

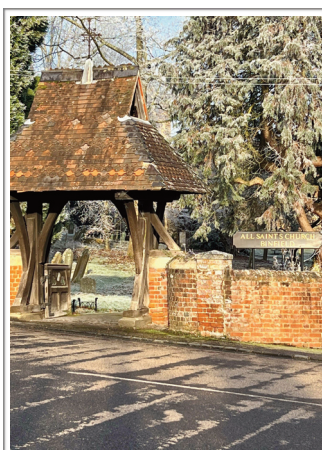
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Chipstead (1)	1	2	(2)	Ashford Town (Middx)
Guernsey (2)	2	3	(1)	Marlow
Hanworth Villa (1)	2	1	(0)	South Park
Leatherhead (1)	2	0	(0)	Northwood
Southall (1)	1	1	(1)	Westfield
Thatcham Town (0)	2	0	(0)	Tooting & Mitcham United
Uxbridge (2)	2	0	(0)	Chertsey Town
Walton & Hersham (0)	2	0	(0)	Sutton Common Rovers

TODAY'S TEAMS

Binfield FC	vs	Basingstoke FC
<i>Harvey Rackley-Hayes</i>	1	<i>Paul Strudley</i>
<i>Kai Hobbs</i>	2	<i>Marcus Johnson-Schuster</i>
<i>Massimo Giamettei</i>	3	<i>Callum Winchcombe</i>
<i>Johnny Denton</i>	4	<i>Michael Atkinson</i>
<i>Lewis Pegg</i>	5	<i>Nathan Smart</i>
<i>Liam Gavin</i>	6	<i>Billy Upton</i>
<i>Harvey Harry</i>	7	<i>Bradley Wilson</i>
<i>Brandon Curtis</i>	8	<i>Simon Dunn</i>
<i>James Beauchamp</i>	9	<i>Ben Cook</i>
<i>Harrison Bayley</i>	10	<i>George Reid</i>
<i>Brad Pagliaroli</i>	11	<i>Sam Argent</i>
<i>Brandon Curtis</i>	12	<i>James Clark</i>
<i>Will Shaw</i>	14	<i>Brody Peart</i>
<i>Max Reid</i>	15	<i>Marcio Magalmaes-Nevez</i>
	16	<i>James Howarth</i>
	17	<i>Joel Halliday</i>
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	19	
<i>Garry Haylock</i>	Mgr	<i>Dan Brownlie</i>
<i>Roger Herridge</i>	Asst	
<i>Keith Pennicott- Bowen</i>	Coach	
<i>Amy Coglan/ Carl Bennett</i>	Therapist	

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICIALS

Referee	Richard Wharton
Assistant	Sam Laidler
Assistant	Jake Atkinson

**Welcome
to
Binfield FC
from our
chairman,
Andy Cotton**



Binfield FC offer a very warm welcome to everyone for tonight's Pitching In Isthmian South Central League game against Basingstoke Town Football Club.

Basingstoke currently sit at the top of the league and are currently 10 points clear of the Moles but have played 3 more games than us so you could say that tonight is a true six pointer. We've played each other twice already this season, once in the league and the other in the Velocity cup. The Moles came out on top in both games winning by an identical margin of 0- 2. Always a truly competitive fix-

ture, the two teams enjoy a healthy respect for each-other and we are delighted to welcome our friends from Basingstoke back to Hill Farm Lane.

The Moles come into today's game on the back of two tremendous away wins these past two weekends, at Chertsey and Bedfont Sports respectively. The win on Saturday leaves us a tantalising 1 point off the play off places with 3 games in hand over the side immediately above us. The quality of our football has been truly excellent of late and there is a real buzz around the squad who do seem to get closer and better with each game that we play. Our on the floor style of play is certainly very easy on the eye.

We welcomed Lewis Pegg back into the team on Saturday and it's also great to see Joe Gator returning from injury as he's nearing the end of his long rehabilitation.

The weather has caused havoc with our fixtures, this is only the 2 nd home game that we've managed to play here at Hill Farm Lane since November. With 6 home games coming up over the next month alone, we hope as many of you as possible will come along to share the journey with us in what is turning out to be an exciting and possibly historical season for the club. A game that was originally scheduled as a pre-Christmas Cracker is bound to not disappoint with both teams genuinely looking to push for a play-off place and possibly more come the end of April.

Let's hope tonight's game is another cracker. To our friends at Basingstoke Town – welcome again to Hill Farm Lane.
"C'mon you Moles"

Andy Cotton
Chairman

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Swans up to second, Woods slip to third, Marlow and Binfield keep up their challenge, and we've wins for Villa, Uxbridge, Thatcham, Tanners and Ashford.

After almost an entire season writing 'our leaders, Northwood' it seemed rather strange to see the name at the top change, but Basingstoke Town had got there on merit- and they stayed there on merit, too. Stoke hit Merstham for five in November, but we speculated that this one might be closer as the Moatsiders have improved since then. It seemed, however, that Stoke hadn't read that script. Brad Wilson opened the scoring for the hosts on eleven minutes, and two goals in two minutes either side of the break- George Reid and Wilson again- gave them a three-nil advantage. Noe Vendrells got a goal back on his Merstham debut with fourteen minutes left, but that was that, and the five hundred and eighty watching on seeing their side go four points clear. Image courtesy of Basingstoke Town.

Northwood travelled around the M25 to Leatherhead as they attempted to climb back to the summit, but their inconsistent form continued. Omarr Lawson put the Tanners ahead on the half hour, Keane Anderson made it two nine minutes after the break, and Woods then made their own task more difficult as Brandon Kalu saw red. That was that, and they dropped to third- the Tanners fourteenth. Walton & Hersham, with so many postponements of late that we'd been thinking about renaming them Walton and Hersham P-P (although given all of the games called off had been away from home, perhaps P-P Walton & Hersham would be more appropriate), got back into action as Sutton Common Rovers came to call. It took sixty one minutes for a goal to arrive, Harry Mills with it for the hosts, but we had two almost immediately, John Gilbert doubling home advantage. The Swans are up to second. Chertsey Town had climbed to fourth place prior to their match with Uxbridge, but their good form seemed to have left them as they fell two goals behind, Anthony Mendy opening the scoring and Eitel Goueth making it two at half time. That was that, and the Curfews slip to fifth.

Marlow were on the road- and the plane- as they headed to the Channel Island to take on Guernsey. The Green Lions had finally learned how to win at home, and courtesy of two one-nil wins had managed it twice in quick succession- but they couldn't make it three in a row as the visitors came from behind to take all three points despite a red card. Naheer-Omar Nawaf opened the scoring for the visitors on twenty five minutes, but Ross Allen and Sam Murray had turned the match on its head by the break. A penalty converted by Junaid Bell drew the visitors level on the hour, and although Curtis Ujah was soon dismissed another penalty was awarded eleven minutes from time, Thomas Soares converting what turned out to be the winner as his side ended the day in fourth.

Two goals from Harvey Harry gave Binfield a 2-1 win at Bedfont to keep them in the hunt for the playoffs.

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I've become attached to Trethomas Bluebirds, a small club from South Wales with a big heart. This was the biggest game in their club history and I had an invitation. I travelled to Bangor with notebook, pen, iPad and bow and arrow.

HISTORIC DAY - SEE THOSE BLUEBIRDS GO IN RED TODAY

97. Saturday 28 January 2023 - FAW Amateur Trophy - Attendance: 226
CPD Bangor 1876 (blue & red trim/white) 1-2 Trethomas Bluebirds (red/red)

⚽: B (Clarke 45 mins) T B (Jones 59 & 78 mins)

New Ground: Bangor University playing fields, Treborth - Pitch: 3G in half a cage
Weather: slate grey, then some welcome sunshine, absolute bliss in North Wales, 7-8 C
Travel: 🚗 - Miles: 40 - 📱: ✅ (I had the only two copies)

I predicted that the frost and ice would not disappear quickly, therefore I headed to Llandudno for a short break. The possibility was I would only get one game and anything extra would be a bonus. The days of Bangor City have long gone. This is the phoenix club languishing at the same level as their industrious opponents and way below the level of their former namesake. This was a mammoth drive for Trethomas Bluebirds to the north-westerly point of the Welsh mainland and a coach was required for travel purposes.

Bangor were quickly in action, as a goalbound effort was beaten away. Bangor shot over and flashed a header wide. Bluebirds reply was hit straight at Bangor's keeper for a comfortable catch. Bangor were more attacking and opening out, but Bluebirds were solid with their keeper sweeping up twice to thwart promising attacks. Bluebirds were trying to cut through the middle, but Bangor glanced a header wide and sliced into the side-netting. Just before half-time Bluebirds put in an extended spell of pressure, but Bangor scored the first goal one minute into added time created by three injuries. 30 seconds early, Bangor had missed the easiest of chances, but deserved their lead, heading in at the back from a well flighted free-kick. Bangor were fortunate getting the break and the only goal, so far. Half-time 1-0.

I'm not greatly into tactics, but I'm certain Bluebirds manager changed things. Bangor continued to exert pressure, but a second goal would not come. Bluebirds had their moments, as Bangor twice cleared off the line and a prolonged spell of pressure was building on the home defence. They unceremoniously capitulated. Firstly, they were flummoxed by a cross, which teed up a double header for which Alfie Jones got the final touch of subtle subtlety. Secondly, Bluebirds winning goal, partly speculative, but deadly accurate from Jones, his second goal of the afternoon. I was standing behind the goal, but I didn't see the ball coming, until it struck the left post and cannoned in. I'm certain the keeper didn't, as he didn't move, but the surprise snap shot nestled in the net for the Bluebirds winning goal.

My thanks to CPD Bangor 'one in the eye' 1066 and my Trethomas friends, who are increasing in numbers. Finally may I add my sincere congratulations to Manager, Mark Dunford. What a club, what a team, what a performance and I was there. The frost and ice did go away and I had a great time at the university ground by the Menai Straits.

Match rating: ★★☆☆☆ out of 5, but not if I supported Bangor.

PMW'S RAMBLINGS - INSIDE THE PROGRAMME WITH DAVID HANDLEY

Ed: David Handley delves into his programme collection and reviews the basic, the oddities, the good, the bad and the indifferent. Here is a 1969 offering from Nottingham Forest.

Nottingham Forest v Arsenal * 26th December 1969 * Score: 1-1 * Attendance: 38,915.

This is a twenty page programme with four pages of adverts. The programme begins with 'Trent side Topics', which looks back at a selection of Forest related events from the last 12 months.

Arsenal get the next five pages, plus another later on - about a third of the entire programme. There's a look back at their recent record, a profile of George Graham, pen pictures of all the players and a 'meet the manager' page featuring Bertie Mee.

The next page, called 'A Time for Reflection' looks back at how Forest have fared over the last decade. The article ends with: 'That was the sixties... soon it's on to the seventies with, we all sincerely hope, a forward march of progress for all connected with the club'. Forest would, of course, win the European Cup twice before the next decade ended.

The line-ups are across the centre pages and are nicely framed by the red in the adverts. Next it's a full page article by Michael Parkinson. I didn't mind him in his chat show days, but I got fed up reading this, so stopped. Two pages follow with player appearance stats and a 'name the player' quiz. The main stats are on the next page; included are home and away attendances for reserve matches - a very rare inclusion. The programme ends with a page featuring full Arsenal results for the season. Forest finished in 15th place in Division One this season. Arsenal ended up 12th.

Ed: I have not seen this programme, but I'm certain I had a Nottingham Forest edition from the same season. Five pages on the opposition me thinks is enough respect, when you also place a photograph of the Arsenal squad on the front cover.





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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - SEASON 2021-22
TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2021 - KICK-OFF 7.45.P.M.
BERKS & BUCKS COUNTY CUP
THIS EVENING'S OPPONENTS: M K IRISH




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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - SEASON 2021-22
SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022 - KICK-OFF 3.00.P.M.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 SOUTH CENTRAL
THIS AFTERNOON'S OPPONENTS:
SUTTON COMMON ROVERS




... and it's good to have to head the next cover from the beach bar end



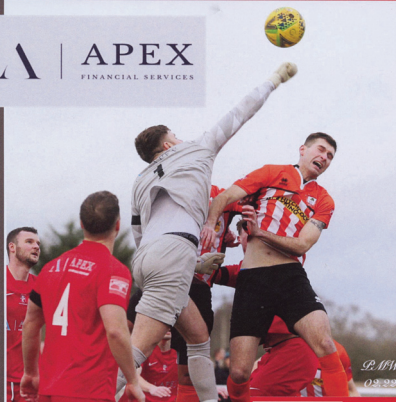
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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - SEASON 2021-22
SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022 - KICK-OFF 3.00.P.M.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 SOUTH CENTRAL
TODAY'S OPPONENTS: BEDFONT SPORTS



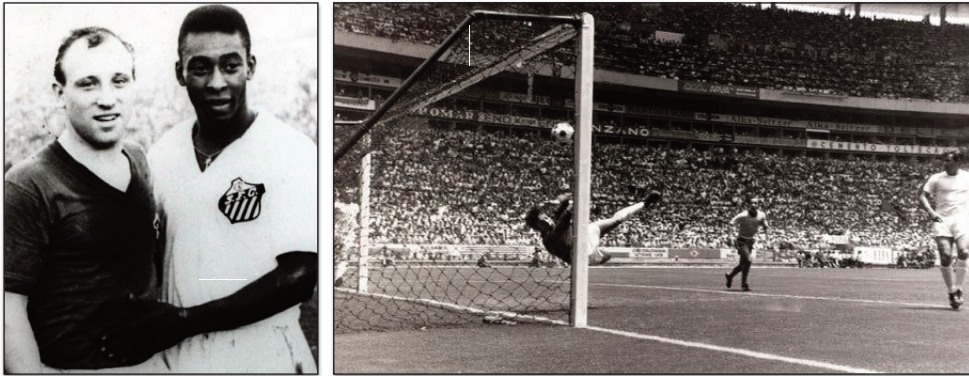
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Let's start with Milton Keynes Irish, not a club I knew much about. I was stuck for an idea, until I realised the the M K Irish club badge would fit nicely on the front cover. The red and pale red fade had to be replaced by red and green, plus a touch of orange, for the luck of the Irish. MK Irish were delighted.

I apologise to the photographer, but needs must and finding an action photo to fit the cover, this was perfect. Chris Grace always has the knack of a penalty save, but this time he elected to punch the living daylight out of Ashford Town (Middlesex).

Now everyone knows Roger Herridge loves a good holiday, but I can't imagine Roger would expect anyone to go through his holiday snaps and furthermore put one on the front cover. Roger gave permission and is still speaking to me. In the same programme, I gave an introduction to the Barbados Football League of which Roger is president, patron and bar steward of the club nearest to the beach. Thanks Roger.



THAT SAVE - The split-second incident only allowed Gordon Banks time for one conscious thought - that the ball was impossible to catch, and the only way to prevent Pelé from following up on the rebound would be to parry the ball over the bar. The ball bounced two yards in front of the goal-line. Banks managed to make contact with the ball with the fingers of his right hand, and rolled his hand slightly to angle the ball over the crossbar. Banks landed in the inner netting of the goal, and knew he had saved the ball after seeing Pelé's reaction.

Banks then rose to his feet to defend the corner, and broke into laughter after the following exchange:

"I thought that was a goal." (Pelé)

"You and me both." (Banks)

"You're getting old, Banksy, you used to hold on to them." (Bobby Moore).



UWE SEELER AND PELE

Our heroes are leaving us. The two World Cup legends and gentlemen off the pitch, Uwe Seeler and Pele have left this world within a space of six months. The two players, seen here (top left and front cover) a friendly between Hamburg SV and FC Santos on 20th October 1963 in Hamburg, remarkably became the first players to score in four World Cups on the same day with Uwe Seeler beating Pele by four minutes to be the first one to achieve this fantastic record in the 1958, 1962, 1966 and 1970

competitions. *Andreas Latta*

Pele was probably everyone's all-time favourite and I watched him play.

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Isthmian League - South Central Division

Ashford Town (Middx)	v	Uxbridge
Binfield	v	Southall
Chertsey Town	v	Chipstead
Marlow	v	Leatherhead
Merstham	v	Thatcham Town
Northwood	v	Guernsey
South Park	v	Bedfont Sports
Sutton Common Rovers	v	Hanworth Villa
Tooting & Mitcham United	v	Basingstoke Town
Westfield	v	Walton & Hershams

*The View from
the Dugout*

Garry Haylock

Welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Basingstoke, theirs is a club that is quite close to my heart, on returning to England in 2005, I spent a few short months at the club and was given a wonderful welcome. There are several people still involved with the club from that time and I have always enjoyed their company. In addition, at the start of this season I did some work with their U18 team and would still have been there but for taking on my current role.

The club's fall from the lofty heights of the Conference South has been especially sad for those of us that hold the place in high regard and I have no doubt that in time they will return to their rightful place in the upper echelons of the non league footballing pyramid. Let's hope that their upward trajectory has a brief setback tonight before continuing!

It would appear that the British climate is now calming down (fingers crossed) and we now have the chance to get a run of games, looking at the schedule, our difficult January has now turned into a difficult February with games coming thick and fast. We have managed to play ourselves into some kind of contention for the play offs and now our focus turns to whether we can push ourselves into the reckoning for the title, something our opponents have done in some style.

Last Saturday we welcomed back Lewis Pegg who following a brief sojourn at Step 3 felt that with opportunities limited, playing games was critical to his development and although pleased to see him return, I do think he is one of many players here at Binfield who could very comfortably excel at the next level, it is now our job to try and ensure that this happens whilst still at the club

Enjoy the game



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By Jon Couch

AS part of our extensive coverage of the National League in The Non-League Paper, we include a statistics box, detailing significant moments of a game to give you, the reader, some kind of idea as to how the end result was determined.

Shots on target, Shots off target, Corners, Offsides, Free-Kicks Conceded, Yellow Cards and Red Cards are the seven categories featured and, when collaborated, usually offers a relatively accurate reflection and insight into the balance of play.

The key word in the above paragraph, however, is usually 'as', quite often, this is not the case. In fact, it can also portray the exact opposite. Take my team, Ipswich Town, for example. Now, under manager Kieran McKenna this season, Ipswich are League One's stats kings. Top of the possession charts, most passes completed and chances created, they own the lot.

However, there is one quite important stat that Ipswich do not top, the points column. Defeat at Oxford United on Saturday left them third in the table, 10 points behind leaders Plymouth Argyle and seven adrift of second placed Sheffield Wednesday. Indeed, in one game, at home to Lincoln City on October 15, the Tractor Boys enjoyed 76.7% possession and had 33 shots to Lincoln's three. They lost 1-0 to a goal from former Eastleigh striker Ben House. In the Champions League of 2012-13, Barcelona had 89 per cent possession and 14 shots on target against Celtic, but still lost 2-1.

To modern-day managers like McKenna – the Football League's youngest boss at the age of 35 – data analysis has become a vital part of their make-up. The philosophy of possession based football, building from the back and 'putting numbers on the board' is seen as key to producing an attractive brand of football.

Call me old school, but I would suggest that the best brand of football is winning football and traits such as wingers booming long, high crosses into the box for a good old-fashioned centre forward to power into the net will always prevail.

A great deal of emphasis is also put these days on 'assists'. For me, though, statistics showing the number of 'assists' a player has accumulated (or numbers as the statisticians call them) are often also misleading and don't give a true reflection of a player's overall performance. Midfield players these days are often judged by these 'numbers', in my day, it was simply a midfielder's job to assist the strikers and create opportunities to score.

And this new age terminology doesn't stop there. Recently, I heard a player described as "one of the best assist assists in the league". For those of you as baffled by this as me, an assist assist is the player who passes to the player who then assists a goal. Apparently that's a thing!

And my favourite thing right now is 'Expected Goals' and 'Expected Assists' (or xG and xA as they are called). This is a new revolutionary football metric designed to measure the probability of a shot resulting in a goal or a pass that will lead to a goal. According to their descriptions, the xG model uses historical information from thousands of shots with similar characteristics to estimate the likelihood of a goal on a scale between 0 and 1. For assists, it considers several factors including the type of pass, pass end-point and length of pass that leads to a goal.

Years and years of data analysis, compiled by some very clever people, has gone into devising this system but, I'm sorry, I just don't get it. Unsurprisingly, Ipswich are regularly 'expected' to score three or four goals a game so surely they should winning every week and sitting on top of the table, shouldn't they?

Thankfully, Non-League football is that bit purer so such factors don't come into play. 'Expected Goals and Expected Assists' will have precious little bearing on the North West Counties League, for instance.

The only stat that really matters is the one stated in the scoreboard – and The NLP highlights that quite prominently too.

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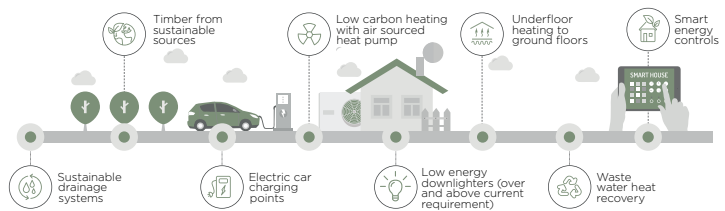
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	1 Basingstoke Town	22	15	2	5	56	21	+35	47
	2 Walton & Hersham	22	14	1	7	50	29	+21	43
	3 Northwood	22	14	1	7	37	27	+10	43
	4 Marlow	22	12	5	5	39	25	+14	41
	5 Chertsey Town	22	11	5	6	45	23	+22	38
	6 Binfield	19	11	4	4	39	22	+17	37
	7 South Park	24	11	3	10	28	32	-4	36
	8 Southall	21	8	8	5	33	25	+8	32
	9 Westfield	21	8	7	6	31	25	+6	31
	10 Hanworth Villa	20	8	7	5	32	33	-1	31
	11 Uxbridge	21	8	5	8	29	26	+3	29
	12 Chipstead	20	8	5	7	31	29	+2	29
	13 Thatcham Town	22	8	5	9	32	31	+1	29
	14 Leatherhead	22	8	5	9	26	31	-5	29
	15 Ashford Town (Middx)	19	7	2	10	21	42	-21	23
	16 Bedfont Sports	22	4	7	11	25	37	-12	19
	17 Guernsey	21	4	5	12	13	40	-27	17
	18 Sutton Common Rovers	25	5	1	19	24	56	-32	16
	19 Merstham	22	2	9	11	27	44	-17	15
	20 Tooting & Mitcham United	21	3	5	13	18	38	-20	14



Isthmian League Fixtures 2022/23

Date	Opposition	Venue	Comp	
10/09/22 - Sat	Marlow	A	FA Trophy	0-4
17/09/22 - Sat	Tonbridge Angels	H	FA Cup	4-0
20/09/22 - Tues	Thatcham	A	League	0-4
24/09/22 Sat	Thame United	A	FA Trophy	1-2
27/09/22 - Tues	Marlow	H	Velocity	3-0
01/10/22 Sat	Beckenham	A	FA Cup	5-3
04/10/22 Tues	Sutton Common	H	League	3-2
08/10/22 - Sat	Hendon	H	FATrophy	0-0 W
15/10/22 - Sat	South Park	A	League	3-1
18/10/22 - Tues	Basingstoke	A	Velocity	0-2
29/10/22 - Sat	Tavistock	A	FA Trophy	2-1
01/11/22 - Tuest	Amersham	A	CC	2-1
05/11/22 - Sat	Hanworth Villa	A	League	2-2
08/11/22 - Tues	Westfield	A	League	2-1
12/11/22 - Sat	Bedfont	H	League	3-1
15/11/22- Tues	Guernsey	H	League.	PP
19/11/22 - Sat	Southall	A	League.	2-1
22/11/22 - Tues	Tooting and Mitch	H	League.	4-1
26/11/22 -Sat	Leatherhead	H	League.	2-1
28/11/22 Tues	Sutton Common	H	Velocity.	0-1
03/12/22 Sat	Chipstead	A	League.	1-1
10/12/22. Sat	Uxbridge	H	League.	P-P
17/12/22 Sat	Northwood	A	League.	P-P
23/12/22. Fri	Basingstoke	H	League.	P-P
02/01/23. Mon	Marlow	A	League.	2-2
06/01/23- Fri	Ashford	H	League	3-0
14/01/23 Sat	Chertsey	A	League.	1-2
28/01/23 Sat	Bedfont	A	League.	1-2

Next Game at Hill Farm Lane



Isthmian League

Southall FC**Saturday 4th February 2023****Kickoff 1500****Admission £10 and £5 Concessions U16' £1**

BASINGSTOKE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Basingstoke Town FC were formed in 1896 following a merger of Aldworth United and Basingstoke Albion. They joined the Hampshire League North in 1903 and were champions in both the 1911–12 and 1919–20 seasons.

Following the end of the Second World War, Basingstoke Town moved in to its historical home at The Camrose.

After league reorganisation, Basingstoke were placed in Hampshire League Division One where the team finished as runners-up in 1965–66 and 1966–67, before eventually winning the league in 1967–68. After finishing as runners-up again in 1968–69, Basingstoke Town won back-to-back titles in 1969–70 and 1970–71, remaining unbeaten in the latter season.

In what was a successful few years for the club, Basingstoke moved up to Division One South of the Southern League. Their first season in the Southern League saw 'Stoke reach the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, eventually losing 5–1 to Northampton Town

The club remained in Southern League Division One South until 1979, when league restructuring saw them placed in the Southern Division. Basingstoke won the division in 1984–85, earning promotion to the Premier Division. Two seasons later Basingstoke Town were transferred to the Premier Division of the Isthmian League. Although they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1987–88 season, they made an immediate return to the Premier Division after ending the following season as runners-up.

The 1989–90 season saw the club reach the first round of the FA Cup again, eventually losing out 3-2 in the Second Round Proper to Torquay United with an attendance of 4091 at The Camrose.

In 1993–94 Basingstoke were relegated to Division One, returning to the Isthmian Premier Division in 1996–97 after finishing as Division One runners-up.

1997 was a monumental year for Basingstoke Town – conquering league opposition for the first time, beating Wycombe Wanderers 5–4 on penalties after a 2–2 draw in a replay; the attendance of 5,085 was a new record for the club. The FA Cup Second Round saw Basingstoke take Northampton Town to a replay, before eventually narrowly losing out, 4–3 on penalties.

Basingstoke again reached the FA Cup First Round in 1998, losing 2-1 to AFC Bournemouth.

As part of league restructuring, Basingstoke Town formed part of the newly-formed Conference South in 2004–05.

In 2006, whilst bottom of the Conference South, Basingstoke Town defeated League One Chesterfield Town at Saltergate 1-0 in the FA Cup First Round, before losing to local neighbours Aldershot Town in a Second Round Replay.

'Stoke lost 1-0 to Brentford at Griffin Park in the FA Cup First Round in 2011 before reaching the Conference South play-offs later that season. Basingstoke again reached the Conference South play-offs again in 2014/15, losing in the semi-finals on each occasion.

Basingstoke most recently reached the FA Cup First Round in the 2015/16 season, losing away 1-0 to Cambridge United.

In a troubled period for the club, it was relegated to Southern League for the 2016/17 season and again relegated to Southern League Division One South in 2019 after being evicted from its Camrose ground.

The club went through a transition period, making it a community owned football club, and was forced in to a ground-share at Winchester City FC in 2019 before returning to the town in 2020 at Hampshire FA's Winklebury Football Complex.

The club was moved sideways to the Isthmian South Central Division for the 2021/22 season, finishing fourth and eventually losing out in the play-offs in the club's inaugural season in this league.

DAN WILLIAMSON - DEFENDER

THE RIGHT SIDED DEFENDER JOINED BASINGSTOKE FROM WINCHESTER CITY AT THE START OF LAST SEASON. WILLO IS STRONG IN THE TACKLE AND CAN GLIDE PAST AN OPPOSITION PLAYER.

NATHAM SMART DEFENDER

'STOKE FAVOURITE 'SMARTY' REJOINED THE CLUB LAST SEASON FROM NEIGHBOURS HARTLEY WINTNEV WHERE HE WAS CLUB CAPTAIN. HAS PLAYED IN A NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THE CLUB IN THE MANY SEASONS HE HAS BEEN WITH US.

JAMES HAWORTH - DEFENDER

LEFT BACK JAMES JOINED BASINGSTOKE FROM ASCOT UNITED AT THE START OF THE 2021/22 CAMPAIGN AND CEMENTED HIS PLACE IN THE SIDE THROUGHOUT THE LAST CAMPAIGN.

CALLUM WINCHCOMBE - DEFENDER

CALLUM JOINED 'STOKE THIS SEASON FROM SWINDON TOWN. THE YOUNG TALENT HAS ALREADY SHOWN HIS QUALITIES IN AND OUT OF POSSESSION AND HIS ADDITION WILL ADD GOOD DEPTH TO THE SIDE.

SCOTT ARMSWORTH - DEFENDER

OUR YOUNG CENTRE HALF JOINED THE CLUB FROM FULHAM 3 YEARS AGO. HIS DUALITY ON THE BALL AND AERIAL ABILITY MAKES HIM A STRONG, COMBATIVE AND CLASSY DEFENDER.

BILL V UPTON - DEFENDER

THE TOWERING 21 YEAR OLD JOINED 'STOKE THIS SEASON FROM BADSHOT LEA. THE IMPOSING DEFENDER HOLDS GREAT AERIAL ABILITIES AND IS AGGRESSIVE IN THE TACKLE, BUT ALSO BOASTS REAL DUALITY ON THE BALL. AS CAPTAIN OF HIS SIDE, HE SCORED 7 GOALS LAST SEASON.

BEN MASON - DEFENDER

RIGHT BACK MASON IS ON LOAN FROM AFC WIMBLEDON WHERE HE CAPTAINED THEIR US SIDE TO LEAGUE GLORY LAST SEASON. COMFORTABLE ON THE BALL AND DELIVERS A DANGEROUS CROSS.

SIMON DUNN [CJ - MIDFIELDER

CAPTAIN OF THE CLUB 'DUNNY' IS IN HIS SECOND SPELL AT THE CLUB AFTER JOINING AS A YOUNGSTER AND SINCE HAS HELPED SLOUGH TOWN ACHIEVE PROMOTION. IMMENSELY TALENTED AND A HUGELY POPULAR PLAYER AND PERSON.

MICHAEL ATKINSON - MIFIELDER

THE BUSTLING MIDFIELDER REJOINS THE CLUB [AFTER MAKING HIS DEBUT AGED 161 THIS SEASON FROM BRACKNELL TOWN WHERE HE WAS THE HEART OF THEIR TITLE WINNING MIDFIELD. HIS PREVIOUS CLUBS INCLUDE FARNBOROUGH TOWN, WALTON CASUALS AND HUNGERFORD TOWN.

D'ANDRE BROWN - MIDFIELDER

A PRODUCT OF THE BASINGSTOKE ACADEMY, DRE HAD THE MOST BASINGSTOKE APPEARANCES LAST CAMPAIGN WITH 39. A SUBLIME MIDFIELDER WHOSE ABILITY ON THE BALL MAKES HIM A TREMENDOUSLY TALENTED INDIVIDUAL.

JAMES CLARK - FORWARD

THE ATTACKER JOINS THE CLUB THIS SEASON FROM TITLE WINNING BRACKNELL TOWN. CLARKY HAS 4 GOALS TO HIS NAME IN PRE-SEASON AND WILL BE LOOKING TO ADD TO THAT TALLY THROUGHOUT THE 22/23 CAMPAIGN.

SAM ARGENT - FORWARD ARG REJOINED 'STOKE FOR THE 2022/23 CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE HIS THIRD SPELL AT THE CLUB. A STRONG, PROVEN GOALSCORER AT THIS LEVEL AND ABOVE, THE BASINGSTOKE-BASED FORWARD LOVES A BICYCLE KICK.