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THE VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



Good evening,

Tonight we host Hartley Wintney FC, everyone at the club wishes everyone here today a warm welcome to Binfield FC. I'd like to wish the Hartley Management Team, their players, all their officials & fans a pleasant stay with us & a safe journey home after the game. As always it will be great to see some familiar faces.

Tonight's League Cup game will be tough, as any game against Hartley always is. This is a competition we did well in last season, so it will be good to get a positive result tonight.

Since my last notes where we played against Moneyfields where we drew 4-4, after being 3-1 up & 4-2 up, it was disappointing to drop 2 points based on poor refereeing. We've also played away games at East Grinstead Town FC, South Park Reigate FC & Met Police FC, followed up by Saturday's Home game against Raynes Park Vale FC.

East Grinstead Town FC in the FA Trophy presented a game where we drew 3-3 but we weren't at our fluent best with the ball, too many turnovers & mistakes cost us in 90 minutes & we exited on penalties, which is never a nice way to lose but we know they can be a lottery.

South Park away, is never an easy away fixture! This was a game where despite a 2-0 defeat, I thought we were excellent but lacked with our final action, a shot, a cross, a final pass, it just wasn't there on the day. Credit South Park they defended like warriors on the day & took their chances.

Our final run of away games around the M25 saw us travel to Met Police FC, the game ended 3-3, another 2 points dropped but lots of positives to take from the game. Conceding in stoppage time, is always a tough pill to take but once again, we our presenting ourselves well on the pitch.

On Saturday it was nice to be back home, well it was apart from a devastating 12 minute spell where Raynes Park Vale were ruthless, clinical & class in their work, scoring 3 & putting the game to bed. Other than that 12 minutes, we played well, lots of long spells with the ball but nothing to show for our work.

My overall assessment of the start of the season is, we are playing well & scoring quality goals but we are also being punished for our mistakes & we must be more resilient in our defensive structure at the moment. Lots of positives to look forward too, as we go into the autumn months.

My management team & all of the players appreciate your continued support, I hope you all enjoy the game.

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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 member-ship, 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 UHlsport 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 two Covid disrupted seasons, 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 2020/21 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, the team 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. In the 2022/23 season, the team 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 replay at 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.

2024/25 was the year of the cup run and giant killings. In the Velocity Cup, the Moles were on the road for every game and made it through to the semi-final beating Premier Division sides Dulwich Hamlet and Hasting United before losing to a strong Billericay Town. In the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup, they defeated National League side Maidenhead United before losing in the quarter finals to Flackwell Heath. In the league, the Moles improved slightly from last season finishing one position higher and with nine more points.

BINFIELD VS HARTLEY WINTNEY

Velocity Cup football is back at Hill Farm Lane for the first time since 2022 but the Moles have fond memories of the competition from last season. They face Hartley Wintney in the second round tonight, just under a month after the two sides faced off in the league where the Moles came out on top in a dramatic game. It is the first time an home side has picked up three points in recent years between the two sides.



After those victories against Southall and Hartley Wintney, the Moles have stuttered slightly. They picked up a point in a chaotic 4-4 draw at home to Moneyfields before defeat on the road to South Park in the first game they failed to score in this season. It was followed by a point at Met Police before a 15-minute spell on Saturday against Raynes Park Vale saw the visitors take home all three points.

There have been plenty of encouragement for the Moles who continue to create chances in the final third, but are unjust unable to create the killer chance at times. However with good memories from the last time the two sides met, the Moles will be looking to bounce back tonight.

It's been a mixed set of results since the last time Hartley came to Hill Farm Lane. A goalless draw a home to Littlehampton Town was followed by a very impressive 1-0 at Leatherhead - the first side to beat them this season. A defeat at home to Met Police on Saturday means they will be looking to bounce back tonight as they look to return to the form they found at the start of the season.

BINFIELD 2-1 HARTLEY WINTNEY

Mon 25th August: Binfield 2-1 Hartley Wintney

The Moles arrived at Hill Farm Lane off the back of their first three points of the season. But they were up against a Hartley Wintney side who were yet to drop a point in the Isthmian League this season.

The affect of that victory at Southall was clear in the first half as Hartley Wintney took the lead when George Turner picked out Jack Rumblewho finished well. The goal shook the Moles into life as Ejiro Abbey, Natty Boakye and Ethan Lindo all had opportunities to equalise but Nick Jupp stook firm in the Hartley goal while CJ Fubler pulled off a brilliant save to keep the deficit to just one.



Into the second half though at the Moles did find an equaliser. After a great run, the ball fell back to Logan Coles who picked out the top left corner. The Moles had to ball in the back on the net again. A brilliant run from Abbey who's cross was turned in by Lindo only for the linesman to put up his flag for offside.

Hartley then had a brilliant opportunity to take the lead but Fubler was in the way again to turn the ball past the post. Then in the 94th minute, the Moles found a winner. Kyle Daniel-Spray broke to the byline and pulled the ball back to Boakye who swept the ball into the net to give the Moles all three points.



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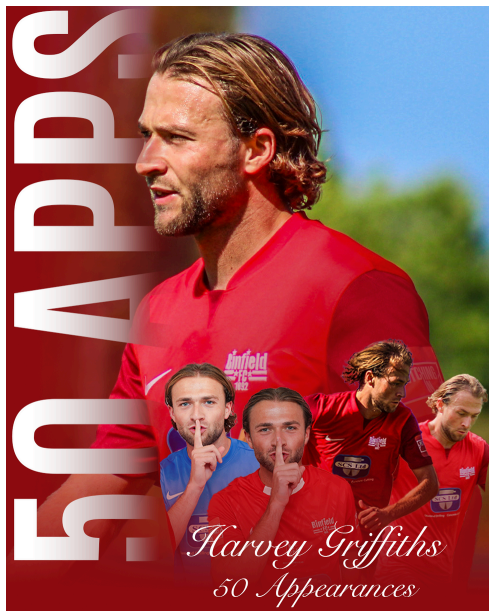
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Over the past few weeks, three members of our Moles squad have racked up 50 appearances for Binfield - congratulations all 🌟



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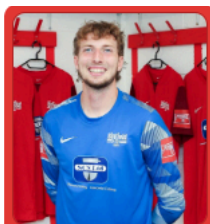


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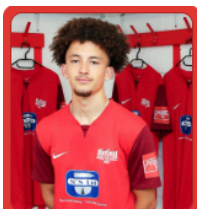
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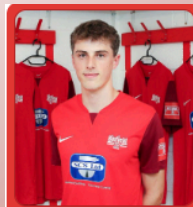
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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

HARTLEY WINTNEY

Hartley Wintney Football Club was founded in 1897, the club's nickname 'The Row' coming from Hartley Row, a former hamlet of Hartley Wintney.

In the 1940s and 50s, the club played at Causeway Farm adjacent to the cricket club, in the Basingstoke League. The minutes of meetings covering 15 seasons from 1948, compiled by the club's outstanding secretary Fred Cook, includes the change of club colours from blue squares to tangerine in 1956.

The club moved to the Memorial Ground on Green Lane in 1953 and later joined the Aldershot League. In 1973, Glynn Howells was appointed as manager. In his six-year reign, the team won the Aldershot Senior League three times in succession, and the Aldershot Senior Cup.

A founder member of the Combined Counties League in 1978, Hartley later appointed Ian Bedford as manager. An influx of senior players during the 80s included several ex-pros: Mick Travers (ex-Reading, Portsmouth and Aldershot); Richard Walden (ex-Aldershot, Sheffield Wednesday and Newport County) and Steve Finnieston (ex-Chelsea, Cardiff City and Sheffield United).

Under Bedford's management, the club won the Aldershot Senior Cup (1980/81), the George Allen Cup (1981/82) and the Combined Counties League (1982/83). A new clubhouse was opened with David Willoughby, secretary and treasurer, and Bill Mitchell, club chairman, devoting exceptional hours to this venture.

The club gained promotion to the Combined Counties Premier under the management of Mike Scott in 2007/08, but the following season ended in relegation. The team rallied following the appointments of Pete Gray and John Condon in 2009/10 and Louis King in 2010/11.

Neville Roach then took charge for 2011/12, assisted by Mick Wollen and Scott Tarr, and the club finished 3rd in CCL Div. 1, which was good enough for a return to the Premier Division. But the euphoria of promotion was dampened when the coaching staff and nearly the entire squad left at the end of the season.

Ex-Millwall defender Dave Tuttle was given the summer to prepare a squad for 2012/13. However, a string of poor results led to a second change in management within four months and 24-year-old ex-Hartley striker Ben Dillon was given his first managerial role.

Alongside Jason Minton and Joe Lawler, Dillon set about rebuilding, with Hartley well adrift at the bottom of the table. The introduction of a talented group of players restored the spirit around the club and, in what became known as the club's 'Great Escape', the Row's place in the CCL Premier was secured against all the odds.

Finishing 7th in CCL Premier in 2013/14, the footballing highlight was the run to the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first ever time, losing to Daventry Town in front of a home crowd of over 1,000.

The new club crest was commissioned during the season; designer Philippa Bell incorporated elements from the 13th century when the village of Hertleye Wynteneye drew its name from 'the clearing in the forest where the deer graze by Winta's island', hence the tree and stag motifs. 2015/16 was very eventful. After a memorable FA Cup win at Merthyr Town, Hartley came back from two down, only to concede an injury time goal at Conference South side Eastbourne Borough. In the FA Vase, a longstanding club record was broken by reaching the 5th Round Proper. In front of a sellout 1,300 at Green Lane, eventual finalists Hereford proved too strong, but the Row went on to claim the CCL Premier Division title; however, promotion was denied due to ground grading.

The 2016/17 season under Brownlie and Millerick was extraordinary. Propelled by the goals of strike duo Sam Argent and Ross Cook, the Row topped the CCL Premier Division for the entire season, reached the semi-final of the Hampshire Senior Cup and the final of the Aldershot Senior Cup. The club secured the required ground grading to take their place in the Southern League at Step 4 for the first time.

2017/18 was as successful as the previous season. The club embarked on their first FA Trophy campaign, going out in the 1st Round Proper to eventual finalists Bromley. In Southern League South (East Division), the Row sat within the top four for much of the season. A play-off place was secured, with the Row winning their semi-final against AFC Dunstable. In front of a crowd of over 700 at Green Lane, a tense game against Cambridge City was decided by a Nic Ciardini goal - who was on the end of Jack Ball's towering header - to gain promotion to Southern Premier South at Step 3.

There was deep sadness in 2021 when club president Bill Mitchell passed away in April. He had been a huge influence on the club and a true gentleman who continued his family's tradition of being Hartley Wintney through and through.

Development team manager Ross Weatherstone and first team coach Ty Newton were appointed as joint managers for 2022/23. Pre-season results were encouraging, but the team struggled in the league and the pair resigned in October. Ex-Arsenal pro Ian Selley and his assistant, Mick Bennett, took charge but, after a reasonable start, results again failed to meet expectations.

With the club in the relegation zone, the Row turned to two former players, ex-pro Rowan Vine, and Shane Hollamby. The pair steadied the ship, returned belief to the fans and the playing group, and worked the team back to being competitive in every game. But the lack of financial headroom finally hit home. Without the cutting edge of a proven goalscorer to turn the draws and narrow losses into wins, the Row were relegated.

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Season 2024/25 sees another change of management and almost a new squad. Joint managers Jamie Daltry and John Cooke are looking to steer The Row to success after their own successful season at Knaphill where they took the Knappers to the CCL playoff semi final.

2024/25 VELOCITY CUP RUN

Last year's Velocity Cup run was a standout moment for the whole team last season as we reached the Semi-Finals with some incredible performances on route. Here's a reminder of our journey:

Badshot Lea 1-3 Binfield - Tues 3rd September 24

A receiving a bye in the opening round, the Moles faced a midweek trip to Badshot Lea in Round 2. Mitch Parker's goal in the first half was enough to separate the two sides in the opening 45 minutes before Charlie George doubled the Moles' lead in the second half. Parker then grabbed his second from the penalty spot and despite a late consolation from Lamin Ceesay in injury time, the Moles progressed through the third round.



Dulwich Hamlet 1-4 Binfield - Tues 15th October 24



Perhaps the most impressive performance of the season from the Moles came in the third round when they travelled to Dulwich Hamlet. Parker again put the Moles ahead inside three minutes with an incredible free kick and Rahzir Smith-Jones smashed the ball into the net to double the Moles' lead inside 15 minutes in a dominant first half. Lorenzo halved the deficit before Parker eased the Moles' nerves turning in a great cross from Elias Bagdonavicius before Connor Jeanes made it a memorable night for the Moles as he turned in Parker's corner in added time to send the Moles into the Last 16

Harrow Borough 0-2 Binfield - Tues 17th December 24

It was another trip for the Moles in the Last 16 as they faced Harrow Borough. As was common in the rounds prior, they took an early lead through captain Dan Lewis and went two ahead before half time through Tyler D'Cruz. They soaked up the pressure in the second half and a missed penalty from the home side in added time was as close as they got to getting past CJ Fubler as the Moles continued their journey.



Hastings United 1-2 Binfield - Tues 21st January 25



The first team bus route of the competition saw us travel to the South coast to take on Hastings United. The Moles once again took the lead midway through the first half from the penalty spot by Razhir Smith-Jones. Reese Jones Jr then doubled the Moles' lead right on half time with an improvised volley and a celebration dedicated to the boss on the sidelines. Hastings piled on the pressure in the second half but could only break the Moles resistance deep into added time and Binfield held on to make it through to the Semi Final

Billericay Town 4-1 Binfield - Tues 4th March 2025

It was a trip to Billericay Town for Binfield in the Semi-Final. They were in dreamland five minutes into the game when Jones Jr picked out D'Cruz who finished brilliantly to give the Moles the lead. But Billericay showed why they were at the top of the Step 3 Isthmian League Premier as they ran out 4-1 winners to end a truly memorable campaign for the Moles



Raynes Park Vale had the chance to go level on points with leaders Leatherhead as they headed to Binfield. Vale went ahead on eighteen minutes, new arrival Calvin Ekpiteta with his first Vale goal, and almost immediately added another, Omarr Lawson making it two and scoring for a third match in a row. On the half hour Kenny Beaney added a third from the spot and it looked a long way back for the Moles, and indeed it was two far, three-nil the final score.

Hartley Wintney ended Leatherhead's unbeaten run in midweek, and our fourth place side welcomed Met Police hoping to climb higher still. Alex Body was the difference on Tuesday night, and he opened the scoring in this one, too, on seventeen minutes, but the boys in blue were level ten minutes before half time, Guy Davies with the equaliser- and quickly got what turned out to be the winner, Erick Kenko lifting them to fourth, their hosts dropping to sixth.

Horndean, strengthened by a collection of new arrivals, were the hosts for Hanworth Villa, the visitors buoyed by ending a winless run with a hammering of Harrow Borough in midweek. The Deans were eight without a win, and they were quickly behind in this one, Sam Merson taking only three minutes to open the scoring. John Casey made it two on twenty minutes, and it soon turned into another hammering. Merson made it three-nil eight minutes into the second half, and although Harry Medway then got one back for the hosts Merson completed his hat trick with twenty minutes to go, and Abdullah Javid got a fifth two minutes from time. Image from [Nick Taylor](#).

FA Trophy 2nd Qualifying Round

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AFC Portchester was the destination for Tavistock, the Devon side making rather a long trip- and the trip home would have seemed longer still as the hosts ran out three-nil winners. Zack EWillelt opened the scoring after only five minutes, Lee Wort made it two four minutes later, and Brett Pitman added the third just before the end.

Beckenham Town, searching for a new manager after Danny Waldren's departure in midweek, were at home to South Central side Hendon, both sides still searching for their best form. Those who turned up to watch were treated to seven goals- although we suspect the home fans won't have got much enjoyment. Brad Dixon-Smith put the visitors ahead on ten minutes, but Becks levelled on twenty seven minutes and went ahead just before the break. That was, however, as good as it was to get for the hosts. Seven minutes into the second half Nikolai Krokhin delivered an equaliser, and nineteen minutes from time Sam Shaban headed home to make it three-two to the visitors. An own goal made it four-two four minutes from time, and there was still time for Niko Muir to add a fifth in added time.

Fareham Town welcomed Bishops Cleeve, and sadly departed the competition, the visitors winning four-two. Will Ayre and Charlie Hooper got the two.

Ascot United headed to Hadley, and after a two-two draw the hosts triumphed seven-six from the spot. Chick Sylla and an own goal were the Yellas scorers.

Harrow Borough welcomed Jersey Bulls for an early kick off, both looking for a positive reaction to midweek defeat. Borough started superbly, and Lenny Farhall was in particularly sparkling form, scoring a hat trick within the first eighteen minutes. Could the visitors hit back? They couldn't, and nine minutes from time Lucas Miller added a fourth to seal victory.

Hayes & Yeading United and Southall played out a landlords v tenants derby, and the hosts quickly made the breakthrough, although the visitors scored the goal for them, an own goal putting United ahead on eight minutes. Hayes had a second four minutes later, Ryan Ewhare with that one, and just before the break Tyler Hayles made it three. Just after the hour Kevin Diomande got one back for The All, but that just spurred on the hosts to add a fourth and a fifth, Kaylen Hinds and Jack McKnight with those.

South Central leaders Leatherhead were back at Fetcham Grove as they welcomed promotion rivals Kingstonian, the latter looking for revenge for a two-one loss on August Bank Holiday Monday. Sadly for the travelling fans, revenge was not served, the Tanners running out two-nil winners. Jordan Gallagher opened the scoring in the first half, and a seemingly comical own goal finished the visitors off in the second.

Westfield were looking to bounce back from midweek Cup defeat as they welcomed Bognor Regis Town in an all South Central clash. They went ahead on the hour, Finn Evans the scorer, but the visitors levelled six minutes from time to send it to penalties, Lennie Smith with the equaliser. Field won the shootout, four-three.

By Jon Couch

NON-LEAGUE statisticians have been working their fingers to the bone in recent weeks as the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase gather momentum.

Not least Phil Annets and our friends at Non-League Factfile, who provide NLP readers with all the facts and figures ahead of each Trophy and Vase round, together with an astonishing array of historical facts, some of which dating back to embryonic years of each competition.

This afternoon sees the latest instalment on the road to Wembley - and already things are hotting up.

The Isuzu FA Trophy sees the remaining 80 Step 4 clubs compete in the second qualifying round with Step 3 clubs awaiting the winners.

Two-time winners Grays Athletic, along with Consett FC, Sutton Coldfield Town, Leighton Town and Falmouth Town are the last five remaining clubs still standing who started this season's competition in the preliminary round back in August, while ten Trophy debutants have also made it through. Hartpury FC versus Portishead Town guarantees at least one of those ten will be in the third qualifying round.

Malvern Town, Crowborough Athletic, Beckenham Town and AFC Portchester are all also in this second qualifying round for the first time ever, whilst six other clubs have equalled their best Trophy run. Within those six are East Grinstead Town and VCD Athletic who face each other to guarantee at least one other club will be making FA Trophy history this season.

All four former winners won through their first qualifying round ties with Stafford Rangers, champions in 1971-72 and 1978-79, drawn to travel to debut club Sporting Club Inkberrow, whilst double winners Kingstonian, from 1998 to 2000, visit 1978 runners-up and Surrey neighbours Leatherhead.

In this round, 25 of the 40 ties involve two clubs that will face each other in the League this season, although only six ties have happened in the Trophy before. Thame United v Winchester City is the only tie to be occurring for the third time with Thame having won both previous meetings over the past six seasons.



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xSwindon Supermarine has had the longest wait of 12 years for their chance to avenge defeat by Bideford FC, whilst both Welwyn Garden City and Deal Town have an immediate opportunity to cancel out last season's defeats to Tilbury and Ashford United respectively.

This afternoon's Isuzu FA Vase ties involves 199 Step 5 clubs and 175 from Step 6 competing in the second qualifying round.

Thirty-six of those ties guarantee a Step 6 clubs being in the hat for the first round on Monday lunchtime.

Eighteen debut clubs are involved in this round with Thornton Cleveleys, Stapleford Town, Belstone FC, Everett Rovers and Crowle Colts all competing in all-Step 6 encounters.

The latter two clubs are also involved in games where the winner will set of equal their best Vase run, against Dearne and District and Staines and Lammas (Middx) respectively. Seven ties will result in the winner creating FA Vase history for the club.

NW London v Letchworth Garden City Eagles and Balham FC v Jarvis Brook will see clubs either equalling or setting their best run.

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos against London Samurai Rovers and Hollands and Blair versus South East Dons will see a club definitely equal their best Vase run. But AFC Welwyn versus Kings Park Rangers is the only other tie that will guarantee a club will be in the first round for the first time.

On the flip side, there are seven former winners participating in this round. Hoddesdon Town, the first ever Vase winners in 1974-75, along with Whickham (1980-81), Newport Pagnell Town (2021-22), Thatcham Town (2017-18) and the competition's most successful club, four-time winners Whitley Bay (2001-02, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11), all have home ties. Two-time holders Brigg Town (1995-96, 2002-03) and Arlesey Town (1994-95) are drawn away, at Athersley Recreation and Haverhill Rovers respectively.

Incidentally, Haverhill have had to wait 32 years for the opportunity to avenge a 2-1 defeat to Arlesey, whilst it is 44 years since Paulton Rovers beat Ilminster Town by the same scoreline.

Framlingham Town will be the keenest to wipe out the memory of 7-1 defeat to Lakenheath - the only previous time they met in the Vase in 2020-21.

Just three ties have happened twice before with Tow Law Town twice beating Billingham Synthonia and Wellington defeating Penzance both previous times, whilst Ely City and Fakenham Town have one win apiece in past meetings.

That Ely versus Fakenham tie is one of 26 that involve clubs who will meet in the league this season. The three all-Wessex League Premier Division ties make that the most from one particular league.

And for you wordsmiths out there, there are 18 clubs competing this afternoon with a name containing the word 'and', with Laverstock & Ford v Totton & Eling the only 'Ampersand' derby of the round.

This largest ever FA Vase field makes the road to Non-League Finals Day longer and windier than ever - but with that, allows fans to further embrace and celebrate the competition in all its glory.

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PLAYER STATS

Player	Moles Debut	2025/26 Season										Moles' Career									
		Isthmian League					Cup					Total					League				
		Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Assists	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Assists	Apps	Goals	Assists	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Total
Eijiro Abbey	Aug 25 Winslow United	6	2	8	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	10	2	2	8	2	2	0	10	2	
Natty Boakye	Aug 25 Winslow United	8	0	8	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	10	2	3	8	2	2	0	10	2	
Monty Brady	Aug 23 Ashford Town	3	3	6	2	0	3	0	3	1	0	9	3	0	22	3	5	1	27	4	
Ryley Campbell	Aug 25 Hordean	2	3	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	1	0	6	0	
Logan Coles	Apr 25 Rayners Lane	8	0	8	3	1	3	0	3	0	1	11	3	2	14	3	3	0	17	3	
Owen Cummins	Aug 25 Winslow United	1	6	7	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	7	0	2	0	9	0	
Kyle Daniel-Spray	Aug 25 Winslow United	8	0	8	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	11	0	1	8	0	3	0	11	0	
Amari Fashanu	Aug 25 Winslow United	7	0	7	1	2	3	0	3	1	2	10	2	4	7	1	3	1	10	2	
Coleridge Fubler Jr	Sep 24 Hanworth Villa	5	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	43	0	8	0	51	0	
Aaron Gardiner	Mar 24 South Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	4	1	
Ajani Giscoombe	Aug 25 Winslow United	5	3	8	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	11	0	0	8	0	3	0	11	0	
Harvey Griffiths	Dec 21 Ashford Town	2	1	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	36	0	15	0	51	0	
Levi Heholt	Sep 25 East Grinstead	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	
Ollie Henry	Sep 25 Raynes Park Vale	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Reese Jones Jr	Jan 24 Met. Police	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	1	4	1	37	2	
Daniel Lewis	Aug 23 Ashford Town	8	0	8	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	11	0	0	88	2	18	2	106	4	
Ethan Lindo	Dec 23 Guernsey	8	0	8	2	2	3	0	3	5	0	11	7	2	47	17	5	5	52	22	
Shae Lindo-Lee	Aug 25 Hordean	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Brighton Morrison	Aug 24 Ascot	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	1	0	10	0	
Theo Pennicott-Bowen	Oct 24 SCR	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	29	0	5	0	34	0	
Qu'ran Raynor	Sep 25 Raynes Park Vale	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Josh Sandy	Aug 25 Winslow United	5	1	6	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	6	0	3	0	9	0	
Hugh Scott	Aug 25 Winslow United	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	
Dagaio Stewart	Aug 24 Lordswood	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	2	14	0	7	0	21	0	
Toby Thompson	Aug 25 Winslow United	5	1	6	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	8	1	0	6	1	2	0	8	1	
Aunde Todd	Aug 25 Winslow United	1	4	5	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	7	0	1	5	0	2	0	7	0	
Matt Tweed	Dec 24 Harrow Borough	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	11	0	3	0	14	0	
Tommy Whitby	Sep 25 South Park	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	
Lucas Wynn	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	8	0	

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Leatherhead	7	5	1	1	15	4	+11	16
	2 Raynes Park Vale	7	5	1	1	19	10	+9	16
	3 Harrow Borough	6	4	0	2	11	11	0	12
	4 Metropolitan Police	6	3	2	1	13	13	0	11
	5 Hanworth Villa	6	3	1	2	14	5	+9	10
	6 Hartley Wintney	6	3	1	2	10	5	+5	10
	7 Hayes & Yeading United	6	3	1	2	11	10	+1	10
	8 Kingstonian	7	3	1	3	12	13	-1	10
	9 Littlehampton Town	6	3	1	2	6	9	-3	10
	10 Ascot United	6	3	0	3	8	5	+3	9
	11 South Park (Reigate)	6	3	0	3	10	9	+1	9
	12 Moneyfields	6	2	2	2	14	18	-4	8
	13 Binfield	8	2	2	4	13	21	-8	8
	14 Fareham Town	5	2	1	2	8	6	+2	7
	15 Bedfont Sports	4	2	1	1	7	6	+1	7
	16 AFC Portchester	5	2	0	3	12	11	+1	6
	17 Westfield	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
	18 Horndean	8	1	2	5	11	20	-9	5
	19 Hendon	6	0	4	2	9	13	-4	4
	20 Southall	5	1	1	3	7	11	-4	4
	21 Bognor Regis Town	7	1	1	5	11	17	-6	4
	22 Egham Town	3	0	1	2	4	7	-3	1



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Hanworth Villa vs Southall

Hayes & Yeading vs Raynes Park Vale

Littlehampton Town vs Bedfont Sports

Moneyfields vs Egham Town



VELOCITY CUP - SECOND ROUND

VCD Athletic 2-5 Walthamstow

Ascot United 4-2 Raynes Park Vale

Hayes & Yeading 5-2 Southall

Herne Bay 0-1 Sheppey United

Tues 30th September:

Broadbridge Heath vs East Grinstead Town

Erith Town vs Deal Town

Faversham Town vs Ashford Town

Stanway Rovers vs Takeley

Tues 7th October:

Bowers & Pitsea vs Newmarket Town

Harrow Borough vs Hendon

Stanway Rovers vs Takeley

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AFC Croydon vs AFC Whyteleafe

*Brightlingsea Regent/Brantham Athletic
vs Witham Town*

*Crowborough Athletic/Hastings United
vs Sittingbourne*

*Fareham Town/AFC Portchester
vs Egham Town*

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HOME AWAY

August 2025

- 09 Hordean
- 12 Ascot United
- 23 Southall
- 25 Hartley Wintney
- 30 Moneyfields

September 2025

- 13 South Park
- 16 Met Police
- 20 Raynes Park Vale
- 27 Hendon
- 30 Leatherhead

October 2025

- 04 Westfield
- 11 Hayes & Yeading Utd
- 14 Met Police
- 18 Fareham Town
- 25 Hanworth Villa

November 2025

- 01 Egham Town
- 08 Raynes Park Vale
- 11 Ascot United
- 15 Kingstonian
- 22 Bognor Regis Town
- 29 Horndean

December 2025

- 06 Littlehampton Town
- 13 AFC Portchester
- 20 Moneyfields
- 27 Bedfont Sports

January 2026

- 03 Hartley Wintney
- 10 Harrow Borough
- 17 Leatherhead
- 24 Hayes & Yeading Utd
- 31 Westfield

February 2026

- 07 Hendon
- 14 Fareham Town
- 21 Hanworth Villa
- 28 Egham Town

March 2026

- 14 AFC Portchester
- 21 Littlehampton Town
- 28 Harrow Borough

April 2026

- 04 Southall
- 06 Bedfont Sports
- 11 South Park
- 18 Kingstonian
- 25 Bognor Regis Town



Second Round

23rd Sept - Hartley Wintney



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