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ASCOT UNITED v MARGATE

Fri 28 Aug 2026

Isuzu FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round

PITCHING IN

Matchday Programme

Respect

Season 2026/27

ASCOT UNITED F.C.

THE YELLAMEN

Yellow and Blue

Sam Swyer (GK)
Kacper Orlowski (GK)
Naison O'Neill
Rudy Pache
Cameron Rohart-Brown
Regan Clarke-Salter
Taylor Green
Connor Richardson
Kai Allsopp
Jaye Long
Isaac Brown
Kai Zini
Ishmael Amiri
TJ Mboge
Julien Malta-Bey
Theo Parrott
Harley Platel
Fope Deru
Sav Shah
Verrell George
Quaye Vine
Chukz Uzor
Lui Edwards
Quinn Schutter
Kaleel Green
Ricco Bullard-Jeffrey
Luis Le Paih
Elijah Anthony
Sam Sesay

THE ISUZU FA TROPHY

THE GATE

Blue and White

Harry Seaden (GK)
Tariq Ossai
Will Thomas
Gibou Njie
Javaun Splatt
Bradley Schafer
Oghosa Williams
Albie O'Mara-Knapp
Finn O'Mara
Mikey Dalton
Kai Garande
Connor Wilkins
Jake McIntyre
David Adewoju
Ronald Sithole
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Olu Oluwatimilehin
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Gavin Smith	Manager	Jamie Coyle
Victor Ocansey/ Dan Bailey	Asst. Manager	Matt Longhurst
Jamie Ashdown	GK Coach	Dan Eason
Darryl Jelly	Coach	Taylor Couldry
	Coach	
Lauren Knight	Physio	Ellis Stewart

Match Officials

Ka Ho Wong	Maros Valko	Wegahta Mekonnen

Last Match:	Binfield	H	Tue 25 Aug	4-0	ISTH SC
Next Match:	Windsor & Eton	H	Mon 31 Aug		ISTH SC

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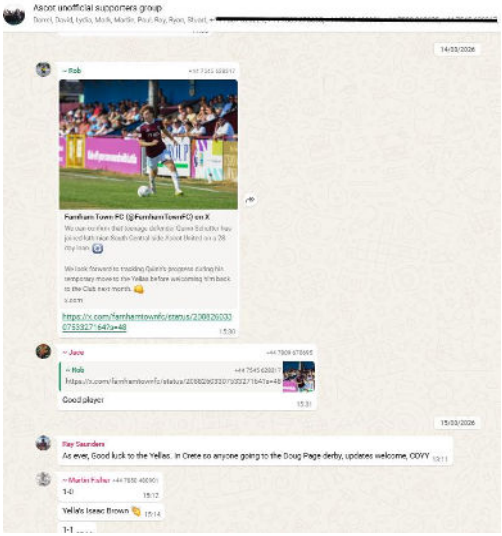
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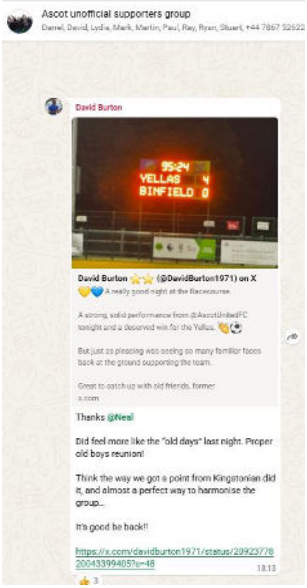
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This is <u>your</u> club and what <u>you</u> feel is important. Do you have any ideas you want to bounce off everyone about how to make things better, or just stay in touch with what's happening? This is the place for you! Since I assumed admin rights to the group this week and am now an official Director on the Ascot United Board, I'm making it my mission to grow our support and bring us together.

Back in 2022/23, our supporters strapline was 'All Together, As One' and this has led into the current ethos of 'Many Teams, One Club United'. If you want to be part of the group, email Neal.Jeffs@gmail.com with your mobile number and join the fun. Up The Yellas ~ Neal

IN THE CHAIR



Dan Birchmore
Chairman

A warm welcome to Margate for today's Isuzu FA Trophy fixture.

A very warm welcome to the players, officials, directors and supporters of Margate FC to the Racecourse Ground this evening for our FA Trophy fixture. We appreciate the considerable journey that Margate have made to be with us tonight and look forward to what promises to be an entertaining cup tie. Playing on a Friday evening also provides both clubs with a little extra recovery time ahead of the busy Bank Holiday schedule, with our attention quickly turning to Monday's home fixture against local rivals and newly promoted Windsor & Eton.

There was plenty to be pleased about on Tuesday evening as the First Team produced a dominant performance to secure a 4-0 victory over local Binfield. In truth, the margin could and perhaps should have been greater, particularly given the chances created during an outstanding second-half display. It was encouraging to see the squad's quality and intensity throughout the match, and particularly pleasing to welcome back some familiar faces. Luis Le Paih and Sam Sesay both add quality and experience to what is already shaping up to be a very competitive group.

Our Women's First Team continue to navigate a challenging start to the season as the squad continues to rebuild under Aym'e and her coaching team. On Sunday they face another difficult test with the long trip to Bridgwater United, and we wish the players and staff the very best of luck. The challenges do not stop there, with the team returning to the Racecourse Ground on Tuesday 1st September (7:45pm) to take on QPR Women in the League Cup. We hope supporters will come along and get behind the team.

Looking ahead to next week, our Under-18s begin their FA Youth Cup campaign at home to Badshot Lea on Thursday 3rd September. The group has enjoyed a positive pre-season and Dave and Steve have worked extremely hard to build on the progress and development achieved over recent years. The FA Youth Cup always provides a special occasion for young players and we look forward to seeing how the squad continues to develop throughout the season.

Finally, good luck to Gavin, his management team and the players this evening. Cup competitions always bring an added sense of occasion and we're looking forward to another exciting night under the lights at the Racecourse Ground. Thank you all for your continued support and enjoy the game ~ Dan.

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FROM THE DUGOUT



Gavin Smith
First Team Manager

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

Welcome to The Racecourse Ground for another night of Friday football!

It's a quick turnaround from Tuesday night and the schedule is very hectic at present with another home game on Monday followed by the visit of Pagham in the FA Cup on Sunday, and then a league cup tie two days after on the Tuesday against South Park. Every game is at home, so there is plenty for you fans to enjoy!

With the amount of games coming up we have added to the squad and most new players were in action on Tuesday in our 4-0 win against Binfield.

It was great to get our first 3 points of the season on the board in a game which was in the balance up to the 40 minute mark, although we did feel a goal would give us the momentum and confidence to go on and win.

This weekend will provide a real tough test for our new group and our aim will be to compete well enough to give ourselves a chance of winning both games.

Enjoy the game and I hope everyone from Margate has a safe journey home ~ Gavin.



Dan Bailey
Assistant Manager



Victor Ocansey
Assistant Manager



Darryl Jelly
Coach



Jamie Ashdown
Goalkeeping Coach



Lauren Knight
Physio

ON COURSE!

With Programme Editor Neal Jeffs

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Margate for this Isuzu FA Trophy match.



WELCOME TO THE GATE

Welcome to The Racecourse for the Friday-night-under-the-lights Isuzu FA Trophy clash with Margate. Two seasons ago we met here in the 2nd qualifying round when a disappointingly-low crowd of just over 150 saw us win 1-0. We'd already won two matches to get that far, and in the next round we got hammered 8-1 at Folkestone Invicta! Best wishes and credit to the travelling fans tonight; your dedication to do battle with the M25 on a Friday night is admirable! Reflecting on Tuesday, it was a strange but excellent game. By half time we hadn't got out of neutral gear but just as we did in the FA Cup tie with Penn, we took our chances and somehow led 2-0. In the second half we played with such confidence and speed that we could have scored 4 or 5, but still 'only' managed another 2 goals. It was quite impressive to see how well several debutants (including those returning) in the starting line-up gelled. As you'll see, we've drawn Pagham at home in the FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round, so that'll be our third step-five side at home in the competition.



AI Overview

Driving from Margate to Ascot on the Friday night of an August Bank Holiday weekend will typically take between **2.5 to 4.5 hours** due to severe holiday getaway traffic. While the standard Google Maps driving time for this **107-mile route** is roughly 2 hours and 10 minutes, the Friday before a bank holiday—often referred to as "Frantic Friday"—is historically one of the busiest travel periods of the year.

The match is being played on Sunday 6th September due to horse racing here on the Saturday before. Pagham are doing OK in the Southern Combination Premier Division and beat two other Step-five sides to get this far. It's a favourable draw for us given who we could have got, given that step-three sides all entered the draw. For the record, the prize money at each stage up to and including where we have reached it is: Ex-Prelim: £1,125, Prelim: £1,444, 1QR: £2,250. I will stop there to avoid tempting fate, but both sides will see this as a big opportunity, and as I keep telling Gavin we are now just ten wins from a Wembley FA Cup semi-final and if you break it down to one game at a time then it's easy really!!! After all, we won 10 games in our 2023 FA Vase run, including the Wembley Final, so we know how to do it... Finally, we look forward to seeing a good crowd here on Monday for the Royal Derby when newly-promoted Windsor and Eton visit (3pm). Enjoy the game! ~ Neal

WELCOME TO THE GATE

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	H/A	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
07-Aug	Clevedon Town	H	FAC XP	3-2	202	Brown, Platel, Vine
15-Aug	Bedfont Sports	A	ISTH SC	1-2	162	Brown
18-Aug	Kingstonian	H	ISTH SC	3-3	223	Vine (2), Brown
22-Aug	Penn & Tylers Green	H	FAC P	2-1	221	Deru, Vine
25-Aug	Binfield	H	ISTH SC	4-0	267	Vine, Zini, Deru, Anthony
28-Aug	Margate	H	FAT 1Q			
31-Aug	Windsor & Eton	H	ISTH SC			
06-Sep	Pagham	H	FAC 1Q			
08-Sep	South Park Reigate	H	LC 1			
12-Sep	Moneyfields	A	ISTH SC			
19-Sep	Raynes Park Vale	H	ISTH SC			
22-Sep	Egham Town	A	ISTH SC			
26-Sep	Littlehampton Town	H	ISTH SC			
03-Oct	Jersey Bulls	A	ISTH SC			
06-Oct	Hayes & Yeading United	H	ISTH SC			
10-Oct	Harrow Borough	H	ISTH SC			
17-Oct	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	ISTH SC			
21-Oct	Kingstonian	A	ISTH SC			
24-Oct	Bognor Regis Town	H	ISTH SC			
31-Oct	AFC Stoneham	A	ISTH SC			
07-Nov	Bedfont Sports	H	ISTH SC			
14-Nov	Binfield	A	ISTH SC			
21-Nov	Westfield	H	ISTH SC			
28-Nov	Hendon	A	ISTH SC			
05-Dec	AFC Portchester	H	ISTH SC			
12-Dec	Cobham	A	ISTH SC			
19-Dec	Winchester City	A	ISTH SC			
28-Dec	Hartley Wintney	H	ISTH SC			
02-Jan	Windsor & Eton	A	ISTH SC			
09-Jan	Moneyfields	H	ISTH SC			
16-Jan	Harrow Borough	A	ISTH SC			
23-Jan	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	ISTH SC			
30-Jan	Westfield	A	ISTH SC			
06-Feb	Hendon	H	ISTH SC			
09-Feb	Egham Town	H	ISTH SC			
13-Feb	Littlehampton Town	A	ISTH SC			
20-Feb	Jersey Bulls	H	ISTH SC			
27-Feb	Hayes & Yeading United	A	ISTH SC			
06-Mar	Bognor Regis Town	A	ISTH SC			
13-Mar	AFC Stoneham	H	ISTH SC			
20-Mar	Raynes Park Vale	A	ISTH SC			
27-Mar	Winchester City	H	ISTH SC			
29-Mar	Hartley Wintney	A	ISTH SC			
03-Apr	Southall	H	ISTH SC			
10-Apr	AFC Portchester	A	ISTH SC			
17-Apr	Cobham	H	ISTH SC			
TBA	Southall	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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With our focus on positivity, The Isthmian League aims to ensure that all our footballers are able to play in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment and all supporters can enjoy the game in surroundings free from discrimination and hate.

OUR FINEST HOUR



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





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  - 1/2 Marathon: 82 mins
  - Marathon: <3 hours



THE 2023 FA VASE WINNING SQUAD - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Manager:
Jamie Tompkins – managed the team for two further seasons after the historic double winning season of 2022/23 and led Ascot to the step-four Isthmian League South Central Division play-offs in 2024/25. Returned to management with current club, Ascot's league rivals, Hayes and Yeading United, towards the end of the 2025/26 season.

Starting 11:
Rhys Forster – drafted in during the double-winning campaign after a serious injury ended former professional goalkeeper Jamie Ashdown's career mid-season. Kept a clean sheet at Wembley after producing penalty shoot-out heroics in both the quarter and semi-finals. Went onto play for Enfield Town in the step-two National League South before linking up with Jamie Tompkins at current club Hayes and Yeading United.

George Lock – a fans' favourite and loyal clubman who played on for Ascot United making a club-record 325 appearances before signing for his current club, Ascot's league rivals Ashford Town (Middx).

Alfie Grant – solid defender who had spells with Basingstoke Town and Milton United before returning to Reading City, for whom he originally played, in the step-five Combined Counties League Premier Division North.

Harry Tucker – man-mountain of a defender who dabbled in professional golf and played for Hayes and Yeading United before signing for Flackwell Heath in the step-four Southern League Central Division. Now focusing on his swing again, by all accounts!

Jordan Ajanlekoko – incredibly talented, 'AJ' has played for numerous clubs since leaving Ascot, including Rayners Lane, Southall and Northwood. Currently with step-five Risborough Rangers in the Spartan South Midlands League, a club for whom he originally played for back in 2011/12!

Dan Bailey – towering defender who skippered the side to victory before leaving and featuring for Virginia Water at step-five. He is now a member of league rivals Binfield FC's coaching staff, whilst also still registered as a player.

Rob Gerrard – fantastic left-back who liked to get forwards and was famously substituted in the first half at Wembley with a serious head injury. Returned to Step-five Reading City for the 2023/24 season. Sources tell us he's since retired from football and/or was considering a move to Australia. Either way, being a scaffolder, he is either up there or down under, - or chilling somewhere in between.

Harry Grant – the dead-ball specialist had a brief spell at Hartley Wintney after leaving Ascot, before signing for current club Hayes and Yeading United.

Jay Welch – Despite being capable of playing much higher with his skill and eye for goal, he is has signed for step-seven Newbury Town in the Thames Valley Premier Division having also played for Westwood Wanderers in the same division.

Sean McCormack – a forward with the engine of a Ferrari and trickery of a magician, he signed off with the Yellamen in 24/25 before relocating to New York to pursue his professional working career.

THE 2023 FA VASE WINNING SQUAD - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Brendan Matthew – lethal striker broke the club's in-season scoring record in the double-winning campaign and netted 68 goals in a total of 80 appearances. Went onto play for league rivals Southall before joining current club Hayes and Yeading United.

Subs used:

Kai Walters – came off the bench to score the game's only goal with a diving header in the 79th minute, writing his name into Ascot folklore. Left Ascot and spent time in Australia and now runs the organization he founded - ArmourCo Sports – in Maidenhead.

Marcus Mealing – a 'proper' striker, 'Mealo' came off the bench at Wembley and was a game-changer. Since leaving Ascot he recovered from a serious leg injury, was player-coach at Ashford Town and also featured for Windsor and Eton; both step-five clubs at the time. Currently playing for Ardley United in the step-five Combined Counties Premier Division North and also featuring for Flackwell Heath.

Chris Ellis – The long-throw expert announced his retirement at the end of Ascot's title-winning season but returned to action with step-six Penn and Tylers Green, helping them win promotion in the 2025/26 season. Remains with Penn as a coach for their debut in the step-five Combined Counties Premier Division North.

Subs unused:

Louis Bouwers – the club captain left after the double-winning campaign and featured for Chertsey Town, Flackwell Heath and lower-tier hometown club Faringdon Town in Oxfordshire. Now married, he relocated to Somerset and not currently playing due to work commitments.

Sam Negus – the young substitute goalkeeper, son of then-chairman Simon Negus, moved to the US and is playing collegiate men's soccer in the United States for the Holy Cross College Saints in Notre Dame, Indiana. Had played step-three football with Beaconsfield whilst understudy to Ascot's first choice goalkeepers Jamie Ashdown and Rhys Forster.

Sam Balogun – An unsung hero of the FA Vase campaign who bossed the midfield in the semi-final, he played for Potters Bar Town and league rivals Westfield before moving to Ashford Town (Middx). Now playing step-five football at Combined Counties Premier Division South Division side Virginia Water.

Keaton August – a mesmerising forward on his day, he relocated to the midlands and has been playing step-five football with United Counties League Premier Division North side Belper United, where he has been voted supporters' player of the season.





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ASCOT UNITED WOMEN



League: FA Women's National League South West

Management: Aym'e Melham (Mgr), Adam Angus (Asst Mgr), Stephan D'Abreu-Hayling (Coach)

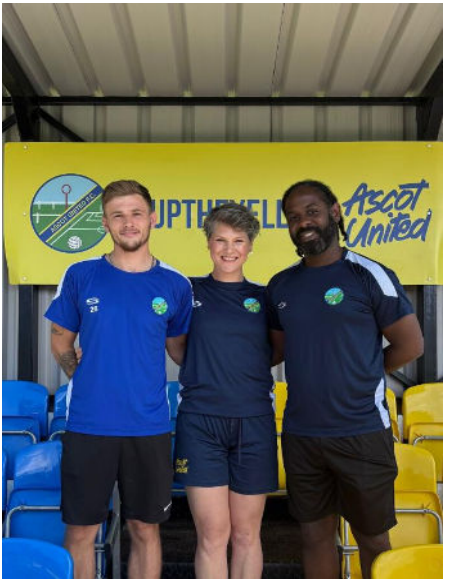
Next game: Bridgwater United (A), NLSW, Sunday August 30, 2pm

Date	Opposition	Comp	Score	Scorers
16-Aug	Gwalia United (H)	NLSW	0-6	
23-Aug	Torquay United (A)	NLSW	0-6	
30-Aug	Bridgwater United (A)	NLSW		
01-Sep	Queens Park Rangers (H)	LC		
06-Sep	Actonians (A)	LC		
13-Sep	Bournemouth Spts (H)	NLSW		
20-Sep	Keynsham Town (A)	NLSW		
27-Sep	Fulham (A)	LC		
11-Oct	Wycombe Wdrs (H)	NLSW		
18-Oct	Abingdon United (A)	NLSW		
27-Oct	Maidenhead United (H)	NLSW		
08-Nov	Bristol Rovers (A)	NLSW		
22-Nov	Marine Acad Plymth (H)	NLSW		
29-Nov	Moneyfields (A)	NLSW		
06-Dec	Torquay United (H)	NLSW		
13-Dec	Gwalia United (A)	NLSW		
10-Jan	Bridgwater United (H)	NLSW		
24-Jan	Bournemouth Spts (A)	NLSW		
07-Feb	Abingdon United (H)	NLSW		
10-Feb	Maidenhead United (A)	NLSW		
28-Feb	Bristol Rovers (H)	NLSW		
14-Mar	Marine Acad Plymth (A)	NLSW		
28-Mar	Moneyfields (H)	NLSW		
11-Apr	Keynsham Town (H)	NLSW		
25-Apr	Wycombe Wanderers (A)	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







The Ascot You Returns

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15–19TH JUNE 2027*

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MATCH REPORT ROUNDUP

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RETURNING STARS STAR AS ASCOT BEAT BINFIELD

Strengthened Yellas earn comfortable 4-0 win

Binfield FC 1892

Tuesday 25th August 2026, Pitching-In Isthmian League South Central Division, Ascot United 4 - 0 Binfield

Ascot United turned on the style as they eased past local rivals Binfield on Tuesday evening. After an uneventful first half where Ascot somehow found themselves two goals up, they turned the screw after the break with a scintillating second half performance and deservedly doubled their tally to earn their first league win of the season.

Derby day comes early amidst incredible sequence of home games

The Forest Road Derby would be Ascot's third of seven home games on the trot as favourable draws in the FA Cup, FA Trophy and League Cup all came in-and-around three Racecourse league outings. Ascot had moved quickly to add familiar names Luis Le Paih and Sam Sesay to their starting eleven – returning from Step-three experience – and they were named alongside debutant Elijah Anthony. Goalkeeper Kacper Orlowski also made his debut in goal, covering for the suspended Sam Swyer. Just as three days earlier, the visitors arrived with a Wembley legend in their ranks. Dan Bailey skippered Ascot to FA Vase glory three years earlier and made 154 appearances for the Yellas; the likeable defender imparting his wisdom in a coaching capacity with The Moles.

Orlowski shines early before Ascot strike late brace

The first half was a proverbial chess-match. Devoid of chances aside from the opening and closing minutes, it was difficult to see where a goal might come from. Had Binfield taken their best chance after two minutes it might have been a different game, but Orlowski did superbly well to get down low and block ex-Yellaman Lucias Vine's drive, before TJ Moorcroft's follow up was smothered by a packed home defence. Midway through the half, CJ Fubler in the visitors' goal saved from Kai Zini, but the game didn't ignite until late-on when Quaye Vine – brother of Lucias – fell under a clumsy covering challenge in the box, got up, and then was properly fouled. Up he stepped to take the resultant spot-kick, Fubler guessed correctly, but it found the bottom right-hand corner to make it 1-0. Then, it was Fope Deru's turn to create number two in the 45th minute when he dinked the ball through for Le Paih, Le Paih cut the ball back towards the near-post, and Kai Zini coolly slotted first-time across Fubler and into the bottom left; 2-0 at half time.

Rampant hosts turn on the style in the second half

After the break it was pretty much one-way traffic. When Isaac Brown played Deru in to lift over Fubler for number three in the 52nd minute it was a case of how many more his side might score as Binfield ran out of ideas.
Man-of-the-match Le Paih lofted an audacious 50-yard effort wide when Fubler had fluffed his clearance and substitute Cameron Rohart-Brown almost capped a wonderful team move that ended with Zini's lay-off, only for Fubler to get down low to divert his low left-footed shot across goal away from danger.

By now, the hosts were now both slick and quick in possession. Attack is, they say, the best form of defence. And another substitute – livewire TJ Mboge – would tee up number four in the 88th minute when his ball across the box picked out Anthony, who cut back onto his left foot right-of-goal and smashed low into the bottom right. It was a good night for the home faithful, and certainly a good one for a team that welcomed four new starters who ultimately slotted in like a well-oiled machine; aside from Orlowski, Anthony and Le Paih, Sesay would also make his mark. Onto the next one as they say – and it's FA Trophy action on Friday night under the lights as Margate provide the next test for Gavin Smith and his troops.

Ascot United: Orlowski, Anthony, Schutter, Clarke-Salter (Rohart-Brown 53'), Pache (Allsopp 72'), Sesay, Deru (Bullard-Jeffrey 70'), Le Paih, Vine (Long 59'), Brown (Mboge 53'), Zini.

Venue: The Racecourse, Ascot / **Attendance**: 267 / **Weather**: 24c, partly sunny / **Ascot United MOM**: Luis Le Paih / **Entertainment**: 4 / **Away fans estimate**: 30 / **One-word summary:** Dominant

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

Tuesday 25th August 2026

FT	Ascot United (2) *Vine (42' pen), Zini (45+1'), Unknown (52'), Anthony (88')*	4	0	(0) Binfield		267
FT	Ashford Town (Middx) (1) *Arnold (28'), Poley (89')*	2	3	(1) Cobham *Miles Yettram Osborne (5'), Daniel Marklew (54'), Rule (57')*		202
FT	Hayes & Yeading United (0)	0	2	(1) Raynes Park Vale *Cooper (25'), Boakye (68')*		192
FT	Hendon (1) *Williams (17')*	1	0	(0) Bedfont Sports		211
FT	Littlehampton Town (0)	0	1	(0) Bognor Regis Town *Lovell (78')*		828

Wednesday 26th August 2026

	Kingstonian	P	P	Hartley Wintney

Monday 31st August 2026

3pm	Ascot United	v	Windsor & Eton
3pm	Bedfont Sports	v	Cobham
3pm	Binfield	v	Hartley Wintney
3pm	Bognor Regis Town	v	Moneyfields
3pm	Hayes & Yeading United	v	Harrow Borough
3pm	Hendon	v	Southall
2.30pm	Jersey Bulls	v	Ashford Town (Middx)
3pm	Kingstonian	v	Raynes Park Vale
1pm	Westfield	v	Egham Town

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FORM GUIDE AND RESULTS GRID

			Last 6 Matches			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Winchester City	W 5-0 v EGHA..	W 4-0 v WEST..	W 4-1 v AFC..	3	3	0	0	13	1	+12	9
	2	Hendon	W 3-2 v BINF..	W 7-0 v RAYN..	W 1-0 v BEDF..	3	3	0	0	11	2	+9	9
	3	Bognor Regis Town	W 4-2 v WIND..	D 0-0 v AFC..	W 1-0 v LITT..	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7
	4	Raynes Park Vale	W 2-1 v MONE..	L 7-0 v HEND..	W 2-0 v HAYE..	3	2	0	1	4	8	-4	6
	5	Southall	D 2-2 v MONE..	W 3-1 v LITT..	D 2-2 v HARR..	3	1	2	0	7	5	+2	5
	6	Ascot United	L 2-1 v BEDF..	D 3-3 v KING..	W 4-0 v BINF..	3	1	1	1	8	5	+3	4
	7	Jersey Bulls		W 1-0 v HARR..	D 1-1 v MONE..	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
	8	Bedfont Sports	W 2-1 v ASCO..	D 2-2 v HAYE..	L 1-0 v HEND..	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
	9	Westfield	D 1-1 v AFC..	L 4-0 v WINC..	W 3-1 v LITT..	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
	10	Ashford Town (Middx)		W 4-0 v BINF..	L 3-2 v COBH..	2	1	0	1	6	3	+3	3
	11	Cobham		L 1-0 v WIND..	W 3-2 v ASHF..	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
	12	AFC Portchester	D 1-1 v WEST..	D 0-0 v KING..	D 0-0 v BOGN..	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	3
	13	Windsor & Eton		L 4-2 v BOGN..	W 1-0 v COBH..	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
	14	Egham Town		L 5-0 v WINC..	W 2-0 v HART..	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
	15	Kingstonian		D 0-0 v AFC..	D 3-3 v ASCO..	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
	16	Moneyfields	D 2-2 v SOUT..	L 2-1 v RAYN..	D 1-1 v JERS..	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2
	17	Harrow Borough		L 1-0 v JERS..	D 2-2 v SOUT..	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
	18	Hayes & Yeading United		D 2-2 v BEDF..	L 2-0 v RAYN..	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
	19	Hartley Wintney			L 2-0 v EGHA..	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	20	AFC Stoneham			L 4-1 v WINC..	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
	21	Littlehampton Town	L 3-1 v SOUT..	L 3-1 v WEST..	L 1-0 v BOGN..	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
	22	Binfield	L 3-2 v HEND..	L 4-0 v ASHF..	L 4-0 v ASCO..	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0

	AFC	AFC	ASC	ASH	BED	BIN	BOG	COB	EGH	HAR	HAR	HAY	HEN	JER	KIN	LIT	MON	RAY	SOU	WES	WIN	WIN
AFC		1/9	10/4	10/10	24/10	13/3	0-0	19/9	23/1	12/12	20/2	26/9	21/11	9/2	7/11	6/10	3/4	27/3	6/2	1-1	28/12	9/1
AFC	2/1		31/10	15/9	30/1	12/9	29/3	28/11	20/2	6/3	9/2	10/4	19/12	6/10		12/12	17/10	16/1	26/9	20/3	20/10	14/11
ASC	5/12	13/3		23/1	7/11	4-0	24/10	17/4	9/2	10/10	28/12	6/10	6/2	20/2	3-3	26/9	9/1	19/9	3/4	21/11	27/3	31/8
ASH	16/1	7/11	17/10		28/11	4-0	19/12	2-3	6/10	20/2	26/9	20/3	9/2	2/1	29/3	12/9	30/1	24/10	13/3	5/9	10/4	12/12
BED	6/3	21/11	2-1	6/2		20/2	12/12	31/8	28/12	23/1	31/10	20/10	14/11	25/9	9/2	10/4	27/3	9/1	6/10	10/10	3/4	19/9
BIN	31/10	9/1	14/11	20/10	3/10		16/1	27/2	3/4	27/3	31/8	6/3	2-3	10/4	30/1	17/10	22/9	12/12	19/9	13/2	28/11	28/12
BOG	20/10	28/12	6/3	27/3	17/4	10/10		9/1	26/9	19/9	6/10	21/11	31/10	6/2	20/2	14/11	31/8	3/4	23/1	5/12	9/2	4-2
COB	20/3	6/2	12/12	14/11	2/1	6/10	12/9		10/10	26/9	21/11	15/9	13/10	29/3	19/12	9/2	31/10	10/4	20/2	23/1	6/3	20/10
EGH	17/10	3/10	22/9	27/2	29/3		13/2	16/1		15/9	20/10	19/12	20/3	12/9	28/11	31/10	17/4	30/1	5/12	2/1	14/11	6/3
HAR	17/4	24/10	16/1	3/10	17/10	19/12	20/3	13/2	7/11		5/12	2/1	29/3	0-1	12/9	5/9	28/11	27/2	2-2	13/3	30/1	
HAR	3/10	22/9	29/3	13/2	13/3	2/1	27/2	30/1	0-2	10/4			12/9	7/11	14/11	20/3	16/1	28/11	24/10	19/12	12/12	17/10
HAY	13/2	5/12	27/2	19/9	2-2	24/10	30/1	7/11	27/3	31/8	3/4		17/4	13/3	17/10	28/11	3/10	0-2	28/12	13/10	9/1	16/1
HEN	30/1	27/3	28/11	29/9	1-0	7/11	13/3	3/4	19/9	28/12	9/1	12/12		24/10	10/4	16/1	13/2	7-0	31/8	3/10	17/10	27/2
JER	22/9	27/2	3/10	31/8	13/2	5/12	28/11	28/12	9/1	14/11	15/9	31/10	6/3		16/1	30/1	20/10	17/10	27/3	17/4	20/3	3/4
KIN	0-0	3/4	21/10	28/12	23/9	21/11	3/10	27/3	6/2	9/1		23/1	5/12	10/10		6/3	19/9	31/8	17/4	27/2	31/10	13/2
LIT	27/2	17/4	13/2	9/1	5/12	23/1	0-1	22/9	13/3	3/4	19/9	6/2	10/10	21/11	24/10		28/12	3/10	7/11	1-3	1/9	27/3
MON	5/9	23/1	12/9	21/11	19/12	9/2	2/1	13/3	12/12	6/2	10/10	20/2	26/9	1-1	20/3	29/3		7/11	2-2	24/10	6/10	10/4
RAY	19/12	10/10	20/3	6/3	12/9	17/4	5/9	5/12	21/11	6/10	6/2	14/11	20/10	23/1	2/1	20/2	2-1		9/2	29/3	26/9	31/10
SOU	28/11	13/2		1/11	27/2	20/3	17/10	3/10	10/4	21/10	6/3	29/3	2/1	19/12	13/12	3-1	14/11	23/9		13/9	16/1	30/1
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WIN	29/3	4-1	19/12	5/12	5/9	6/2	22/9	24/10	5-0	21/11	17/4	12/9	23/1	19/9	13/3	2/1	27/2	13/2	10/10	7/11		3/10
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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	Winchester City	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	13	1	+12	9
	2	Hendon	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	11	2	+9	9
	3	Bognor Regis Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7
	4	Raynes Park Vale	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	4	8	-4	6
	5	Southall	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	1	2	0	7	5	+2	5
	6	Ascot United	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	8	5	+3	4
	7	Jersey Bulls	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
	8	Bedfont Sports	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
	9	Westfield	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
	10	Ashford Town (Middx)	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	6	3	+3	3
	11	Cobham	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
	12	AFC Portchester	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	3
	13	Windsor & Eton	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
	14	Egham Town	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
	15	Kingstonian	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
	16	Moneyfields	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2
	17	Harrow Borough	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
	18	Hayes & Yeading United	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
	19	Hartley Wintney	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	20	AFC Stoneham	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
	21	Littlehampton Town	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
	22	Binfield	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	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

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WHEN The NLP's very own columnist Tony Incenzo visited Fulwood Amateurs for their North West Counties First Division North game against Thornton Cleveleys on Easter Monday, he completed a truly epic groundhopping quest.

Fifty-four years after attending his very first Non-League match, broadcaster Tony, 63, had become the first journalist to visit all 2,000 grounds in the English National League System, earning him huge acclaim.

But it Tony's own words in his NLP column last week, the life of a Non-League groundhopper is "akin to painting the legendary Forth Bridge". Once you achieve your targets it is time to start all over again.

Such is the ever-changing landscape of the great English pyramid, Tony was suddenly presented with another 22 new Non-League grounds to visit ahead of the start of 2026-27 season. A groundhopper's work is never done, it seems.
One of Tony's first missions this season is the visit new, or modified grounds, of clubs he has already visited among his 2,600 or so ventures. Three to be exact.
Take NPL Premier side Workington for example. Whilst a state-of-the-art £16 million stadium is being built for the West Cumbrian outfit to replace their famous old Borough Park, they are playing at nearby Fibrus Community Stadium (Derwent Park) for the next two seasons or so. It is the home of Workington Town Rugby League club and has held a record crowd of 17,741 in years gone by.

Then there's North West Counties League First Division North side Woolton. They have reverted to their Simpson Sports Ground headquarters after bringing it up to Step 6 standard.

They spent 2025/26 – their first season as a NLS club – groundsharing at nearby South Liverpool. I notice Simpson has a 3G synthetic pitch so I'll probably leave it until wintery weather kicks in before venturing there.

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And finally, the third is a new Non-League ground currently under construction, just outside Aveley's Parkside Stadium. A one-time Sunday League pitch with some covered spectator accommodation, the ground is due to be fully enclosed to provide a Step 6 graded home for both Brimsdown and Lymore Gardens, of Eastern Counties League First Division South.

Of the 40+ teams promoted to the NLS this season from the various Regional Feeder Leagues, Tony needs to visit 19 to complete the set once again. But it's going to require plenty of miles on the clock with 300+ mile treks to South West Peninsula League Premier West Division sides Hayle AFC and St Mawgan on the 'to-do' list. Still, there are worse places to visit I suppose.

Naturally, Tony's already on the case and up and running for 2026-27. Two of the freshly promoted Step 6 clubs have been visited – the most recent of which, an FA Vase First Round Qualifying round match at Hemsworth Miners Welfare with Dearne & District the visitors.

The Northern Counties East League Division One team have developed a new ground next door to their previous pitch which didn't meet NLS football requirements. And then earlier in the month, he watched Anstey Town beat Birmingham OJM 5-0 in the Midland League Division One. Anstey play at a nice set-up within De Montfort University at Beaumont Park in Leicester.

With the games coming thick and fast, Tony is out and about most nights of the week – except, that is, when it coincides with a QPR home game. Tony hasn't missed his beloved Rs at Loftus Road for 53 years! His ground tally now sits at 2,715 with every match logged in his now famous handwritten scrapbook.

He's also a jolly nice bloke, so if you see Tony at a game near you then say hello. I'm sure he'll have a tale or two to tell. Find Tony on X at @TonyIncenzo ~ Jon Couch

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ASCOT UNITED U18'S

Welcome back to The Racecourse. After a really positive pre-season, it's show time next Thursday as the boys begin their competitive campaign with a tremendously exciting FA Youth Cup fixture against Badshot Lea. The FA Youth Cup is a special competition and one that every young player should be excited to be involved in.



For our lads, it means representing Ascot United in the same national competition as the U18 sides of Manchester United, Manchester City, Chelsea, Liverpool, Arsenal and clubs throughout the English football pyramid.

The competition has more than 70 years of history and has provided a stage for countless young players who have gone on to enjoy fantastic careers in the professional game.

For me, though, what makes it particularly relevant is what the competition represents. Youth football should ultimately provide a bridge towards senior football, and that is exactly what we are trying to achieve here at Ascot. We want our players to enjoy their football, compete and win games, but importantly we also want to prepare them for that next step into the senior game.

The boys have worked extremely hard throughout pre-season and have given themselves an excellent foundation. Now the competitive football begins and this is a brilliant way to start. For most young footballers, opportunities to represent their club in an FA national competition don't come around too often. When they do, you have to embrace them, enjoy the occasion and give absolutely everything.



It would be great to see as many of you down at the Racecourse as possible next Thursday to support the boys. Enjoy today's game. Up the Yellas! ~ David

GET TO KNOW OUR U18s



FULL NAME

Oliver Thorne

BORN IN

FRIMLEY

FAVOURITE POSITION

LCB, LB

PREVIOUS CLUBS? (IF ANY)

Farncombe Boys FC, Addlestone FC Men's

BEST COUNTRY VISITED

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ASCOT UNITED WALKING FOOTBALL



Ascot United Walking Football has taken off over the past year! From a handful of players, there are now up to 20 each Tuesday morning who come down to The Racecourse and participate in [usually] two 25-minute in-house games. Age is no limit, although players are normally 50-plus and currently range from 50 to 77 years old! For those of you who don't know the rules, the pitch is marked out using cones and less than half-a-regular pitch in size. The goals are 6-a-side goals. Goalkeepers must stay in their area and outfield players may not encroach in it.

Each player is allowed only three touches before releasing the ball, which must also stay below head height. And no running – one foot is always on the ground! Afterwards, there is tea/coffee and home-made cake in the clubhouse. All welcome, 10.45 warmup. First session free, and then 10 English pounds paid on the day thereafter. The team has grown in both numbers and ability and was proud to host its first tournament in May 2026. Speak to Neal Jeffs, Doug Page, or email our organizing coach Will Chaisty directly - will@chaisingsport.com.

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MEET THE YELLAMEN

Sam Swyer - goalkeeper. A young player with huge potential who moves up the pyramid to take the gloves at Step four for 26/27. Previously gained valuable first team experience with local step five and six sides.





Regan Clarke-Salter - defender. A new signing for 26/27 having previously been with South Park (Reigate).

Rudy Pache - defender. Arrived midway through the 25/26 season and played a key part in helping The Yellas retain their Step 4 status. Extremely strong, quick and dependable.





Connor Richardson - defence. Signed for the 26/27 season on dual registration with Hanwell Town having impressed for Wokingham Town in 25/26.

Taylor Green - defence. Signed for 26/27 after being a key figure in Kingstonian's U18's successful last couple of campaigns.





Quinn Schutter - defence. Signed on loan from Step-two Farnham Town at the start of the 26/27 campaign. Likes to get forward down the left. Brings experience of playing at a higher level to the squad and was previously with Fulham.

Harley Platel - midfield. Signed on loan from Step-two Farnham Town for the current season. Another exciting talent and will seek to develop with first team action.





Isaac Brown - midfield. Signed for 26/27 and has bags of potential. A highly influential and creative midfielder who likes to get forward and weighs in with goals of his own.

Cameron Rohart-Brown - defence. Formerly a fans' favourite at Badshot Lea before signing for The Yellas in 25/26, although injury curtailed his season. Previous clubs include Hanwell Town, Burnham, Hartley Wintney, Ashford Town, Westfield and Binfield. Was at Portsmouth as a junior.





Ishmael Amiri - midfield. Signed for 26/27. Ish is brave in possession and a very technical player with a great attitude.

Kai Zini - midfield. Signed for the 26/27 campaign having been Guildford City's stand-out player at Step five last season. An exciting addition to the squad and possesses potential to push on even higher.





Jaye Long - midfield. Signed in 25/26. An attacking midfielder who came though Slough Town's Elite Development System, he also had spells with Sheffield United and Langley.

Kai Allsopp - midfield. Signed for the 25/26 campaign having been with Badshot Lea in 24/25. A creative and positive player, he was a fans' favourite in 25/26 and showed immense durability and commitment, playing in 47 of Ascot's 51 matches.



MEET THE YELLAMEN

Fope Deru - forward. A lively winger with bags of tricks and on his day will cause problems for any defence. Signed in 25/26 and remains with the side for the current season.





Verrell George - forward. Signed for the 26/27 season on dual registration with Step-two Slough Town.

Quaye Vine - forward. Physical striker who signed in 25/26 having previously been at Maidenhead United. Uses his strength to hold the ball up well and has a sharp eye for goal.





Lui Edwards - forward. Signed towards the end of the 25/26 campaign, Lui scored a hatful of goals that helped Ascot secure their step four status. On his day he is ruthless in front of goal. Previously with both Lewes and Westfield having progressed through Woking's academy.

Sav Shah - forward. Signed for the 26/27 campaign, Sav showed why he was recommended to the club by scoring four goals during pre-season. Another exciting addition to the squad.





TJ Mboge - forward. Signed for the 26/27 campaign at 16 years of age and is highly rated. Very quick feet and is an exciting prospect.

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 since the start of the 25/26 season. Also worked alongside Gavin at Badshot Lea.

Vic Ocansey - joint assistant manager. Popular figure who enjoyed a successful playing career before linking up with Gavin Smith as his assistant for the start of the 25/26 campaign.





Darryl Jelly - coach. A new addition to the coaching team for 25/26, Darryl brings a wealth of experience and was previously won promotion from Step six with Eversley & California.

Jamie Ashdown - goalkeeping coach. Needs little introduction. Jamie was a professional goalkeeper well-known to Portsmouth and Reading fans. Came out of retirement to play a pivotal role in Ascot United's double-winning season of 22/23 before injury ended his career. Returns to the coaching team for 26/27.





Lauren Knight - physio. 'Loz' is the club's physio having studied Sports and Exercise Therapy at University. She is multi-skilled, also playing for Ascot United Women's team at Step-four on a Sunday and playing a key role in an administrative capacity at Ascot Utd Sports Bar.

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 24/25

The 26/27 campaign sees the constitution remain at 22 teams and we said goodbye to 6 teams since the end of last season. Leatherhead and Uxbridge were promoted, Metropolitan Police, Fareham Town and Horndean were relegated. South Park (Reigate) moved laterally across Step 4.

Step 4 – Isthmian League – South Central	
1	AFC Portchester
2	AFC Stoneham
3	Ascot United
4	Ashford Town (Middx)
5	Bedfont Sports
6	Binfield
7	Bognor Regis Town
8	Cobham
9	Egham Town
10	Harrow Borough
11	Hartley Wintney
12	Hayes & Yeading United
13	Hendon
14	Jersey Bulls
15	Kingstonian
16	Littlehampton Town *
17	Moneyfields
18	Raynes Park Vale
19	Southall
20	Westfield
21	Winchester City
22	Windsor & Eton

The incoming 6 teams (plus 1 reprieve) are highlighted in the table; AFC Stoneham, Ashford Town (Middx), Cobham and Windsor & Eton (shaded green) were all promoted from Step 5. Jersey Bulls and Winchester City (shaded yellow) moved laterally across Step 4. Littlehampton Town (shaded purple) were reprieved from relegation at the end of last season on a points-per-game basis due to other clubs at Step 4 taking voluntary demotion.

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

		Season 2026/27		All-time	
		App	Goals	App	Goals
S	Swyer	4	-	6	-
N	O'Neill	4	-	4	-
R	Pache	5	-	23	-
C	Rohart-Brown	4	-	15	1
R	Clarke-Salter	5	-	5	-
T	Green	3	-	3	-
C	Richardson	2	-	2	-
K	Allsopp	5	-	56	-
J	Long	5	-	9	2
I	Brown	4	3	4	3
K	Zini	5	1	5	1
I	Amiri	4	-	4	-
TJ	Mboge	3	-	3	-
J	Malta-Bey	-	-	2	-
H	Patel	4	1	4	1
F	Deru	5	2	22	4
S	Shah	-	-	-	-
V	George	2	-	2	-
C	Uzor	-	-	-	-
L	Edwards	-	-	11	7
Q	Vine	5	5	11	6
T	Parrott	-	-	-	-
Q	Schutter	3	-	3	-
K	Green	-	-	-	-
R	Bullard-Jeffrey	2	-	2	-
L	Le Paih	1	-	43	10
E	Anthony	1	1	1	1
S	Sesay	1	-	4	-
C	Orlowski	1	-	1	-
	[Own Goals]	n/a		n/a	n/a
		78	13	245	36

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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 saw Gavin Smith appointed as manager and consolidate his side's status at Step 4, before leading The Yellas in 2026-27 for their fourth season in the Isthmian League (South Central) Division.

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, where manager Andy Cox led them to an impressive mid-table finish, also winning the County Cup. New manager Aym'e Melham took over the reins for the 2026-27 campaign with an entirely new squad and will also foster a pathway for the Junior Premier League (U18) players, who themselves also won the JPL 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 - MARGATE

The club was founded in 1896 and joined the Southern Football League in 1933. After a spell in the Kent League after World War II the team returned to the Southern League in 1959 and remained there until 2001 when they gained promotion to the Football Conference, the highest level of English non-league football. Their stay at this level saw the team forced to ground share with other clubs due to drawn-out and problematic redevelopment work at their Hartsdown Park stadium, and during the three years spent away from their own ground they were expelled from the Conference National and subsequently relegated to the Isthmian League.

After the Second World War the Gate continued to play in the Kent League under new manager Charlie Walker, who led the team to two Kent League championships but was then controversially sacked. The team slumped during a succession of rapid managerial changes which only ended in 1950 when Almer Hall was appointed manager, a post he was to hold for the next twenty years. Under Hall the team won a host of local cup honours and reached the rounds proper of the FA Cup on several occasions, but never managed to match this success in league competition.

In 1959–60 Margate returned to the Southern League after the Kent League folded, and in 1962–63 won the Division One championship and with it promotion to the Premier Division. Two years later the club turned full-time professional but this policy proved financially untenable when the team were relegated back to Division One in 1965–66. Nonetheless, they won promotion at the first attempt and returned to the Premier Division in 1967.

During the 1970s Margate endured severe financial problems and a series of mediocre league seasons but took part in two famous FA Cup ties. In 1971 the Gate lost 11–0 to Bournemouth, with Ted MacDougall scoring a cup record nine goals. Then, a year later, Margate beat Swansea City and Walton & Hersham to set up a third round tie against First Division Tottenham Hotspur, then UEFA Cup holders. A record crowd of over 14,000 packed into Hartsdown Park for a match which Margate lost 6–0.

In 1996, the club's centenary year, the club appointed Chris Kinnear as manager. In 1997–98 he took the team to the first round proper of the FA Cup where they played Fulham in a home tie that drew a crowd of 5,100. Although the Gate took the lead, the Cottagers eventually won 2–1. The following season saw the club finally win promotion to the Southern League Premier Division, albeit only after an appeal was lodged against the league's initial refusal to allow the team promotion due to the club failing to carry out necessary ground improvements in time. The Premier Division championship followed in the 2000–01 season, and with it promotion to the Football Conference.

The 2001–02 season was Gate's first ever season of Conference football and they finished the season in eighth place. In the 2002–03 season the team began ground sharing at Dover Athletics' Crabble while redevelopment work took place at Hartsdown Park, but various problems stalled the planned redevelopment. On the pitch, Margate enjoyed more success in the FA Cup when, after defeating Leyton Orient in the first round, they were drawn at home to Cardiff City in the second round, but lost 3–0 at Crabble. The following season, despite finishing sixteenth, the Gate were forcibly relegated one division due to the ongoing delays and problems with the redevelopment plans for Hartsdown Park.

CLUB HISTORY - MARGATE

Margate spent the 2004–05 season in the Conference South, now ground sharing at Ashford Town. Amidst ongoing issues with the redevelopment work, which at one point made it seem very likely that the club would fold completely, Margate were again relegated to the Isthmian League Premier Division.

After 10 years in the Ryman Premier Division Margate won promotion back to the Vanarama National League South after beating Hendon in the play-off final at the Earlsmead Stadium. Ryan Moss scored the winning goal as Terry Brown's side celebrated promotion back to second tier of Non-league Football.

Margate's first season back in the National League South was a rollercoaster ride with survival secured on the final day of the season despite a 2-0 defeat to Bath City. A run of 11 defeats from their final 12 games left Margate needing results elsewhere to keep them in the division and Weston Super-Mare's 1-1 draw away at Havant & Waterlooville meant Havant were relegated.

Since the 2017-2018 season Margate have been in the Isthmian Premier League, where under new ownership the Club have installed a state of the art 3G Pitch, plans are in place to develop the stadium further and build a hotel on site. The Club narrowly missed out on the play offs in the 2017-18 season and after the departure of manager Steve Watt the Club went through a period of transition and were able to avoid relegation in the 2018-2019 season thanks largely to the presence of Jay Saunders as temporary manager. At the start of the 2019-2020 campaign fan favourite Jay became our permanent manager and is still at the helm for season 2021/22, after season 2020/21 was made null and void.

The 2021/22 saw Margate enjoy their most successful season in a while as they finished 8th in the Isthmian Premier Division, and reached the Velocity Trophy final for the first time in 24 years. The final ended in a 4-0 defeat to Horsham, however the Blues also reached the Quarter-final of the Kent Senior Cup, where they were beaten by eventual winners Dartford FC. At the end of the campaign, Manager Jay Saunders was approached by National League South side Tonbridge Angels, and he decided on a new chapter with them and left Margate in May 2022 to take up the position as Manager at the Longmead Stadium.

The Club moved quickly to install a new Manager as Andy Drury was appointed on the same day as Saunders departed. A former Ipswich, Luton Town and Stevenage player, Drury possesses extremely good knowledge of the game. He had spent just a handful of games in charge at Whitstable Town, however this is his first full season in Management.

Sadly, after just six months in the job, the Blues dismissed Drury and Reece Prestedge and Ben Greenhalgh were installed as interim joint managers on 26th December 2022. Prestedge and Greenhalgh were handed the job on a permanent basis on Monday 10th April 2023 after securing the Blues survival in the Isthmian Premier Division. Margate ended the season with some celebration after they lifted the Kent Senior Cup in May at Gillingham after beating Chatham Town 5-4 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in 90 minutes. It was the first time the Blues lifted the trophy since 2005.

After a run of bad results Reece was relieved of his duties in early December and Margate brought in the vastly experienced Mark Stimson to replace him. Unfortunately Mark couldn't save us from being relegated to step 4 and at the end of the season was also relieved of his duties. The Board decided to appoint Ben Greenhalgh as player manager for 25/26 season. Ben then went to Dartford as player manager during pre season so the Board appointed Jamie Coyle as manager.

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