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TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023
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ISTHMIAN DIVISION 1 SOUTH CENTRAL

TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS: THATCHAM TOWN



PMW'S RAMBLINGS WITH DANNY GRACELAND - FLOWERS OF MANCHESTER

One cold and bitter Thursday in Munich, Germany,
Eight great football stalwarts conceded victory,
Eight men will never play again, who met destruction there,
The flowers of English football, the flowers of Manchester

Matt Busby's boys were flying, returning from Belgrade,
This great United family, all masters of their trade,
The pilot of the aircraft, the skipper Captain Thain,
Three times they tried to take off and twice turned back again.

The third time down the runaway, disaster followed close,
There was slush upon that runaway and the aircraft never rose,
It ploughed into the marshy ground, it broke, it overturned.
And eight of the team were killed, as the blazing wreckage
burned.

Roger Byrne and Tommy Taylor who were capped for England's
side,

And Ireland's Billy Whelan and England's Geoff Bent died,
Mark Jones and Eddie Colman, and David Pegg also,
They all lost their lives, as it ploughed on through the snow.



Big Duncan, he went too, with an injury to his brain,
And Ireland's brave Jackie Blanchflower will never play again,
The great Matt Busby lay there, the father of his team
Three long months passed by, before he saw his team again.

The trainer, coach and secretary, and a member of the crew,
Also eight sporting journalists who with United flew,
and one of them Big Swifty, who we will ne'er forget,
The finest English 'keeper that ever graced the net.

Oh, England's finest football team its record truly great,
Its proud successes mocked by a cruel turn of fate.
Eight men will never play again, who met destruction there,
The flowers of English football, the flowers of Manchester.

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

TODAY'S TEAMS

Binfield FC	vs	Thatcham Town FC
<i>Harvey Rackley-Hayes</i>	1	<i>Toby Fisher</i>
<i>Kai Hobbs</i>	2	<i>Levi Heholt</i>
<i>Will Shaw</i>	3	<i>Ramarni Medford-Smith</i>
<i>Jonny Denton</i>	4	<i>Callum Wilmouth</i>
<i>Liam Gavin</i>	5	<i>Joshua Edwards</i>
<i>Lewis Pegg</i>	6	<i>Oliver Bourne</i>
<i>James Beauchamp</i>	7	<i>Mo Ceesay</i>
<i>Harrison Bayley</i>	8	<i>Kyle Martin</i>
<i>Connor Holland</i>	9	<i>Jordan Alves</i>
<i>Conor Lynch</i>	10	<i>Taylor Harry</i>
<i>Harvey Harry</i>	11	<i>Harry Williams</i>
<i>Joe Gator</i>	12	<i>Noah Coates</i>
<i>Brad Pagliaroli</i>	14	<i>Dan Smith</i>
<i>Kian Duncan</i>	15	<i>Cameron Rohart - Brown</i>
	16	<i>Kamil Zielinski</i>
	17	<i>Simeon Weekes</i>
	18	
	19	
<i>Garry Haylock</i>	Mgr	<i>YASHWA ROMEO</i>
<i>Roger Herridge</i>	Asst	<i>SHAUN ALLAWAY</i>
<i>Keith Pennicott- Bowen</i>	Coach	<i>SAM LOADES</i>
<i>Carl Bennett</i>	Therapist	<i>DECLAN DOWLING</i>

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris Williams
Assistant	Nyasha Mukachana
Assistant	Michael Taylor

**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 Thatcham Town Football Club.

We last played Thatcham in late September where the Moles came out as comfortable winners in a match that marked the end of the reign of Messrs Dodd's and Withers here at Binfield FC. A lot has happened since then and whilst the Moles currently sit in the play-off places,

Thatcham have been enjoying a great run of form of late and currently sit in 3rd place of the latest form guide. The Moles come into this game with a 3-1 defeat away at Guernsey on Saturday where on the back of losing 2 key defenders to injury in the first half, a crazy 6-minute spell resulted in us conceding 3 goals. Going into half time 3 nil down, the Moles came out in the 2nd half with an organised purpose and dominated the game for long periods. Another goal for Conor Lynch (his 3rd in as many appearances since signing for us) and countless corners and chances wasn't enough against a side battling to get their way out of the relegation places. With Thatcham drawing 2-2 at home to Westfield there's now only 7 points separating the two sides coming into tonight's match – it's poised to be another close competitive game. Catching up on the fixture backlog was always going to stretch the squad and with so many games coming thick and fast we were always likely to pick up the odd knock or two. It's at times like this that we need to make the most out of our squad and look to give more game time to some of the Under 23 players who have earned such praise at the club.

With Joe Gator getting some well needed game time on Saturday with our friends at Berks County, we hope to see Joe back in the side from his long-term injury very soon. Onto some general club news,

Binfield FC are delighted to announce the date of our Junior Summer Football Tournament over the weekend of the 13th & 14th May. Head over to the club website for more information and click on the link to the new online booking system. With a 3rd of places already booked before we announced the date, I'd recommend that you book soon to avoid disappointment. As always, thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continue to make Binfield FC such a great football community club. Happy Valentines Day to one and all. "C'mon you Moles"

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This was perhaps a normal January (2023) for a ground-hopper, but the action never stops. However, I must pay more attention to the weather forecasts. The advent of 3G pitches can save a wasted journey, providing an appropriate plan is in place. Here below is my January schedule. The green blobs highlights my Saturday 'day out', which can be 200 miles away or just down the road (don't ask me to explain) and the yellow blobs 'new grounds'. My attendance at Binfield games is not guaranteed, as sometimes I wish to go elsewhere. PMW

85	Sun	1/1	National	Maidenhead United	0	0	Wealdstone	1635
86	Mon	2/1	Isthmian D1 South Central	Northwood	1	4	Hanworth Villa	194
87	Tue	3/1	Wessex Premier	AFC Stoneham	9	1	Alresford Town	61
88	Fri	6/1	Isthmian D1 South Central	Binfield	3	0	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	212
89	Sat	7/1	National	Wealdstone	3	1	Eastleigh	1240
90	Mon	9/1	Isthmian Premier	Merstham	3	0	Sutton Common Rovers	222
91	Sat	14/1	Isthmian D1 South East	Ramsgate	1	1	Sittingbourne	527
92	Sun	15/1	Isthmian Premier	Cray Wanderers	2	3	Bishops Stortford	303
93	Wed	18/1	Essex Senior Premier	Romford	2	3	Little Oakley	85
94	Fri	20/1	Wessex Premier	Moneyfields	5	2	Alresford Town	150
95	Sat	21/1	National South	Slough Town	4	3	Dulwich Hamlet	980
96	Fri	27/1	FAW Cymru North	Buckley Town (12)	5	0	Cefn Druids	240
97	Sat	28/1	FAW Amateur Trophy	Bangor 1876 (13)	1	2	Trethomas Bluebirds	226
98	Tue	31/1	Isthmian D1 South Central	Binfield	0	1	Basingstoke Town	338

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This is in part a bit of publicity for probably the best on-line football page. John McClure's Facebook page showcases non-league football from grassroots, upwards and anywhere in between. He has a few helpers with the editorial side of things and he needs them as 'Your Football Page' has over 11,000 members, many of which are my friends and some are the hierarchy of Senior non-league football clubs. Here is some of the action from last weekend.

From: George Webb

Friday 10 February 2023 - Ardal South East - Attendance: 78

At: The Centre For Sporting Excellence, Ystrad Mynach

Risca United 2-2 Chepstow Town

£5.00 - None - Ground no. 457

From: John McClure

11/02/23 - FA Vase - Attendance: 990

Newport Pagnell Town 1-0 Jersey Bulls

Admission: £9.00/£7.00, Programme £2.00 and Badge £3.00

Bacon roll, ham bap, coffee £5.00

Originally, I was going to re-complete the Northern League at Washington, but noticing the 1:00 kick-off, I opted for this instead. The Northern Leaguers are at home next Saturday.

A 320 miles round trip saw me tick Bethany Liza and ground No.731.

From: Keith Helliwell

11/2/23 - North Caledonian League - Attendance: 60 approx

Inverness Athletic 3-5 Fort William

Admission free

As the half time whistle blew, I thought I'd be witnessing a huge goal fest. Fort William were already 5-1 up, but it wasn't to be. Inverness Athletic clawed back some respectability to the scoreline with a couple of second-half goals. Athletic did take the lead on 10 minutes, before the visitors took control for most of the first-half. After the break, Inverness were on top for long periods, but Fort's lead never looked in danger, as Inverness's fightback came too late.

From: Ian Beadle

Saturday 11 February 2023 - Northern Premier League Midlands - Attendance: 354

Gresley Rovers 1-0 Dereham Town

Admission £5.00 (old gits like it when it's over 60) £8.00 (normal price)

Programme £2.00 - Badge £3.00, Sausage Cob £2.50 and Coffee £1.20

About 30 minutes bus ride from Burton town centre which was around 15 minutes walk from the station, then a further ten minutes walk to the ground. A proper old school ground lots of stands, buildings, clubhouse and tea bars. Game started with a wonder goal or fluke after two minutes and that was that really it. Lot of endeavour, but not many clear cut chances.



Basingstoke Town made it ten wins from eleven, and it's three goals and three points for Swans and Curfevs amongst the chasing pack Basingstoke Town, looked to have a tricky match in prospect as sixth place Marlow came to call. Kick off was delayed because of an issue with the visitors kit, but the hosts went ahead nine minutes before the break, Scott Armsworth opening the scoring when heading home a corner. There will have been no chance of complacency for the hosts- when they visited the Alfred David Ground at the end of October they went in two goals to the good at half time, only to concede five after the break- and they made sure with a second goal ten minutes from time, Sam Argent with that one, another header. That's ten wins from eleven for Stoke- and a seven point lead retained.

Second place Walton & Hersham welcomed Ashford Town to the Sports Hub. The Swans had won their previous three and looked to have shaken off some indifferent form, whilst the Tangerines had three wins from their last previous four, so we thought this might be close despite the Swans scoring five the last time they met. The first half was certainly close, Ricky Johnson giving the Tangerines an early lead only for Eddie Simon to level from the spot and John Gilbert to put the hosts ahead nine minutes before the break. Another Simon goal twenty minutes from time- his eighteenth of the season- gave the Swans a cushion, and they held onto it and the three points. Long-time leaders Northwood got back to winning ways against Guernsey last time out, and hoped to build on that. The Woods were on the road to Chipstead, the Chips having seen their long unbeaten run come to an end, without a win in three- but the hosts broke the deadlock ten minutes after the restart, Jonathan Hood converting from twelve yards. That turned out to be the only goal of the game, the Chips up to twelfth. Chertsey Town travelled to Leatherhead. The Curfevs had lost three of their last five and knew that any further slip up could see them lose their place in the top five, but they quickly got back wo winning ways. A header from Trevan Robinson opened the scoring seven minutes after the break, and Town got a second just after the hour, William Montague with that one, Robinson assisting. Another from Robinson ended the contest thirteen minutes from time, although the Tanners then made a match of it, Dave Tarpey getting one back. That was as good as it got for the hosts, who are thirteenth. Binfield climbed back into the top five with victory over Uxbridge in midweek, and had lost only one of their previous ten- but were undone by three goals in six minutes in Guernsey. The Green Lions went ahead on thirty nine minutes, Jacob Fallaize with the opener, and added two more before the break, Matt Loaring and Ross Allen making things rather comfortable. Conor Lynch scored a second half goal for the Moles, but that was that. The two sides will meet again on 21st February. South Park Reigate also had a chance of ending the weekend in the top five, but they needed to win at Southall to do it- not an easy task as their hosts, one place and five points behind them, had lost only five matches this season. The hosts went ahead courtesy of an own goal six minutes before the break, but immediately after the restart the visitors levelled through Finlay Johnson and six minutes later they were ahead, Sam King making it two-one. Southall levelled with fifteen minutes left, Kevin Songolo, on from the bench, making a speedy impact- and that turned out to be that, Hall's eleventh draw of the season confirmed.




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Does this page have anything to do with football? Well, that's me (third from right) and I like football, meanwhile Jeff (second from right) doesn't like football. He supports Middlesbrough, so there's not much hope for him. Introducing Jeff's wife, Tess (she's better than Ringo) on pots and pans, extremely talented daughters Lily (keyboards) and Josie (bass guitar) put them together you've got Roberts Family Band. You ask 'what am I doing with them', so I will explain?

Coming out of the first Covid lockdown I allowed Galleria Guitars in Leighton Buzzard to sell one of my unwanted guitars. The guitar was bought by Jeff for Lily and a short while later, I passed on the gig bag. Jeff responded with a Facebook message, inviting me to his 'open mic' evenings in a pub garden at Tring. I'll be honest not something I was planning to do. I'm quite happy playing in live bands, but upmarket karaoke is not really for me. However, I survived to tell the tale, although I relied on backing tracks to get me through.

After approximately one year and two more lockdowns, life changed the night my mini CD player failed. I had two choices, go home early or move on. Jeff and I had previously discussed a slight possibility of playing and singing with the family, but never thought it would happen, but we got through Raining in My Heart at the first attempt. Other songs came into my repertoire and again these have been played live with the family.

Usually, I would be much happier playing instrumentals at my Shadows Club, but now I'm not so sure. There is a certain amount of freedom given to a lead singer and come Thursday evening I am now ready for the challenge. I'm limited by choice of songs, but I can turn the tables. Take one classic Morrissey song, graft on the front one extra instrumental verse and chorus. If you think that is a bit Hank Marvin-like, be prepared to sing the first verse. I did, it works and I'm happy. Thanks Jeff, a sort of life saver, never sought, never expected. Everyday is Like Thursday and sometimes on 'Raining', Michelle Clay gets a sing-along.

PMW'S RAMBLINGS - REMEMBERING GORDON BANKS

This was probably one of the finest moments in sport. Whilst I compose my own tribute to Pele (will be published soon) I thought I'd update my offering for Gordon Banks. One day they may play for the same team.

Gordon Banks was probably at the start of an exceptional era of British goalkeepers. I've slightly widened the usual specifications, so that the Northern Irishman, Pat Jennings can be included in my preferences. Yet it was only Banks who won a World Cup winners medal.

Can the whole of a footballers career be defined on one moment in time? I'm referring to that one save in a million and his opponent on the day was no greater than the Brazilian, Pelé, a colossus himself and at the first time of asking, neither could have done any better.

England had won the World Cup in 1966 and four years later defended the trophy at 8,000 feet in Mexico. Bobby Moore, England's World Cup winning captain was still at the helm, but in 1970 there were several team changes. Moore was still there, so was Banks and Edson Arantes do Nascimento, otherwise known as Pelé.



and got his outstretched right hand under the ball and somehow miraculously lifted it over the crossbar. Bank's touch was no more than a deflection, but enough to deny Pelé a goal.

If you study 'the photograph' it seems that Banks propelled the ball up at almost an angle of 90 degrees to the ground. Any greater angle the ball would have ended in the roof of the net and any lesser would have put the ball back in play and into the danger area. On the way up, the ball missed the crossbar by millimetres and bounced out of play to safety.

The split-second incident only allowed 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, and 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. He 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)

Banks was regarded as one of the greatest goalkeepers of all time, Banks was named Football Writers Association Footballer of the Year in 1972, and was named FIFA Goalkeeper of the Year on six occasions. The International Federation of Football named Banks the second-best goalkeeper of the 20th century, after Lev Yashin (1st) and ahead of Dino Zoff (3rd). My choice would have been Pat Jennings.

At Liverpool, the Kop would chant "Sir" to him, even before his World Cup heroics. He would stand resolutely between the sticks at the Kop end and defend a 0-1 lead for Leicester City with some amazing saves. He was loved even, when the Reds lost and got the most special of welcomes, when he came down to the Kop end. What a goalkeeper, Gordon Banks.

Banks joined Chesterfield in March 1953, and played for their youth team in the 1956 FA Youth Cup final. He made his first team debut in November 1958, and was sold to Leicester City for £7,000 in July 1959. He played in four cup finals for the club, as they were beaten in the 1961 and 1963 FA Cup finals, before winning the League Cup in 1964 and finishing as finalists in 1965. Despite this success and his World Cup win in 1966, he was dropped by Leicester and sold to Stoke City for £50,000 in April 1967. In the 1970 World Cup, he made one of the game's greatest saves to prevent Pelé goal, but was absent due to illness as England were beaten by West Germany at the quarter-final stage.

I thought I'd try and describe that save without the aid of a reference book. Pelé was in full flight, got a downward trajectory on the ball, which bounced just in front of Banks, but away to his right hand. On first contact with the ball, Pelé would have been entitled to celebrate his goal immediately, but Banks had other ideas. Banks hit the ground hard

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Leatherhead	v	Uxbridge
Merstham	v	Northwood
Sutton Common Rovers	v	South Park
Thatcham Town	v	Southall
Tooting & Mitcham United	v	Binfield
Walton & Hersham	v	Bedfont Sports
Westfield	v	Hanworth Villa

The View from the Dugout Garry Haylock

Welcome to the players, staff, officials and staff of Thatcham, we hope they enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey home.

We are now in the business end of the season, we have 15 games to go which is the most of any of the top 7 seven teams and our fate is in our hands. The work we have done to get to this point has been tough but we have come through it and played ourselves into contention. We understand our limitations and will always work within them, but with this comes problems that we must deal with.

In the past 8 days we have lost three full backs to injury and our small squad is stretched to breaking point, despite playing exceptionally well and dominating all three games we only have 4 points to show for our efforts and there is no end in sight to the punishing schedule set for us. If we were ever going to sit and feel sorry for ourselves, then this is the time!!

However, I believe that we are stronger than that, every set back is seen as an opportunity, injuries allow other players an opportunity, defeats create opportunities for learning and there is always the next game. We can't control the things that happen to us but we can control how we react to them and this group of players has demonstrated time and time again the appetite for the next challenge and today that is a Thatcham side that has hit some form and will be a difficult opponent.

It is my belief that this group of players is good enough to be promoted to the next level and I am constantly telling the players that, our biggest opponent is the limitations that we ourselves place on our performance by believing and trusting in ourselves and each other, this group can achieve great things.

Joe Gater returned to action with Berks County last Saturday following several months out injured and we look forward to welcoming him back to the fold in the near future, whilst it is hoped that Will Shaw will recover quicker than first expected as he hasn't torn a muscle. It is too early to judge when Kai Hobbs and Massimo Giamattei will return but the former stopped as soon as he felt pain which limited the damage to his hamstring and the former suffered an impact injury to his knee which always heals quicker than muscular injuries.

Whoever is fortunate enough to pull on the Binfield jersey, the expectations around the level of effort they put in will not change and I feel very comfortable with the squad that we have to do the job required.



By Jon Couch

THERE'S an old wives' tale at NLP Towers which continually succeeds in amusing and bemusing us in equal measure. It's a theory which has haunted us for as long as we can remember, it just won't go away and it regularly returns to make fools out of anyone who has dared edit, report for or contribute towards our news pages over the years. It's called The Curse of The NLP.

These days, 'The Curse' comes with an acceptance from us all in the office, but in recent weeks it's returned to bite us on the backside more often than usual.

Take our edition of January 29 for example. On page 33 we ran an interview with Ramsgate manager Steve Lovell after he had led the Rams into title contention in Isthmian League South East.

Lovell spoke at length about how much he was enjoying life at the Southwood Stadium and how there was so much more to come from the Kent side for the rest of the campaign.

That weekend they were surprisingly beaten at Three Bridges which is ironic enough in itself, but two days later Lovell was unceremoniously sacked and later replaced by the defender he brought to the club, Jamie Coyle. Sorry Steve.

In that same edition, we also ran a piece on Altrincham following their recent upturn in form. In it, assistant manager Neil Sorvel told how the club's new full-time model had contributed to a 10-match unbeaten run which had propelled the Robins into play-off contention. Granted, that unbeaten run ended with a narrow defeat at Chesterfield in the midweek prior to publication but Alty have lost their last two games since and have slipped back down into the bottom half of the table. Sorry Robins.

This week 'The Curse' struck again – and just when we least expected it.

In that same edition of January 29, Hereford boss Josh Gowling, a regular columnist at The NLP, explained about the highs and lows of football management after having watched the heart-warming video of Mark Hudson telling his children that he has lost his job at Cardiff City. "Management is the best job in the world, but also it can feel the most lonely," Gowling said. "We went through a period in November and December where we didn't win. I'd just won manager of the month in October. I was miserable. I was in my office every day, away from my family, trying to find ways to fix it.

You have to keep working to try and get it right – plus I put the manager of the month award away in my desk under a load of books! We've been winning again since I did that so maybe I will keep it out of sight."

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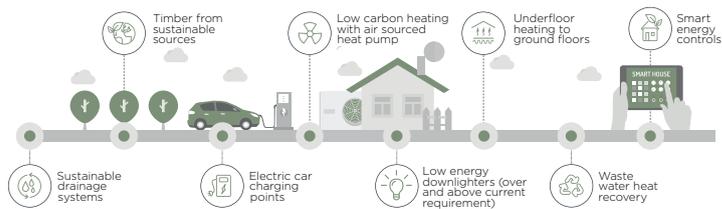
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		ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE									
	1 Basingstoke Town	25	18	2	5	62	23	+39	56		
	2 Walton & Hersham	24	16	1	7	55	31	+24	49		
	3 Northwood	25	15	1	9	40	31	+9	46		
	4 Chertsey Town	25	13	5	7	51	27	+24	44		
	5 Binfield	23	12	5	6	43	28	+15	41		
	6 Marlow	24	12	5	7	40	30	+10	41		
	7 South Park	26	12	4	10	34	37	-3	40		
	8 Southall	24	8	11	5	36	28	+8	35		
	9 Westfield	24	9	8	7	35	29	+6	35		
	10 Hanworth Villa	23	9	8	6	35	36	-1	35		
	11 Thatcham Town	25	9	7	9	38	34	+4	34		
	12 Chipstead	23	9	6	8	32	32	0	33		
	13 Leatherhead	25	9	6	10	30	35	-5	33		
	14 Uxbridge	24	8	6	10	33	32	+1	30		
	15 Ashford Town (Middx)	23	9	2	12	28	50	-22	29		
	16 Bedfont Sports	25	5	8	12	30	42	-12	23		
	17 Guernsey	23	5	5	13	17	43	-26	20		
	18 Sutton Common Rovers	27	6	2	19	26	57	-31	20		
	19 Merstham	24	2	10	12	29	47	-18	16		
	20 Tooting & Mitcham United	24	3	6	15	21	43	-22	15		

South-Central Table

Binfield FC Isthmian League Fixtures 2022/23

Date	Opposition	Venue	Comp	
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
31/01/23 Tues	Basingstoke	H	League.	0-1
04/02/23.Sat	Southall	H	League.	1-1
07/02/23 Tues	Uxbridge	H	League.	2-1
11/02/23 Sat	Guernsey	A	League	3-1

Next Game at Hill Farm Lane



Isthmian League

Guernsey**Tuesday 21st February 2023****Kickoff 1945****Admission £10 and £5 Concessions U16' £1**

Thatcham Town Football Club

The last few years. Once safety was assured in 2013/14, the club resigned from the Southern League to cut costs by playing at a lower level. Town finished twelfth in their first campaign back in the Hellenic Premier, then second and fourth in the following seasons. However in 2017/18 the Kingfishers embarked on an incredible 40 game unbeaten run (in all competitions), winning all but one game between the end of October and end of April. This saw Thatcham overtake long-time leaders Highworth Town and eventually pip Bracknell Town to the title in a thrilling end to the season, on goal difference.

After taking a season to re-adjust to step four football, in 2019/20 Thatcham were top of the Southern League Division One South table with eleven games to play. But with the club looking set to achieve its highest ever finish, and promotion to step three a real possibility, the Coronavirus pandemic struck with the season being terminated. Following the subsequent departure of the management team and many senior players, alongside being moved into the Isthmian League South Central Division, the club faced a rebuilding job. Covid also caused the 2020/21 season to be suspended before Town finished 12th in 2021/22.

Thatcham Town FC have enjoyed some memorable success in Cup competitions over the years. In 1989 the club reached the last eight of the FA Vase before losing to local rivals Hungerford Town. In the same competition a record attendance of 1,400 was set when Aldershot Town won 1-0 at Waterside Park in 1993/94. However in 2017/18 Thatcham went all the way and lifted the trophy at Wembley Stadium on a brilliant day for the football club...

Supporters started to sense the club could be on the verge of something special after a 5th round home victory over Bromsgrove Sporting, then over 2,200 attended the quarter-final win at Melksham Town as cup fever started to spread across the town. Thatcham then defeated 1874 Northwich 1-0 (home) and 3-2 (away) in the two legged semi-final, before taking over 5,000 fans to Wembley as Northern League side Stockton Town were beaten 1-0 in the final.

The club played in the Third Round Qualifying stage of the FA Trophy for the first time in 2021/22, losing on penalties at Cinderford Town. Thatcham's best run in the FA Cup came in the 1996/97 season as they reached the Fourth Round Qualifying stage before losing at Boreham Wood. In September 2019 the FA Cup First Round Qualifying tie at home to Salisbury was streamed live by the BBC with the visitors winning 3-2.

Thatcham completed the Hellenic League and Cup double, by lifting the Hellenic First Division Cup in 1972/73 and the Premier Division Cup in 1974/75. During 2017/18 the club reached both League Cup finals, losing to Bracknell in the Challenge Cup and Binfield in the Floodlit Cup.

During the 1990s Thatcham won the Wessex League Cup on four occasions, completing the league and Cup double in 1995/96. In 1974/75 the club were beaten in the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup but were awarded the trophy following a dispute between the victors, Wycombe Wanderers, and the Berks & Bucks FA.

GOALKEEPERS

TOBY FISHER - *Very reliable and capable young keeper currently on loan from Aldershot* - Age 18; Debut : South Park (h) Nov '22; TTFC Apps 14 / Clean Sheets 6

FULL-BACKS

ALFIE SAUNDERS - *Ex-Farnborough right-back who played in the National League for Aldershot during 2021/22* - Age 21; Debut : Tooting & M (h) Jan '23; TTFC Apps 3 / Goals 0

CAMERON ROHART-BROWN - *Versatile and skilful dead-ball specialist who re-signed from Binfield* - Age 21; Debut : Sutton Common (a) Oct '21; TTFC Apps 41 / Goals 8

LEVI HEHOLT - *Solid right-back who has returned to the area after playing US college football* - Age 23; Debut : Northwood (a) Oct '22; TTFC Apps 13 / Goals 0

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

JOSHUA EDWARDS - *Club captain and reliable stopper who won last season's Player's Player award* - Age 26; Debut : Shrivenham (h) Jan '15; TTFC Apps 68 / Goals 3

OLIVER BOURNE - *Broke into the first team last season and attracted interest from high-profile clubs* - Age 18; Debut : Bracknell (h) Nov '21; TTFC Apps 29 / Goals 0

RAMARNI MEDFORD-SMITH - *Talented ex-Reading FC full-back on loan from Bracknell Town* - Age 24; Debut : Sutton Common Rov (h) Oct '22; TTFC Apps 15 / Goals 1

MIDFIELDERS

CALLUM WILLMOTH - *A fans' favourite who returns after captaining National South side Hungerford* - Age 31; Debut : Gosport B (h) Aug '11; TTFC Apps 187 / Goals 16

CORY HATHAWAY - *Grafter in the middle of the park who has moved across Berkshire from Bracknell* - Age 22; Debut : Horndean (h) Aug '22; TTFC Apps 17 / Goals 2

KIYE MARTIN - *Creative midfielder who previously featured for Northwood and South Park* - Age 25; Debut : Westfield (a) Oct '22; TTFC Apps 13 / Goals 1

MICHAEL HILL - *All-rounder with Isthmian League experience who loves to be in possession* - Age 24; Debut : Westfield (a) Oct '22; TTFC Apps 8 / Goals 1

MO CEESAY - *Classy and assured all-round player who is very comfortable on the ball* - Age 25; Debut : Staines (h) Nov '21; TTFC Apps 44 / Goals 7

NATHAN JONES - *Energetic box-to-box player who picked up last season's Player's Player award* - Age 20; Debut : Cinderford (a) Oct '21; TTFC Apps 53 / Goals 3

FORWARDS

ALEX FRAGATA - *Skilful wide player who is currently on loan at Tadley Calleva to pick up fitness levels* - Age 23; Debut : Northwood (h) Aug '21; TTFC Apps 17 / Goals 0

ALEX MILLER - *All-action forward who quickly adapted to playing step four football last term* - Age 20; Debut : Northwood (h) Aug '21; TTFC Apps 53 / Goals 5

ASHLEY HOWELL - *Ex Flackwell Heath front man who moved to Thatcham in the summer for a new challenge* - Age 21; Debut : Horndean (h) Aug '22; TTFC Apps 15 / Goals 4

HARRY WILLIAMS - *Ex-Slough Town and Holyport forward who can play in a number of attacking positions* - Age ??; Debut : Guernsey (a) Jan '23; TTFC Apps 6 / Goals 1

JAIME OBAMA-NVUMBA - *Forward who was amongst the goals at Banstead Athletic last season* - Age 23; Debut : Southall (a) Oct '22; TTFC Apps 7 / Goals 2

JORDAN ALVES - *Flair player who showed us his skills two seasons ago and has rejoined from North Leigh* - Age ??; Debut : Dunstable (h) Sep '20; TTFC Apps 13 / Goals 2

JUSTIN DAVIS - *Talented attacker who impressed in pre-season and is on dual registration with Windsor* - Age 20; Debut : Horndean (h) Aug '22; TTFC Apps 5 / Goals 0

SIMEON WEEKES - *Bustling forward who made a strong impact upon arrival last Christmas* - Age 26; Debut : Basingstoke (a) Dec '21; TTFC Apps 32 / Goals 9

TAYLOR HARRY - *Lively forward who is looking to put long-term injury problems behind him* - Age 21; Debut : Bracknell (a) Jan '22; TTFC Apps 34 / Goals 5