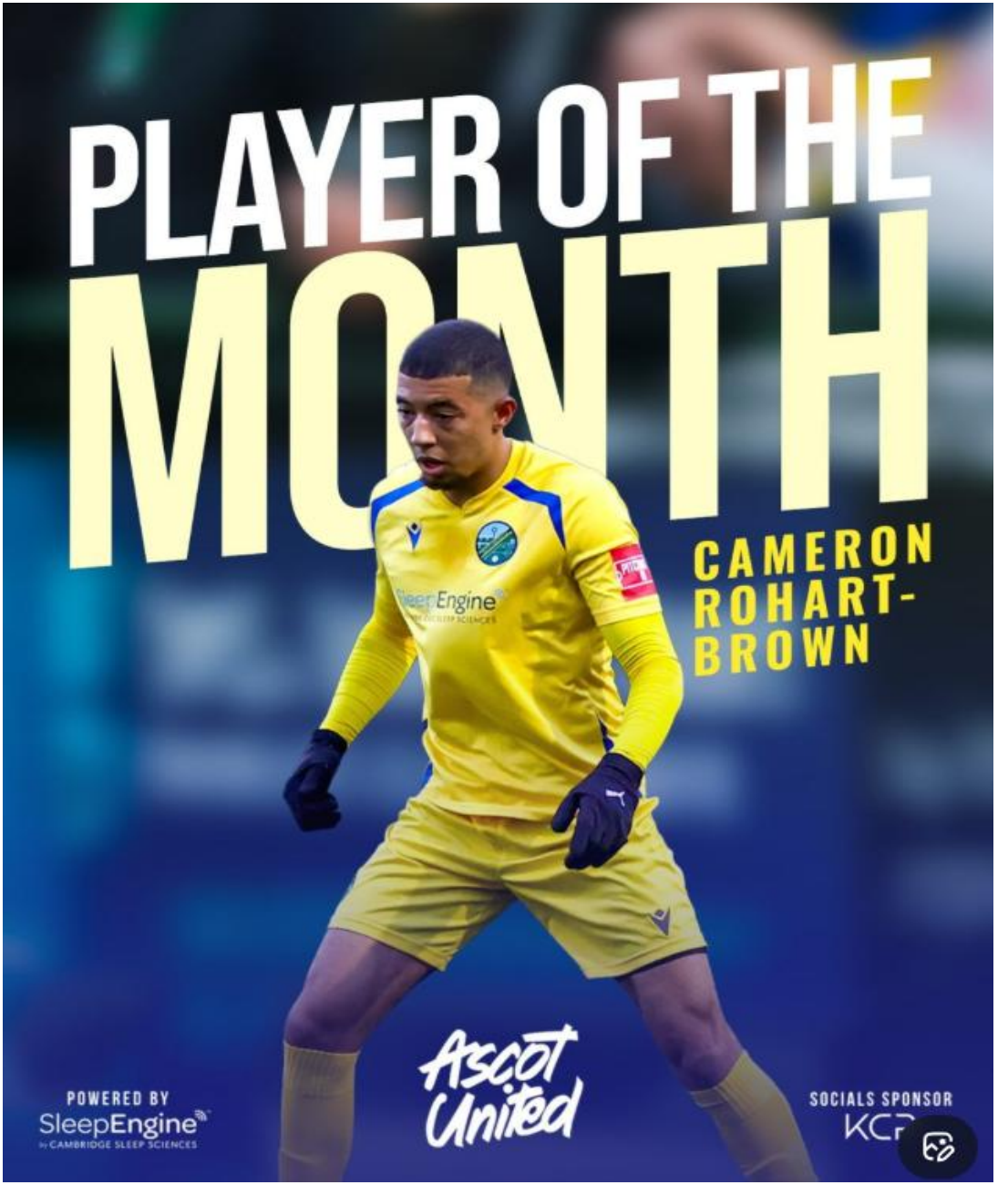
Happy new year all, and welcome to Ascot for our first game of 2026. As I feared in my last programme notes, the weather decimated the non league programme over the festive period and even some of the games scheduled for artificial surfaces fell foul of the weather – Bracknell was off last weekend and even our tenants Berks County who played on Ashford Town's new 3G during midweek – saw their game called off at half time with the pitch unplayable. Sadly for them they were 3-0 up at the time. That said, the games that survived around Boxing Day attracted some massive crowds. From memory, ~5500 at Bury AFC, 3997 at Merthyr Tydfil (where were the extra 3 FFS!), ~3500 at Dorking Wanderers and some sell-outs in the Isthmian League. Hoorah for non-league football and what it offers as a community. Today we play a team who we don't have a great record against and are once again in the play-off chase. As in our last match though, we proved our resilience at home, so today hopefully we finally break our Villa hoodoo.




## Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2026 and beyond. Whatever you do, keep it yellow and blue!

Away from The Racecourse, I do also want to reflect on those who lost their lives over Christmas and into 2026. I don't know if it's me but it feels like we've lost some big characters over the festive period in recent years. This week we sadly lost both Martin Chivers and Terry Yorath on successive days. Gabby [Logan] was presenting MOTD on Wednesday night when she was told her father Terry had died, and Mark Chapman came from the Radio Five Live studio next door to pick up the show as she made a swift exit. The fragility and versatility both of, and in, life all in an instant. We respect them all for their contributions to football. Finally, David Burton's column this week struck a chord with me. My recent boss posted on LinkedIn last week with a graph/quadrant showing the apparent key skills a manager will look for in 2030. In the top right is 'leadership', but in the bottom left is 'mentoring'. I don't know how that possibly correlates...mentoring is crucial to supporting development. And why 2030 – because it's a nice round number? Let's live in the present and enjoy each moment. And, enjoy today...~Neal

WELCOME TO THE VILLAINS


PLAYER OF THE MONTH
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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 1Q | 1-4 | 80 | Sylla |
| 05-Sep | Three Bridges | H | FAT 1Q | 2-0 | 136 | Kamara (2) |
| 09-Sep | Raynes Park Vale | H | LC | 4-2 | 72 | Kamara (2), Le-Paih, Ceesay |
| 13-Sep | Horndean | A | ISTH SC | 2-0 | 145 | Sylla, Deru |
| 16-Sep | Kingstonian | H | ISTH SC | 1-2 | 183 | Sylla |
| 20-Sep | Hadley | A | FAT 2Q | 2-2 (6p7) | 122 | Sylla, O.G. |
| 23-Sep | South Park (Reigate) | H | ISTH SC | 2-0 | 156 | Sylla, Brandao |
| 27-Sep | Harrow Borough | H | ISTH SC | 4-1 | 168 | Kamara, Le-Paih, Osbourne, Brandao |
| 05-Oct | Bognor Regis Town | A | ISTH SC | 1-2 | 302 | Kamara |
| 11-Oct | Bedfont Sports | H | ISTH SC | 0-1 | 213 | |
| 14-Oct | Marlow | H | CC | 4-0 | 83 | Trickett, Kamara, Brandao, Simmo |
| 18-Oct | AFC Portchester | A | ISTH SC | 0-2 | 347 | |
| 25-Oct | Westfield | H | ISTH SC | 0-2 | 177 | |
| 01-Nov | Leatherhead | A | ISTH SC | 0-4 | 509 | |
| 08-Nov | Moneyfields | H | ISTH SC | 3-1 | 144 | O.G, Vine, Brandao |
| 11-Nov | Hungerford Town | H | CC | 2-5 | 87 | Vine (2) |
| 15-Nov | Raynes Park Vale | H | ISTH SC | 2-1 | 144 | Le Paih, Fraser |
| 18-Nov | Egham Town | H | LC | 5-3 | | Simmo (3), Vine, Dehghani |
| 22-Nov | Metropolitan Police | A | ISTH SC | 1-2 | 20 | O.G. |
| 29-Nov | Littlehampton Town | H | ISTH SC | 3-1 | 137 | Vine (2), Deru |
| 02-Dec | Binfield | H | LC | 1-3 | 112 | Le Paih |
| 06-Dec | Hayes & Yeading United | H | ISTH SC | 5-2 | 206 | Vine (3), Simmo, Kamara |
| 13-Dec | Hendon | A | ISTH SC | 1-2 | 222 | Rohart-Brown |
| 16-Dec | Egham Town | A | ISTH SC | 4-2 | 131 | Williams (2), Dehghani, Brandao |
| 20-Dec | South Park (Reigate) | A | ISTH SC | 1-2 | 138 | Brandao |
| 27-Dec | Hartley Wintney | H | ISTH SC | 0-0 | 176 | |
| 10-Jan | Hanworth Villa | H | ISTH SC | | | |
| 14-Jan | Binfield | A | ISTH SC | | | |
| 17-Jan | Egham Town | H | ISTH SC | | | |
| 21-Jan | Southall | A | 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 | Hayes & Yeading United | A | ISTH SC | | | |
| 28-Mar | Hanworth Villa | A | ISTH SC | | | |
| 04-Apr | Fareham Town | H | 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 | Kingstonian | 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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# MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

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## ASCOT HELD BY HARTLEY WINTNEY

### Seasonal stalemate earns first draw

**Saturday 27th December: 2025 The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division, Ascot United 0 - 0 Hartley Wintney**

Ascot United drew a league game for the first time of the season against play-off chasing Hartley Wintney on Saturday. In a close affair, The Yellamen might have nicked all three points late-on, although defeat would have been harsh on both sides

**Jekyll at home and Hyde away; will Yellamen stay true to form?**

Ascot's contrasting league form had seen them win eight of eleven home games this season with a near-mirror opposite trend on the road. Fortunately, they were back at The Racecourse after three successive road trips, and in their way were Hartley Wintney. The 'Row, who had ex-Yellamen Joe Gater and Connor Holland in their ranks, had faltered slightly of late, but it would still be a tough task for the home side who added Quaye Vine into their squad alongside brother Lucias as they sought three festive points; Andrio Brandao unavailable alongside the injured George Franklin, Kie Plumley and Fope Deru.

**Chances at a premium in evenly-matched first half**

In an eerily subdued first half atmosphere, both sides shared four chances as Ascot started well before the visitors came back into it. Lucias Vine would head wide at the far post just five minutes in, although it would have needed to have been some header to get enough purchase back on the ball and loop it back over Nicky Jupp in the visitors' goal. Jupp was, however, in action in the 24th minute when he got down well to save Tyrese Osbourne's low shot across him from a tight angle – Osbourne and Harvey Harry had done -well to regain possession near the half-way line – before the visitors finally showed more intent. Home defender Josh Edwards's fine block diverted Kyen Nicholas's shot away from danger in the 29th minute before the same striker might have made more of a close-range effort that stand-in 'keeper Sam Swyer gathered straight down his middle, and that was it as the sides changed ends.

**More of the same in second half**

The second period was even tighter and only sprung to life when respective 'keepers Jupp and Swyer made routine saves in quick succession to deny powerful drives from Osbourne and Nicholas. Jupp then made an awkward-looking save to get his body behind Khalid Simmo's shot midway through the half after Babs Dehghani had done well to fashion space for a cross from the right, but it was nip-and-tuck until the fourth of five added minutes. This time, man-of-the-match Kai Allsopp superbly won possession in his side's final third, threaded a fine pass through to substitute Quaye Vine, and although he was shepherded away from danger, he managed to dig out a rasping shot that Jupp beat away for a corner. But that was the closest he and his side came and the points were shared; a deserved clean sheet to-boot for the impressive Swyer.

**Ascot United**: Swyer, Murray (Dehghani 46'), Rohart-Brown (Lamb 92'), Edwards, Fraser, Sankoh, Allsopp, Simmo, Osbourne (Pache 63'), L. Vine (Q. Vine 75'), Harry (Kamara 59').

**Venue**: The Racecourse Ground, Ascot / **Attendance**: 176 / **Weather**: 7c, overcast / **Reporter's star man**: Kai Allsopp (Ascot United) / **Entertainment**: 3 / **Away fans estimate**: 25 / **One-word summary:** Fair

# OUR FINEST HOUR




**Sunday 21st May 2023 - Isuzu FA Vase Final, Wembley - Ascot United 1 - 0 Newport Pagnell Town**





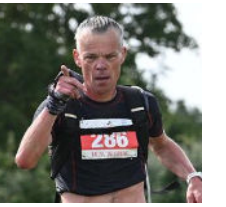
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# ASCOT UNITED WOMEN



**League:** FA Women's National League South West

**Level on Pyramid:** 4

**Management:** Andy Cox

**Next game:** Abingdon United (H), NLSW, Sunday 7th December, 2pm

| Date | Opposition | Comp | Score | Scorers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | 3-2 | Lloyd, Delaney, Lane |
| 28-Sep | AFC Bournemouth (H) | LC GRP | 0-6 | |
| 05-Oct | Actonians (A) | FAC | 0-2 | |
| 12-Oct | Bridgwater United (H) | NLSW | 0-3 | |
| 19-Oct | Chesham United | LC KO | 4-1 | O.G, Harney, Maxted, Lloyd |
| 21-Oct | Reading FC CT | BB QF | 1-0 | Fox |
| 28-Oct | Worthing (A) | NLSW | 3-3 | Delaney, Dearlove, Goulden |
| 02-Nov | Bournemouth Sports (H) | NLSW | 0-1 | |
| 09-Nov | London City Lions' Acad. | KC KO | 0-2 | |
| 16-Nov | Keynsham Town (A) | NLSW | 0-0 | |
| 18-Nov | New Bradwell St Peter (A) | BB QF | 2-1 | |
| 07-Dec | Abingdon United (H) | NLSW | 0-2 | |
| 14-Dec | Bristol Rovers (H) | NLSW | 0-1 | |
| 04-Jan | Moneyfields (A) | NLSW | 0-2 | |
| 11-Jan | Marine Acad. Plymouth (A) | NLSW | | |
| 25-Jan | Portishead Town (A) | NLSW | | |
| 08-Feb | Swindon Town (H) | NLSW | | |
| 15-Feb | Abingdon United (A) | BB SF | | |
| 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 | | |

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

## National League South West

| | | P | GD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Moneyfields | 13 | 40 | 34 |
| 2 | Swindon Town | 10 | 24 | 30 |
| 3 | Bristol Rovers | 12 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | Abingdon United | 12 | -2 | 20 |
| 5 | Bridgwater Utd | 10 | 4 | 17 |
| 6 | Maidenhead Utd | 12 | -3 | 16 |
| 7 | Bournemouth Sp. | 13 | -12 | 16 |
| 8 | Marine A. Plymth | 12 | -2 | 14 |
| 9 | Keynsham Town | 13 | -18 | 10 |
| 10 | Ascot United | 12 | -9 | 9 |
| 11 | Portishead Town | 13 | -18 | 7 |
| 12 | Worthing | 12 | -24 | 7 |



# ASCOT UNITED U18'S

## Ascot United Under 18's team manager David Burton puts pen to virtual paper again, and in the Ed's view, he has some very wise words this week (they are always wise of course, just a bit wiser than normal...!)





Welcome back to The Racecourse. I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and is looking forward to what 2026 has in store.

We trained through the festive period and I genuinely believe that hard work – in some brutal, freezing conditions – played a big part in our 2–1 win over a very talented Aldershot Town side on Tuesday night [ed says, report on next page!]. It was a cracking game of football and, after the heartbreak of conceding with the last kick in the 3–3 thriller against Maidenhead a few weeks earlier, it felt like a win the boys thoroughly deserved.

The lads were superb. You will struggle to see a better goal at the racecourse all season from Milo Stuart, and to win the game with that was the icing on the cake!

It was also great to hear some really positive comments from supporters who followed us last season about how much the team has improved and developed. For me, that's what coaching is all about.

At times, it feels like coaching itself has gone missing from the game. Too often now the first reaction is to move players on or bring new ones in, rather than work with what you have and genuinely try to make players better.

Whatever happened to developing players, building confidence, improving decision-making, and getting a tune out of individuals?

Look back at managers like Harry Redknapp, Alex Ferguson or Martin O'Neill. They weren't obsessing over systems every five minutes. They understood people. Proper man-managers who consistently got more out of players than any UEFA textbook ever could.

It makes you wonder whether the best coaches aren't always the cleverest on the tactics board, but the ones who can connect, motivate, and improve players. It feels like a bit of a lost art these days.

We have a large squad of 28 players, and every single one has had – or will have – their opportunity to impress. When that moment comes, take your chance. Play well you stay in. It's that simple...

We try to instil humility, hard work, and respect for teammates. Trust each other. Be positive and constructive with feedback. It's amazing just how contagious that mindset can be.

Right now, let's all get behind Gavin and the boys in another terrific fixture as they continue their push for the play-offs.

#UpTheYellas ~David

# ASCOT UNITED U18's - MATCH REPORT

## U18's call The Shots! -

## Ascot United U18 2
## Aldershot Town U18 1

Superb. Absolutely superb! This was a performance full of commitment, togetherness and controlled intensity from every Ascot United player involved. Every lad gave 100% from first whistle to last — working tirelessly for each other in extremely difficult conditions. That work-rate, combined with a positive attitude and real unity, is always the minimum expectation, and once again it proved the foundation for success.

The opening exchanges were competitive and even, but Ascot started brightly, moving the ball well, creating chances and earning a series of corners. Despite the weather, there were some excellent passages of attacking play and two very good opportunities to take the lead before half-time.

At the break, the message was clear: stay composed, trust the simple pass and trust each other. Keep doing the right things and the chances would come.

The second half was outstanding. Ascot came out on the front foot, controlled the game and played with real purpose. The breakthrough arrived on 65 minutes when a slick combination between Jack and Julien released Fin, who showed great composure to finish clinically and put Ascot deservedly ahead.

As conditions deteriorated, the game became a real test of desire and resilience. Aldershot struck the post before eventually equalising on 73 minutes, but the response from Ascot was immediate and outstanding. The lads lifted again and, with 15 minutes remaining, Player of the Match Milo Stuart produced a goal-of-the-season contender to restore the lead — a moment of real quality and character.

The closing stages demanded everything. With nine minutes of injury time, cramp setting in and both sides pushing, Ascot dug deep, defended superbly and showed real maturity to see the game out.

Credit must go to Aldershot Town, a well-organised and well-coached side who train multiple times a week and benefit from a strong National League set-up. That made this a thoroughly deserved and significant victory.

Defensively, Ascot were excellent throughout. Ryan and Milo were outstanding in the holding roles, Julien and Finn worked tirelessly in advanced midfield, while Will, Tom and Owen gave everything at wing-back. Jack led the line superbly, holding the ball up and bringing others into play.

A performance to be proud of and a result fully deserved.

Roll on the next game.

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IN A WEEK remembered for sudden managerial dismissals, it's somewhat refreshing to hear Alan Dowson talk so enthusiastically after celebrating his 1,000th game in the dugout. First Enzo Maresca at Chelsea, then Ruben Amorim at Manchester United, swiftly followed by Wilfried Nancy after just eight games in charge of Celtic. The shelf-life of a football manager is as perilous as ever.

Dowson, though, has a sell-by-date far longer-reaching. The amiable Geordie has recently returned for a second spell in charge of Hampton & Richmond Borough where he enjoyed some of his most successful times in a management career that began at Walton & Hersham and also took in Kingstonian and Woking. Hampton's 2-0 win over Farnborough on Boxing Day marked Dowson's 1,000th game in the dug-out – and the 55-year-old told The NLP that he simply can't get enough of the management madhouse.

"It's f*****g brilliant – I haven't slept for two weeks," he told us in his unmistakable, and unrivalled, jovial spirit. "I don't see the missus anymore – or the kids. I went in the other night and I think they thought I was burgling the house! "It's great. Four o'clock in the morning and I'm blinking up. I am nervous, I've got anxiety again – it's excellent.

"I love pressure. I love everything about the game. Anxiety, pressure, nerves, happiness. On Monday I was driving two hours to watch Chelmsford against Dagenham. It's keeping me on the ball all the time."

And Dowson is not the only manager to have caught the bug.

Back in November, NLP columnist Tony Incenzo told how Pep Guardiola's 1,000th game in management paled into insignificance compared to Ramsbottom United boss Steve Wilkes for example.

An emphatic 8-0 victory at City of Liverpool in the North West Counties League Premier Division was the Preston-base boss' 1,300th game in the dugout having started in August 1997. Explaining an astonishing story of dedication amidst work and family pressures, Wilkes said: "I'm really proud to hit the 1,300 mark. I've done 28 and a half years now and it is quite a milestone.

"I started out as a manager in the summer of 1997. I had been playing for Darwen when I received a phone call stating the boss was leaving and asking if I could fill the vacancy. I was only 29 and it didn't interest me at all. I had never wanted to go into management or coaching. Even so, Darwen asked me to consider it.

"I was friendly with Sam Allardyce from my professional playing days. I had previously been at Preston while he was at Bolton. So I gave Sam a ring for advice. He said: 'Look mate – take the position. Do it for six weeks. If you don't enjoy it, you can quit."

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Seven years at Darwen, voluntarily and without a budget, proceeded a five-and-a-half year stint with Padiham before Wilkes joined Runcorn Linnets, where he was sacked for the only time in his career after two-and-a-half years. Twelve months at Ashton Athletic led to him re-joining Padiham in 2012/13 where Wilkes won the North West Counties League title and enjoy a couple of seasons in the Northern Premier League.

Following another five-year stint, he then left the Storks and moved to Northwich Victoria and after leading the club to the FA Vase semi-final, Wilkes, now a grandfather, decided to retire three years ago. That was until Ramsbottom United got back in touch.

“I spoke about it to my wife of 35 years Alison,” he explained. “Her exact words were: ‘Yes please! I don’t want you under my feet on a Saturday!’ So my retirement didn’t last very long.” And talking of 1,000 games, it’s not just the managers achieving extraordinary feats.

Back in October, we sat down with 44-year-old Peter Clarke after making his landmark career appearance when turning out for Prescot Cables in their FA Trophy fixture with Lancaster City. The former Everton youth defender enjoyed a remarkable career, turning out for the likes of Blackpool (two spells), Southend United, Huddersfield Town, Oldham Athletic and Tranmere over 100 times before enjoying a stellar Non-League career with two seasons at Warrington Town and now Cables after joining in the summer.

And only this week, he will be joined on an illustrious 55-man worldwide list – including that of Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and littered with top Non-League names such as Paul Bastock, Barry Hayles and Scott McLeish – by veteran winger Kevin Ellison as he too celebrates his 1,000th senior game.

This afternoon, at the age of 46, the Morecambe legend, who also turned out for the likes of Chester City, Rotherham and Tranmere, will reach the milestone playing for Vauxhall Motors against Runcorn Linnets in NPL West. To mark the occasion, the Motormen are hosting a special celebration, including surprise guests and live entertainment with a big crowd expected.

Players like Clarke and Ellison are a rarity in football as the elite list suggests, but are worth their weight in gold. More so, managers like Dowson and Wilkes who, as Maresca, Amorim, and Nancy will attest, are the first to carry the can when things don’t quite go to plan. Let’s raise a New Year glass to them all. ~Jon Couch.

# RESULTS AND FIXTURES

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

### Saturday 3rd January 2026

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bedfont Sports (2)<br>*Barnett (23'), Jakes-Mckay (44'), Frise (92')* | 3 | 3 | (2) Egham Town<br>*Cullen (16'), Clayton (32', 61')* |
| Bognor Regis Town (1)<br>*Kasukumya (21'), Chebby (87')* | 2 | 4 | (1) Horndean<br>*Carroll (24', 97'), Oconnell (48'), Lynch (74')* |
| Hanworth Villa (1)<br>*Correia (22'), Ferdinand (75')* | 2 | 2 | (2) Hendon<br>*Muir (25'), Ada (45')* |
| Moneyfields (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) AFC Portchester<br>*Willcox (49'), Unknown (65' og), Spurway (89')* |
| Raynes Park Vale (3)<br>*Sekajja (3', 28'), Akinnibi (38')* | 3 | 2 | (0) Metropolitan Police<br>*Galloway (71', 81')* |
| South Park (Reigate) (1)<br>*Edwards (29', 65')* | 2 | 0 | (0) Westfield |

### Saturday 10th January 2026

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

### Tuesday 13th January 2026

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| Fareham Town | v | Hanworth Villa |
| Harrow Borough | v | South Park (Reigate) |
| Leatherhead | v | Moneyfields |

### Wednesday 14th January 2026

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| Binfield | v | Ascot United |

# FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

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

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

# LEAGUE TABLE

## Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

| | | | Home | | | | Away | | | | Total | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | P | W | D | L | P | W | D | L | P | W | D | L | F | A | +/- | Pts |
| 1 | Leatherhead | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 56 | 21 | +35 | 54 |
| 2 | Westfield | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 54 | 30 | +24 | 50 |
| 3 | Moneyfields | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 55 | 38 | +17 | 48 |
| 4 | Hanworth Villa | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 20 | +26 | 45 |
| 5 | Hayes & Yeading United | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 38 | 46 | -8 | 38 |
| 6 | AFC Portchester | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 47 | 38 | +9 | 37 |
| 7 | Hartley Wintney | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 28 | +4 | 37 |
| 8 | South Park (Reigate) | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 37 | -3 | 37 |
| 9 | Raynes Park Vale | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 43 | 35 | +8 | 34 |
| 10 | Harrow Borough | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 39 | 43 | -4 | 33 |
| 11 | Bognor Regis Town | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 41 | 48 | -7 | 32 |
| 12 | Littlehampton Town | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 36 | 46 | -10 | 32 |
| 13 | Ascot United | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 22 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 35 | 30 | +5 | 31 |
| 14 | Egham Town | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 25 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 38 | 40 | -2 | 31 |
| 15 | Bedfont Sports | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 30 |
| 16 | Hendon | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 48 | 51 | -3 | 30 |
| 17 | Metropolitan Police | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 24 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 37 | 48 | -11 | 27 |
| 18 | Southall | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 33 | 42 | -9 | 25 |
| 19 | Kingstonian | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 35 | 45 | -10 | 22 |
| 20 | Horndean | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 24 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 32 | 50 | -18 | 22 |
| 21 | Binfield | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 31 | 46 | -15 | 18 |
| 22 | Fareham Town | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 20 | 48 | -28 | 10 |

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## Non League Pyramid (Extract) / Competition Eligibility

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|---|---|---|
| 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 |



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# 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 | 30 | - | 30 | - |
| S Hayes | - | - | 5 | - |
| S Swyer | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| G Lock | 18 | - | 322 | 15 |
| S Fraser | 10 | 1 | 57 | 3 |
| K Simmo | 30 | 6 | 67 | 14 |
| H Harry | 11 | - | 40 | 6 |
| I Sankoh | 24 | - | 24 | - |
| T Murray | 27 | - | 27 | - |
| B Lamb | 27 | - | 27 | - |
| K Allsopp | 28 | - | 32 | - |
| L Ceesay | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| L Le-Paih | 25 | 6 | 25 | 6 |
| J Trickett | 14 | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| J Kamara | 28 | 8 | 28 | 8 |
| R Atkinson | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| D Garlinge | 10 | - | 10 | - |
| B Dehghani | 29 | 2 | 29 | 2 |
| C Sylla | 12 | 8 | 12 | 8 |
| J Edwards | 23 | - | 98 | - |
| C Fried-Jones | 6 | - | 6 | - |
| J Bancroft | 4 | - | 4 | - |
| G Wallace | 5 | - | 5 | - |
| F Deru | 17 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| A Brandao | 16 | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| T Osbourne | 16 | 1 | 16 | 1 |
| C Rohart-Brown | 10 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| E Williams | 17 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| J Rollinson | 10 | - | 10 | - |
| B Tanner | 1 | - | - | - |
| R Pache | 11 | - | 11 | - |
| L Vine | 12 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| G Franklin | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Q Vine | 1 | - | - | - |
| [Own Goals] | n/a | 3 | n/a | n/a |
| | 487 | 57 | 987 | 85 |

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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.



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 bene at Portsmouth as a junior.





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



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.



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.

# 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 - HANWORTH VILLA

Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions.

The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships. The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985.

From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation.

Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'. With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17th, three points clear of relegation.

The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5th position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both.

The 2011/2012 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivenham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1st Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2. In the FA Vase the team reached the 3rd round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year. In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex

# CLUB HISTORY - HANWORTH VILLA

At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United.

Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 – 2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy.

In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after.

Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was, by mutual agreement, decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon.

The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

Last season proved to be the greatest in the history of Hanworth Villa FC and, in winning the inaugural Combined Counties North Premier Division and with it promotion to the Isthmian League, the club achieved their highest position in senior football since the formation in 1976. The most remarkable record of all is, however, that the team remained unbeaten throughout the league season.

Once again, following promotion, the team had to come to terms with competing at a higher level within the NLS. Having kept most of the Invincibles squad from the previous season Simon, Paul and Leon added some additional experience within the squad and although through early loss of form and key injuries the team slowly began to get to grips with football at step 4. As the season progressed so did the team and the results culminating with a 2-1 victory over Northwood in April 22 to clinch 4th in the Isthmian South Central Division and earn a Semi-Final Play-Off game away to Marlow. A tense tie was 1-1 going into the last minute of the game when George Wells stepped up and clinched the tie with a fine goal. Having won through to the final all that stood between Hanworth Villa and back to back promotions was Walton & Hersham one of Simon and Pauls previous clubs. In front of a 2,500 crowd at the XCEL stadium in Walton Villa took a first half lead but could not hold onto to it going down 3-1 to Walton & Hersham.

Hanworth Villa retained the services of Simon & Paul for the new 2023/24 season in the face of many approaches from many clubs for their services and look to build on the success of recent years. The 2023/24 season was also notable with Gary Brunning, so instrumental in driving the club up the non-league pyramid, stepping down as chairman being replaced by James Connor, Ex-Millwall professional footballer, and son of the original founder Jimmy Connor. Gary Brunning moves up to Joint President of Hanworth Villa sharing the position with Jimmy Connor.

The 24/25 season saw Hanworth finish in their highest ever league position in the Non-League pyramid, when they were placed 3rd, behind Champions Farnham Town and Uxbridge, this saw the Villains enter the Play-Offs once again. The Semi-Final saw a home victory over Ascot United and a second Final in three seasons was achieved.

The Final, played away to Uxbridge, saw Hanworth take the lead, but as with their previous encounter, the home side rallied to take victory and gain promotion to the Southern League Premier Division.

During the Summer of 2025, works began on ripping up the troublesome pitch, and in its place has seen the installation of a state-of-the-art 3G synthetic playing surface incorporating the latest ProGrain infill. Other ground works have also enabled the Club to finally open up all four sides of the ground, and also replace the old seated stand, for a brand new structure which has trebled the seating capacity of the ground.