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From Our Chairman, Andy Cotton



A very warm welcome to everyone here at the **ICONIC Stadium** for our Berks and Bucks Cup game against Maidenhead United Football Club.

Saturday, like Tuesday, was another narrow loss against a Southall side that is amongst us in the table. Southall went ahead after a counter attack from our own corner which was tough after an even first half but the character the boys showed in the second half to control the game was great to see. On another day, perhaps we would've taken a point or maybe more but I know the boys will pick themselves back up and go again tonight. The message at the start of the season was to 'compete' in every game and despite not picking up any points, they have certainly done that over the last week.

They were many positives to take from Saturday off the pitch as well as on which included our brilliant mascots from the U7 Bees and U7 United. They were brilliant in the way they led the team out and interacted with the first team before kick off and provided some great noise during the game to get behind the scenes. It is so good to see the different generations coming together and them representing the 550+ children and family we have at Binfield - it is what #OneClub is all about.

It was also great to welcome Stuart Cook and Tony Egby from first-team sponsor: Specialist Cutting Services Limited. I'm sure it was a proud moment for them seeing their logo on front of the Moles shirts and I would like to thank them for their continued support. I look forward to seeing them at the Iconic again soon.

I would also like to take this opportunity to address the fantastic news of former Mole Lewis Hall receiving his first senior national team call-up. I have always had a great relationship with Lewis, I can truly say that no one deserves it more.

While he is brilliant on the football pitch, his attitude off the pitch is what makes him really stand up. We are all so proud of him and he's an inspiration for everyone at the club.

Our Manager and Management Team have won the coveted "Manager of the Month" Award in recognition of the teams record in October which included five wins out of five in all competitions. Well done to Ross, Bully & Bowes and the whole team for making another bit of history for the club - we are all proud of your efforts.

As everyone is aware, we have been without Rosco for the past 4 games as he's recuperating from his recent surgery and treatment for Skin Cancer diagnosis. I'm delighted to let everyone know that whilst it might be a few more weeks away from his return to the Club, his surgery has gone extremely well and he's in good spirits. Ross has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to all of those people that have been kind enough to send him their wishes - there's been that many that it's going to be impossible for him to get round to everyone to thank them!!

To our friends from the Maidenhead United Committee and their Chairman, Players, Management Team and Supporters - welcome to the home of the Moles. We hope that you enjoy our hospitality and that we all get to see another great game of non-league football.

Please get behind the boys and give them your full support!!!

"Cmon you Moles"

Andy Cotton
Binfield Football Club Chairman



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BINFIELD FC HISTORY

Binfield FC first played in 1892, during the reign of Queen Victoria, making us one of the oldest Association Football clubs in the world! The team comprised young men from the local brickworks and those who worked on the land around Binfield. The club's early years were spent in the Ascot and District League, where we enjoyed many successful seasons winning the Fielden Cup for the first time in 1924 and on eleven further occasions since.

During the 2nd World War, we joined the Great Western Combination League, winning the championship in 1947. During that period we also won the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup and the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and it was not unusual to see crowds in excess of 1,000 at our Forest Road ground.

In 1950 we joined the Reading and District League, where we remained for the next forty years. In 1972 Binfield won promotion to the Premier Division for the first time and although relegated two years later we returned in 1976 as 1st Division Champions. A huge crowd, reminiscent of the 1940's, packed Forest Road to witness our promotion. In 1980, the club made an important decision to move from Forest Road, where facilities were shared with the cricket club, to our current site in Hill Farm Lane. Turning that field into the football ground we see today was a massive task. Thanks to an enormous amount of physical work by the members of the club the area was levelled and drained within three years. The members then set about building the club house. This progress off the field was matched on it when in 1987 and 1988 we won Division 2 and then Division 1 of the Reading and District League. In 1989, we joined the high-profile Charrington Chiltonian League, winning the Division 1 title at the first attempt - a feat we repeated in 1996 - and reaching the final of the League Cup. The following year we finished runners-up to Peppard, despite remaining unbeaten from November until the end of the campaign.

In 2001 we merged with Binfield's junior club, Binfield Forest FC, and in doing so significantly increased the membership, with over 20 teams playing every weekend - this season we will field 36 teams each week. The junior part of the club is very important to Binfield with FA Charter status having been achieved in 2007 and in 2013 we were awarded the Berks & Bucks FA and South East Regional FA Charter Status Community Club of the Year awards, culminating in the club being invited to the FA Community Shield at Wembley in August 2013.

Since 2005, progress at the club has been swift, with the addition of floodlights and later a seated stand. The club is tirelessly working to improve our facilities with our "continuous improvement" plan making further change to the car park, to the club house and a new stand around our Tea Bar.

We constantly strive to improve all elements of the facilities from changing rooms to a playing surface we are extremely proud of, to benefit everyone from our Under 6s up to our 1st Team We won the FTL Hellenic League Division 1 East title in 2008-09 and gained promotion to the next level of English football, where we finished runners up in the 2010/11 UHIsport Hellenic Premier Division, 3rd in 2012/13 and 5th in 2014.

August 15th 2009 will long be remembered as Binfield's first game in the legendary FA Cup - and we have enjoyed some good runs reaching the 1st Qualifying round in each of the last two seasons with 400 supporters enjoying the visit of Margate in 2010 and a trip to Slough Town and narrow defeat in 2011. In 2013 the side reached the 2nd Qualifying round, losing to a 96th minute free kick as Leatherhead came from behind. Binfield entered the FA Vase for the first time in season 2008-09 and enjoyed three rounds, before reaching the 4th round (last 32) in 2011/12 in an incredible season of cup success. The 2011/12 team is the most successful in our history, winning both the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy and the AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup in five glorious April 2012 days. We also reached the final of the Hellenic Challenge Cup.

In the last two disruptive seasons , during the pandemic the first team were sitting in second place in the Hellenic Premier. Positions when used to calculate points per game resulted in promotion to the Isthmian League South Centre. Our 1st season ever at Step 4, However the last season will of course be remembered for our amazing run in the Buildbase FA Vase when playing every game behind closed doors bar one and all away from home we reached the Final at Wembley where we came up against a very good Warrington Rylands side and narrowly lost 3-2. In 2021/22 season in the Isthmian South Central, we finished 8th after a good start.

Disappointing FA Cup but a very good run in the Trophy. Winning at North Leigh, Herne Bay before a home win vs Chippenham and finally bowing out against Truro, missing a last minute penalty. Last season, we finished 6th in the Isthmian South Central - our highest ever league position. In the FA Cup, we reached the 3q round, again our best ever performance, losing 5-3 away to Beckenham Town. In the FA Trophy, we lost in the 1st round proper away to Tavistock.

The 2023/24 will always be remembered as the season of the Great Escape. At Christmas, the team had no wins in the league, only 4 points and were rooted to the bottom of the table. Their only win was a 2-0 victory over Wokingham in the FA Cup. They were knocked out of the FA Cup after a reply by Northwood. There was poor performances in the FA Trophy and Velocity Cups with 7-1 and 6-0 defeats respectively. A management change just before Christmas with Ross Weatherstone taking charge. In his time in charge, Ross managed to guide the team to their first win against Met Police FC. The team finished with 8 wins and managed to finish 4 points and one position above the relegation zone.

THE VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT

Andy Bullett



Good evening, a warm welcome to everyone to the Iconic Stadium. Welcome to everyone at Maidenhead United FC, I'd like to wish their management team, the players, all the officials and fans a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home after the game.

I continue to write these notes on Rosco's behalf, I know everyone continues to wish him well, with a speedy recovery. I know he has been through some tough procedures and now needs time to recover. A lot of people ask me when we can likely see him back in the dugout? My response to everyone will always be the same, when he physically feels able, I know he will be. That could be a week, that could be a month but at this time, I just want to give himself time and space to heal and get better for his wife and daughter.

The Gaffer was delighted to be awarded Manager of the Month for October, where he led us to win 4 games out of the 5. This included the last win against Raynes Park FC where the players continued all the instructions and the good work the Manager did for us all for October, so the last result was our gift to him after his surgery. These awards are always great to receive and are always a huge team effort from myself, Bowes, Salil, Rhys, Matt, Rob, the players, the supporters and everyone behind the scenes at the club that not everyone sees. So this is a chance to say thank you to everyone at the club for continuing to support us and the players, through good results and challenging ones.

Congratulations to CJ for winning Player of the Month for October, which was fully deserved for his 2 clean sheets and multiple saves he made through the month. He's really stamped down the Number 1 jersey and long may his performances continue. Ethan Gold fully deserved to win Goal of the Month for his last-minute winner at Guernsey FC -a great run by Qaio and an outstanding finish by Goldie. Well done to them both.

Last week saw us play South Park Reigate FC, where we won the game 2-0, another clean sheet and solid performance from the team. Mitch's freekick was again different class from him and I was delighted to see Malachi make his home league debut & come on & score the second! The depth of the squad and desire is really growing now. It's never nice to see Tom being relieved of his duties after the game.

The curse of the Manager of the Month for October reared its ugly head on Tuesday night away to Uxbridge FC, and was why couldn't they announce it Wednesday after the game on Tuesday! Uxbridge had clearly invested in their squad from the last time we played and were a good team. It was great to take a fully deserved lead but 2 errors gifting them the victory in my opinion.

Saturdays game against Southall was a tough result, a result that we feel we fell on the wrong side off, they scored there only real clearcut chance, Mitch & Rechan narrowly missed, our one real big chance that we had, was well-saved from Con's header. Our 6-game winning run was always going to come to an end, we now have a solid reference point for the rest of the season.

On behalf of the myself and the players I would also like to thank our brilliant mascots from Saturday. They were excellent, leading us out before the game and provided plenty of noise during the match to try and support the team. We look forward to hopefully seeing you soon.

I hope you all enjoy the game and thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of Rosco

Bully





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BINFIELD VS MAIDENHEAD UTD

Monday Night Football at the Iconic Stadium sees Binfield welcome National League side Maidenhead United in the Berks and Bucks Cup. The teams did meet at the same venue in pre-season where there was a competitive first half but the National League quality took over in the second. But the Moles are a different team from then and might come up against a VERY familiar face this evening.



Despite back to back defeats last week, the Moles are still playing with the same confidence that saw them win six games in a row. A couple of individuals errors and a slight lack of quality in the final third has been the difference between coming into this game off the back of eight straight victories. But the target at the beginning of the season was to be able to 'compete' in every game which the Moles have certainly done in recent weeks. They don't have a lot of time to recover though with the visit of Maidenhead tonight. They have already taken down a Step 3 side in the cup this season, and while Maidenhead United will provide a bigger test, the Moles will be looking to cause another upset.

Maidenhead United currently sit just inside the relegation zone in 21st but are only two points off Aldershot Town in 17th and they begin to near the halfway stage of the National League season. They are on a run of five games without a win including being knocked out of the FA Cup by Crawley Town but they have scored in each of these games. Prior to this, they went on a good run of being unbeaten in seven games, including three wins on the bounce and they will be looking to refind this form this evening.

Finally, it would be rude not to mention that there is a birthday amongst the group today. Rhys is officially known as our kitman but there he does a lot more for the club than just wash kit including helping to coach a junior team on Saturdays. Happy Birthday Rhys!

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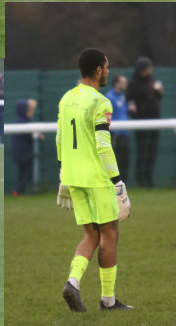
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A VIEW FROM THE STAND

BINFIELD 0-1 SOUTHALL 9/11/24

By Ollie Cherrill

It's two defeats in a week for the Moles as Anthony O'Connor's first half half strike was enough to ensure the three points for Southall despite sustained pressure in the second half from the Moles.

Southall had the better of the opening exchanges in what was a fairly even first 45 minutes. A last ditch challenge from Connor Jeanes prevented the Southall shot from close range before a deflected effort just went wide of the post.

The Moles then got a foot-hold into the game with Riley Robinson, on his first league start, beginning to pick up the ball and drive at the Southall defence. He first linked up with Mitch Parker who's shot flashed just wide of the post before Robinson shot himself but it was deflected behind for a corner.

The visitors then went through a Moles corner. A swift and well worked counter-attack led to O'Connor firing in to an empty net. The Moles had a great opportunity to equalise some great link up between Rahzir Smith-Jones and Reese Jones Jr on the right hand side but Parker was unable to turn the cross goalwards from close range.

The Moles controlled much of the second half looking to find an equaliser. They came close when Parker's shot was saved and Rechan Esprit's shot was just wide of the post from a corner. But the big chance of half was when Parker picked out Jeanes who did brilliantly to climb high in the box and head the ball downwards towards goal but it was matched by a brilliant save from Michael Edegbe.

So the Moles were unable to find a breakthrough despite that strong second half as they look to go again on Monday.



MEET THE SQUAD



1st Team Manager
ROSS WEATHERSTONE



1st Team Coach
ANDY BULLETT



1st Team Coach
KEITH PENNICOTT-BOWEN



Goalkeeping Coach
MATT WATSON



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SALIL DAS



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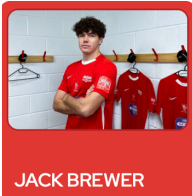
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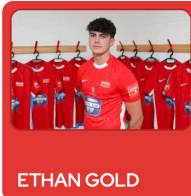
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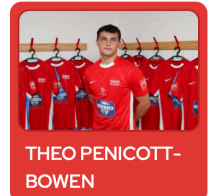
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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC

In The Beginning:

The origins of senior football in Maidenhead can be traced back to October 1870 with the formation of Maidenhead Football Club, who subsequently played their first-ever fixture on December 17th, 1870 against Windsor Home Park at Bond's Meadow near Maidenhead Bridge. On Thursday, February 16th, 1871 the club played their first game on the York Road site against Marlow. This ground, which was then shared with the cricket club, is now officially acknowledged as the oldest continually used football ground by the same club. Maidenhead was one of the original 15 entrants for the first-ever FA Cup competition in 1871/72 and the following season reached the last four before losing to Oxford University. Maidenhead reached the quarter-finals in the next two seasons, but in 1876 did not enter, although this was the only season they failed to participate. They also entered the first ever Berks & Bucks Cup competition in 1878 - winning the competition for the first time in 1895 - and the first FA Amateur Cup in 1893. The adopted club colours were Red & Black, initially worn as halved shirts, but changed to stripes in November 1905.

The early years:

Maidenhead FC merged with three sides before the Great War. Maidenhead Excelsior was founded in 1877 and joined forces with the Red & Blacks in 1885. Maidenhead Temperance - originally known as Maidenhead Band of Hope - amalgamated with the club in 1891 and Boyne Hill FC did likewise later that year. After many seasons of playing friendlies and Cup matches, Maidenhead FC became founder members of the Southern League in 1894 but competing in Division 2 with the likes of Watford, Brentford, Fulham, and Brighton proved too demanding and the club consistently struggled. Eventually in 1902, after eight years of membership, they resigned and joined both the West Berkshire League and the Berks & Bucks League. In 1904 Maidenhead became members of the Great Western Suburban League where they remained until the outbreak of the Great War. The side also won the Berks & Bucks Cup in 1895, 1896 and 1912.

The Devonshire years... part 1:

Seven Cup finals + promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division Following John Watt's dismissal in the summer of 1996, the Club appointed a new management team of Martyn Busby, the former QPR and Notts County midfielder, and Alan Devonshire the former West Ham and England midfielder. Although Busby left midway through the first season, Devonshire guided United to their first Cup success since 1970 by winning the Isthmian League Full Members Cup, and this was to herald the beginning of the club's second "purple patch". In each season between 1996 and 2003, Maidenhead reached a cup final, winning five and losing two.

After coming agonizingly close to promotion in the 1997/98 season, two years later in 1999/2000, United made another concerted effort to reach the Isthmian League Premier Division. Despite the odd hiccup, on Thursday, 4th May, a 1-0 home win against Champions Croydon guaranteed promotion. A new 700-capacity covered enclosure at the Canal end of the ground was completed in May 2000 together with new terracing on the railway side. In the summer of 2002 Chairman Roger Coombs announced that he would step down at the end of the 2002/03 season and, in April 2003, Manager Alan Devonshire followed suit by announcing his intention to leave the club at the season's end. Maidenhead finished a best-ever 10th in the Premier Division of the Isthmian League and Devonshire's final game in charge (his 348th) saw the Magpies regain the County Cup by beating Aylesbury United 4-1 at Chesham.

The Devonshire years... part 2 - promotion to the National League

Alan Devonshire's first season back as Manager saw the Magpies reach the 1st round proper of the F A Cup where they were drawn away to Port Vale of League 1. A last-gasp goal from James Mulley secured a 1-1 draw but, in front of 2,212 spectators and a live BT Sport audience, the Staffordshire side won the replay at York Road 3-1. A push for a play-off place in the National League South just ended in failure but the club finished in a very creditable 7th position. Last season, Maidenhead topped the division for much of the season and secured promotion with a 3-0 victory at Margate on the final day to give the club their first Championship trophy since 1961. The average home attendance increased from 482 in 2015/16 to 1,012 in 2016/17 and 3,377 packed into York Road for the penultimate home league game against Ebbsfleet United. Dave Tarpey scored 46 goals in his 45 appearances, the joint-fourth-highest total scored in a season since 1919 and Dev started the 2017/18 season by securing more silverware with the club winning the Berks & Bucks Cup for the 22nd time with a 1-0 win against Hungerford Town at Slough in the final held over from 2016/17 season.

That first-ever season in the National League saw remarkable victories over former EFL clubs such as Hartlepool United, Leyton Orient, and Tranmere Rovers as an unlikely top-half finish was secured. In the five seasons since then, the club has stabilised in the division despite the obvious disadvantages of being a part-time club in a mainly full-time league and they will once again be taking on a whole host of former EFL clubs in the 2023/24 National League.



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SATURDAY'S MASCOTS



GETTING TO KNOW: RECHAN ESPRIT

Name: Rechan Esprit

Position: Midfielder

Appearances: 53

Rechan was one of the handful of players who stuck it out through the tough times last season and has been an ever-present in the side. A brilliant character and leader on the pitch who always demands more from his teammates and himself and this had led him to bring up 50 appearances for the Moles a couple of weeks ago.



Football Nickname:

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Football Team You Support:

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Lionel Messi

Favourite Sporting Memory you've watched:

Usain Bolt breaking the 100m World Record ⚡





Sport you would want to play if not football:

Tennis 🎾

Favourite Sporting Memory you've been part of:

Scoring on my first team debut when I was 17

Favourite Food:

Oxtail, Rice and Peas with Coleslaw!!

Favourite TV Show/Film:

Harry Potter (all of them) ✨

Dream Holiday Destination:

Dominica 🇩🇲 my home country

Pre-Match Routine:

- Watch my games before I leave 📺
- Eat Breakfast (Honey and Toast) 🍞
- Listen to my football playlist 🎧
- A warm-up
- A little prayer



By Matt Badcock
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IF the FA Cup first round is all about romance and nostalgia, then the second round takes on a slightly more serious feel.

Reaching the 'proper' stages of the competition is a big deal. But reaching the third round...potentially life-changing.

Once again the Non-League clubs did everyone proud. Starting with Tamworth's Friday night win over Huddersfield on live TV, the weekend got off to a flyer. It was a result that would have made the TV execs happy with their choice and Kettering Town followed that up on Saturday by justifying the live pick of their away trip to Northampton.

The fact it was a derby helped but it seems the usual school of thought that a Non-League side has to be at home to cause an upset has finally been put to bed. They can do it away as well! Former Premier League striker Nile Ranger popping up in extra-time to score a famous winner. They host Doncaster Rovers in round two.

Ah, extra-time. The decision to scrap replays has been met with, what could be diplomatically described as, erm, mixed reviews. But that's a whole other column for another day.

Tamworth, who will face Burton Albion next, and Kettering are joined by seven other sides in the second round. All dreaming of one more win to take them into the third round where the biggest clubs in the land finally enter.

Gainsborough Trinity's first round penalty shoot-out victory can only be described as chaos. Three-nil down at Hednesford, they somehow got back on level terms, fell behind again in the extra 30 minutes before levelling to force penalties.

Both sides had kicks to win, there was a flurry missed in sudden death and, after a total of 18 spot-kicks, the NPL Premier side won out 5-4.

"I've never been involved in anything like it," said experienced boss Russ Wilcox. They're off to Harrogate Town next.

One of the first round stories has to be **Harborough Town**. The Step 3 outfit had already created history by making the first round stage but Mitch Austin's side love the underdog tag and they played it perfectly at **Tonbridge Angels**, winning 4-1. Up next is a trip to **Reading**.

Wealdstone stunned **Grimsby Town** with a late winner. **Matt Taylor's** side will welcome **Wycombe Wanderers** in the second round.

Ben Strevens once scored at **Crewe** as **Eastleigh** knocked out EFL opponents. Now he's win there from the dug-out with **Dagenham & Redbridge** emerging triumphant. They will travel to **AFC Wimbledon**.

Micky Mellon famously took **Tranmere Rovers** back into the Football League. A few years later his **Oldham Athletic** knocked them out of the FA Cup and have been drawn on the road to **Leyton Orient**.

Brackley beat **Braintree Town** on penalties to set-up a visit to former Non-Leaguers **Stockport County**, now of League One.

And there's a National League Promotion Final rematch when **Solihull Moors** host their Wembley conquerors **Bromley**.

Nine potential upsets. Let's see how many can make it to the mystical third round.

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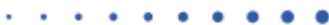
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PLAYER STATS

Player	Moles Debut	2024/25 Season												Moles' Career									
		Isthmian League				Cup				Total				League		Cups		Total					
		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Assists	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Assists	Apps	Goals	Assists	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals			
Elias Bagdonavicius	Jan 23 Southall	3	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	1	8	0	1	20	1	5	0	25	1	
Isaiah Blankendal	Dec 23 Chertsey Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	
Jack Brewer	Nov 24 Uxbridge	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	
Tyler D'Cruz	Dec 23 Chertsey Town	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	17	9	2	3	19	12	
Kickie Dzimba	Sep 24 Hanworth Villa	6	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	2	6	4	6	4	0	0	6	4	
Rechan Esprit	Aug 23 Ashford Town	7	3	10	0	5	1	6	0	1	16	0	1	16	0	1	42	0	11	0	53	0	
Daniel Fosu	Sep 24 Southall	9	0	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	4	9	1	9	1	0	0	9	1	
Coleridge Fubler Jr	Sep 24 Hanworth Villa	10	0	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	10	0	1	0	11	0	
Glenn Gabriel	Mar 24 Chipstead	6	3	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	1	17	2	1	0	1	0	18	2	
Aaron Gardiner	Mar 24 South Park	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	
Charlie George	Dec 23 Guernsey	3	6	9	0	0	4	1	5	4	0	14	4	0	14	4	22	1	5	4	27	5	
Ethan Gold	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	7	4	11	1	1	3	2	5	0	0	16	1	1	11	1	11	1	5	0	16	1	
Harvey Griffiths	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	9	2	11	0	0	5	1	6	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	11	0	6	0	17	0	
Rhys Hajro	Mar 24 Leatherhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Malachi Henry	Oct 24 Dulwich Hamlet	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	
Jamie Hilton	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	11	2	13	2	1	2	2	4	0	0	17	2	1	13	2	4	0	0	0	17	2	
Connor Jeanes	Aug 23 Badshot Lea	8	3	11	1	0	5	1	6	1	0	17	2	0	17	2	40	2	9	1	49	3	
Reese Jones Jr	Jan 24 Met. Police	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	
Daniel Lewis	Aug 23 Ashford Town	9	5	14	1	0	3	2	5	0	1	19	1	1	52	1	52	1	9	1	61	2	
Josh McMenemy	Aug 24 Hordean	12	0	12	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	16	1	0	16	1	0	12	0	4	1	16	1
Brighton Morrison	Aug 24 Ascot	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	
Ryan North	Aug 24 Hordean	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	
Kacper Orlowski	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	
Mitch Parker	Mar 24 Chipstead	7	0	7	2	2	6	0	6	8	4	13	10	6	15	6	15	6	6	8	21	14	
Theo Pennicott-Bowen	Oct 24 SCR	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	
Riley Robinson	Sep 24 Badshot Lea	1	6	7	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	9	1	0	9	1	7	1	2	0	9	1	
Sachin De Silva	Oct 24 SCR	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	20	4	2	0	1	0	3	0	
Rahzir Smith-Jones	Jan 24 Met. Police	13	1	14	2	1	6	0	6	2	1	20	4	2	28	3	28	3	6	2	34	5	
Daquio Stewart	Aug 24 Lordswood	0	3	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	1	3	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	
Duarte Surpanu	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	1	2	3	1	0	2	3	5	0	3	8	1	3	3	1	3	1	5	0	8	1	
Lucas Surpanu	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	0	10	10	0	0	2	4	6	0	1	16	0	1	16	0	10	0	6	0	16	0	
Luke Wayborn	Jan 24 Met. Police	14	0	14	1	1	5	0	5	1	0	19	2	1	34	1	34	1	5	1	39	2	
Lucas Wynn	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	0	2	2	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	2	0	4	0	6	0	



Isthmian League Fixtures 24/25

August 2024

10 Horndean H
26 Ascot United H

September 2024

09 Uxbridge H
14 Southall A
21 Hanworth Villa H
24 Farnham Town A
28 Kingstonian A

October 2024

04 Sutton Common Rovers H
09 Guernsey A
12 Badshot Lea A
26 Raynes Park Vale A

November 2024

02 South Park H
05 Uxbridge A
09 Southall H
16 Hanworth Villa A
18 Westfield H
23 Kingstonian H
30 Harrow Borough H

December 2024

07 Hartley Wintney A
14 Rayners Lane H
20 Ashford Town A
23 Leatherhead H
28 Horndean A

January 2025

01 Ascot United A
04 Hayes and Yeading Utd H
11 Moneyfields A
18 Metropolitan Police H
25 Harrow Borough A

February 2025

01 Hartley Wintney H
07 Sutton Common Rovers A
15 Badshot Lea H
22 Westfield A

March 2025

01 Raynes Park Vale H
08 South Park A
15 Rayners Lane A
21 Ashford Town H
29 Metropolitan Police A

April 2025

05 Moneyfields H
12 Hayes and Yeading Utd A
19 Guernsey H
21 Leatherhead A
26 Farnham Town H

VELOCITY CUP - Rd 4

10 DEC Harrow Borough A

BERKS AND BUCKS CUP - Rd 3

11 NOV Maidenhead United H

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*Beaconsfield Town v Penn & Tylers Green
Winslow United or Amersham Town v Chesham United
Berks County v Thatcham Town
Aylesbury Vale Dynamos or Newport Pagnell Town v Marlow
Holyport v Bracknell Town
Hungerford Town v Slough Town
Binfield v Maidenhead United
Ascot United v Wantage Town or Milton United
Didcot Town v Flackwell Heath
Wallingford & Crowmarsh or Windsor & Eton
v Aylesbury United*

Ties to be played on Tuesday 12th November

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UPCOMING FIXTURES



Tuesday @ 19:45:

Hanworth Villa vs Harrow Borough
Uxbridge vs Hayes and Yeading United

Wednesday @ 19:45:

Kingstonian vs Sutton Common Rovers

Saturday @ 15:00:

Ascot United vs Hayes and Yeading United
Farnham Town vs Raynes Park Vale
Hanworth Villa vs Binfield
Horndean vs Harrow Borough
Kingstonian vs Ashford Town
Leatherhead vs Moneyfields
Rayners Lane vs Metropolitan Police
South Park vs Hartley Wintney
Southall vs Westfield
Sutton Common Rovers vs Badshot Lea
Uxbridge vs Guernsey

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Saturday @ 15:00:

Altrincham vs Southend United

Braintree Town vs AFC Fylde

Dagenham & Redbridge vs Barnet

Ebbsfleet United vs Solihull Moors

Forest Green Rovers vs York City (@ 17:30)

Gateshead vs Aldershot Town

Hartlepool United vs Eastleigh

Oldham Athletic vs Tamworth

Sutton United vs Maidenhead United

Wealdstone vs Rochdale

Woking vs Boston United

Yeovil Town vs FC Halifax Town



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