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From Our Chairman, Andy Cotton



A very warm welcome to everyone for tonight's PitchIn In Isthmian South Central Division 1 game versus Harrow Borough Football Club.

Another unusual home fixture for the Moles here at Ashford Town, who have been so kind to let us hire their awesome ground and facilities tonight to ensure we could get the game on. You're damned if you do, and damned if you don't. We made the call 10 days ago to play the game away from Hill Farm Lane - the last few days have seen us have a dry spell and our pitch is likely playable now, albeit that we didn't want to risk it. Hopefully, we will be able to finish the season at home and get in some much needed income.

Harrow Borough currently sit in 7th place in the division and therefore will be looking to build on their unbeaten run of 4 games tonight. Results between the two sides has been fairly even over the past couple of seasons and I'm fully expecting that it will be a close game tonight.

Our game away at Horndean last week was a comfortable win in the end against a side that is looking like it's running out of room in their bid to avoid the drop. On a very heavy pitch, the Moles dug deep and were able to come back up the A3 with 3 unanswered goals and 3 points in the bag - did you see what I did there.

Our game away to Egham on Saturday is one that we would all like to forget as it was just a miserable spectacle for the most part. Losing 3-2 on the day, our opponents miserableness and long throw ins numbed the senses. Whilst we could have easily snuck a drawer at the end, it was actually a relief to hear the officials final whistle if the truth be told. It's one of those football games that reminds you of those bygone days when coaching standards were less complex.

Last Thursday, our 1st Team photographer Daisy had a coming together with a car as she was walking to meet up with friends. Daisy suffered a double leg fracture and has subsequently spent the past 4 nights in hospital where she had an operation to fix her broken bones. Daisy and her Dad are both an integral part of life at the club and we are going to be counting down the days before she returns to us. Having turned 18 a few days before her accident, Daisy was planning celebrating her big birthday with the team. We will have to put those celebrations on hold whilst she recuperates. On behalf of everyone at the club, I'd like to extend our love and very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"I'm repeating myself here but it's worth repeating" - The winter has been tough on all clubs that rely on grass pitches for their football games. Binfield FC is no exception here and whilst us traditionalist like to see the game played on the green stuff, its becoming ever more difficult to guarantee football on it. This is just an early heads up for club members to confirm that we have now commenced with a project to explore getting 3G down at Hill Farm Lane. This is still early stages but we are getting this message out there to let everyone know what our plans are. If any of you feel that you are able to contribute anything towards the project then please do not hesitate to contact me or Andrew Williams - we'd love to hear from you.

As always, let's hope it's another good game today and another great advert for the Division. Have a safe journey home everyone and thank you for coming to watch the game here at Ashford Town - thank you Dean!!!

Cmon you Moles

Andy Cotton

Binfield FC 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 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.

THE VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



Good evening ALL,

Tonight we play another home fixture away from Hill Farm Lane, I hope based on the turn in weather this will be the last time we have to do this. I want to give a huge thank you to the Chairman & executive committee at the club to organise these games. Today we borrow Ashford Town FC & we appreciate you having us.

Tonight we host Harrow Borough FC, everyone at the club would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this Binfield FC fixture. I'd like to wish the Hanworth management team, their players, all their officials and fans a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home after the game.

Harrow presents a tough challenge, Harrow have been in excellent form recently and have not lost in the last 4 games, winning the last 3 games. We have done our homework and I know all the players & management team are ready for this one.

Following my last program notes against Hanworth Villa FC, we have played 2 away games against Horndean FC where we picked up a solid 3-0 win and a lethargic defeat to Egham Town FC away.

The game against Hanworth, was a Home game away from home, played at Ascot United FC, a 0-0 thriller! With both teams having chances, Hanworth did most of their good work in the first 20 minutes and I felt we were the better team in the second half and could have easily got the win late on! A draw was a fair result on reflection of the game.

Last Tuesday night we traveled to Horndean away, who like us are fighting for their lives to stay in the division, so to go there and come away with all 3 points and a clean-sheet was a perfect night. What a tough place, pitch & team to play on a Tuesday night! The players adapted & executed an efficient performance! Kickie will rightly take the headlines for a fantastic hat-trick, however, our defensive department were outstanding again tonight. 3 more in the right direction.

On Saturday we played Egham Town FC away. After a solid block of performances & results, in this game we got exactly what our performance deserved, a 3-2 defeat. As a team we were off it, we needed to be more resilient in defending long throws & set pieces. Our normal attacking purpose lacked pace & end product, we scored a good goal through Natty and Monty came on, got fouled for the penalty and scored it.

As we now enter the final 2 months of the season, we will not have any easy games, after tonight we have 12 games, 6 homes and 6 away games, where we will be playing 9 games against teams in and around us, meaning in most games, every team we play, will be playing for something, a task I will make sure as a team, we are prepared for.

Thank you as always for your continued support, we are going to need everyone of you in the challenging run in, starting tonight.

Enjoy the Game

Rosco

First Team Manager



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BINFIELD VS HARROW BOROUGH

let's try this again! Good evening and welcome to the Robert Parker Stadium for the Isthmian League clash between the Moles and Harrow Borough. Once again it is a 'home away from home' game for the Moles and a big thanks to Ashford once again for their support getting this fixture played. The Moles are still one of the teams to beat in 2026 while Harrow Borough are on a charge to climb into the play off places. This fixture last season was a classic so lets hope for more of the same this evening.



The Moles have enjoyed life at the start of the new calendar year. Two league defeats in their last 11 has seen them gain plenty of confidence and rise out of the bottom four as they begin to look upwards for the remaining months of the season. Saturday's trip to Egham Town was a slight drop in performance and ended in a narrow defeat. Conceding a second goal shortly before half time gave the Moles an uphill task but when Natty Boakye added a composed finish on the hour mark after being slid through by Owen Smith, the Moles had hope. They conceded a third minutes later which seemed to kick Binfield into life as they applied some late pressure. A Monty Brady penalty deep in stoppage time reduced the deficit to one and nearly snatched an equaliser but they ran out of time. That pressure applied in the last 10 minutes is something they can bring into this evening's match as they look to get back to winning ways.

Our visitors this afternoon sit 7th in the league as they look to bridge the gap between themselves and the play-off places. They too have enjoyed a successful February with three wins on the bounce at home to South Park & Littlehampton Town before a 2-1 victory at Fareham Town on Saturday. Dernel Wynter and London Brookshaw's goalscoring form means they are the ones to watch this evening.

MATCH PHOTOS

By Daisy Spiers

Our photography Daisy will be absent from the sidelines for a few weeks after an accident last week. Everyone at the club wishes Daisy a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her back of the sidelines very soon



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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

HARROW BOROUGH

Roxonian FC was founded in the summer of 1933. The Club spent their first season in the Harrow and District League (playing their home games at a ground on Northolt Road), finishing runners-up in Division 1. They were accepted into the Spartan League, which coincided with the move to Earlsmead.

1938 saw Roxonian finish runners-up in Division 2 (West) but they had to wait for promotion until the following season, as only the champions went up. This was achieved under the new name of Harrow Town. War intervened though the Club continued to play in, first, the West Middlesex Combination, then the Middlesex Senior League. Peace brought a return to the Spartan League until 1958 when runners-up spot enabled the Club to move to the Delphian League. 5 seasons were spent here, until mergers saw Town accepted into Division 2 of the Athenian League in 1963.

In their first season at this level they finished runners-up, denied the championship only by goal difference. However, only 3 seasons were spent in Division 1, whence a name change to Harrow Borough coincided with relegation in 1967. 8 seasons were played as occupants of Division 2, during which it seemed that the club might withdraw from senior football, and only the efforts of a few hardy individuals kept the Club alive.

The early 1980s saw the Club's most successful spell so far. The Middlesex Charity Cup was won in 1980, the Middlesex Senior Cup three years later. Also in 1983 Harrow Borough reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy, losing to the eventual winners, Telford United, over two legs.

1992/93, however, saw a dramatic improvement, with both the Middlesex Senior Cup and Middlesex Charity Cup returning to Earlsmead. The semi-final of the latter saw Chelsea defeated 4-1. A league placing of 8th was also their best for 6 seasons. This form continued over the next three seasons under the management team of Harry Manoe, with the Club finishing 9th in 1993-94, 10th 1994-95 and 9th again in 1996-97. A dip in the Club's fortunes saw his departure, to be followed by a succession of managers. A disastrous run of form during the 1999/2000 season saw the Club avoid relegation by just a single goal.

Despite an encouraging start to the season to the 2000/01 season, which saw Boro' reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for only the second time (losing 0-3 to a Wycombe Wanderers side that went on to the semi-finals), a poor run of performances after Christmas saw the Club finish 4th from bottom again with just 2 points to spare.

2001-02 saw the club commence a long-term plan, targeting youth development. As well as fielding a young side, which managed to retain Premier Division status once more, close partnerships were formed with local youth football clubs. The summer of 2004 saw the formation of an Allied Counties under 18's squad, designed to bridge the gap between youth and senior football.

On a pleasanter note season 2005-06 saw Boro' win the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup for the third time with a 2-0 success over Enfield Town. Season 2006-07 saw the feat replicated with victory over Brook House 5-4 on penalties following a 0-0 scoreline. Season 2008-09 saw Boro' finish as Runners-Up in the Isthmian League Cup, losing out to Tilbury 2-0 in the Final played on the ground of Staines Town FC. That season also saw Boro' reach the Semi Final of the London Senior Cup, a competition which they had entered for the first time in a considerable number of years.

Season 2009-10 saw Boro' finish in a very creditable 14th position in the Ryman Premier Division. At Reserve Team level Boro's Capital League side, under the stewardship of Stuart Crawford, brought much success to the Club by winning the double of the Capital League: Western Division Title to go along with that of Capital League: President's Challenge Cup winners. Added to the fact that Boro' had cleared their longstanding debt with HM Revenue & Customs and the Club entered the 2010-11 season with new found optimism.

But during the summer Boro' received shock news that Manager David Howell had decided to resign his position, taking with him his Assistant, Ken Charlery, and the other members of his Management Team. This meant a hard summer for the Boro' Board and for new manager Dave Anderson who returned to the Club he had served previously as Reserve Team Manager and then

The summer of 2018 also saw everyone at Harrow take great pride in the selection of our former goalkeeper Nick Pope to the England World Cup squad. When he made his England debut against Costa Rica he became the first ex-Harrow player to win a full international cap for England.

Then came the announcement all at The Rogers Family Stadium had feared for some little while - as part of the restructuring of The Non League Pyramid, Boro' were to be transferred to the Southern Football League along with Hendon, Metropolitan Police, Staines Town and newly promoted Walton Casuals. The Club and its supporters decided to embrace this change in a very positive manner and an enjoyable season followed with Boro' finishing in 7th position having picked up 63 points from 42 games. Boro' were also joint highest goalscorers in the Division with 97. Additionally they were Runners-up in the Middlesex Senior Cup losing out to Championship League side Brentford in the Final which was played at Brentford FC's Griffin Park ground, soon to be closed.

Both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons were to be curtailed due to COVID-19. Despite the considerable problems caused first, by the restrictions on social gatherings leading to a reduction in bar takings and hall bookings - both major sources of the club's revenue - and then by the complete closure of the club premises. Good contacts were maintained with the playing squad, and many remained with the side when the 2021-22 season began. A poor start saw only three points gathered from the first five league games, but from the start of September a great run saw 13 wins out of 15, and progress through four qualifying rounds of the FA Cup, to reach the First Round

Proper for the fifth time in the club's history. There were celebrations in the club when Wes Morgan drew our ball out to give us Harrow a tie at Portsmouth, a game that was watched by the largest crowd ever to watch Harrow Borough. It gave Steve Baker and his squad a chance to test themselves against opponents from four tiers higher, and although they lost, they did so with enormous dignity, only going down 1-0. The season ended with Boro' finishing in a very creditable 14th position in the Southern League Premier Division South League Table.

2022/23 saw a season of struggle in the league which eventually saw Boro' finishing in a relegation position, only to be reprieved yet again this time as a result of Metropolitan Police taking voluntary relegation and thus our place at Step 4. The only bright spark was a run in The FA Trophy which saw us defeated, in a penalty shoot-out, by the eventual winners, AFC Halifax Town in the 4th Round Proper. Steve Baker became the longest serving manager in the club's history during the course of the season, but announced he would be leaving the post at the end of the campaign.

2023/24 saw the inevitable happen with Boro' finishing in 21st position in the league table and relegation to the Isthmian League South Central being confirmed. Jordan Berry and his management team left at the season's end, being replaced by Ben Bukowski (Manager) supported by Keegan Cole (Assistant Manager), Dennis Quigley (1st Team Coach) and Nicolai Collins (goalkeeping coach).

2024/25 started brightly and the Club briefly held top spot in the division, but Ben and Keegan decided to jump ship and move to Hendon in early January. Dennis Quigley took over the reins aided by Nicolai Collins and Jacob Cook but the slide was on and the Club eventually finished in a disappointing 15th position, leading to the departure of the fledgling management team.

The Interviewing Panel were delayed in appointing a new manager until certain financial issues had been resolved but once this was done the Club were delighted to welcome the experienced Wayne Carter into the hot seat along with a new management team.

YOUNG MOLES WATCH

Binfield U23 Development:

Player	TVL Div 1 Reserves				Cups				Total	
	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals	Apps	Goals
Samuel Applegarth	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Reegan Artman	11	0	11	0	4	0	4	0	15	0
Monty Brady	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	4
Adam Cowley	8	1	9	4	1	2	3	0	12	4
Connor Gonzalez	10	0	10	16	3	0	3	3	13	19
Matthew Greenough	4	1	5	1	1	0	1	1	6	2
Thomas Harvey	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	4	0
Jack Howard	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	0	6	0
Freddie Jedras	2	8	10	3	3	0	3	3	13	6
Jack Kittelsen	10	1	11	0	3	0	3	0	14	0
Rhys Littleford	6	1	7	0	3	0	3	0	10	0
Oliver Marner	4	2	6	1	0	2	2	2	8	3
Charlie Martin	9	0	9	5	4	0	4	1	13	6
Joe Neall	9	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	12	1
Daniel Prince	0	5	5	1	1	1	2	0	7	1
Aaron Reed	10	1	11	1	4	0	4	0	15	1
Lucas Rowe	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0
Jack Saleh	3	7	10	1	3	1	4	1	14	2
Ellis Smith	10	0	10	0	3	0	3	1	13	1
Daniel Snow	10	0	10	1	3	0	3	1	13	2
Euan Stiles	9	0	9	0	3	0	3	0	12	0
Matt Tweed	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Freddie Wylie	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	0	5	2

Thames Valley League Division One Reserves

06-Sep	AFC Winkfield Reserves	5-1
20-Sep	Burghfield Reserves	3-2
27-Sep	Maidenhead Town Reserves	7-1
25-Oct	Yateley United "A"	3-4
01-Nov	Berks County Reserves	1-3
08-Nov	Berks County Reserves	5-0
15-Nov	Burghfield Reserves	6-1
06-Dec	Henley Town Development	11-0
17-Jan	Yateley United "A"	0-2
14-Feb	Reading YMCA Rapids	3-0
21-Feb	Westwood Wanderers	0-1
28-Feb	AFC Winkfield Reserves	P-P
07-Mar	Westwood Wanderers	H
28-Mar	Henley Town Development	A

Berkshire Trophy Centre Senior Cup

04-Oct	Wraysbury	2-1
24-Jan	Chalfont Wasps	4-1
14-Mar	Tadley Calleva Reserves	A

The Charles Twelftree Cup

11-Oct	Faringdon Town First	3-6
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29-Nov	Marlow United	4-0
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One Reserves

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Yateley United "A"	11	10	1	0	26	31
2	Berks County Reserves	15	6	5	4	0	23
3	Binfield Development u23	11	7	0	4	29	21
4	Westwood Wanderers Reserves	10	6	2	2	10	20
5	Maidenhead Town Reserves	11	3	3	5	-7	12
6	Henley Town Development	13	3	3	7	-27	12
7	Reading YMCA Rapids	10	3	2	5	-3	11
8	Burghfield Reserves	12	2	4	6	-10	10
9	AFC Winkfield Reserves	11	1	2	8	-18	5

Binfield U18 Allies:

Allied Counties Youth Football League

30-Sep	Holyport	1-1	05-Mar	Frimley Green	H
09-Oct	Burnham	2-2	19-Mar	Wokingham Town	H
15-Oct	Slough Town	4-1	26-Mar	Windsor & Eton	A
23-Oct	Slough Town	6-0	30-Mar	Holyport	H
30-Oct	Windsor & Eton	1-0	02-Apr	Abbey Rangers	H
06-Nov	Wokingham Town	1-2	09-Apr	Camberley Town	H
13-Nov	Walton & Hershaw	3-3			
20-Nov	Camberley Town	0-1		<i>Allied Counties Youth Football League Cup</i>	
27-Nov	Abbey Rangers	0-1	28-Aug	Reading City	0-2
15-Dec	Burnham	4-1			
26-Jan	Walton & Hershaw	1-0		<i>Berks & Bucks FA County Cups</i>	
16-Feb	Frimley Green	1-0	22-Sep	Abington United	1-3

South Division

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Camberley Town	11	8	2	1	19	26
2	Slough Town	16	7	3	6	4	24
3	Binfield	12	6	3	3	12	21
4	Walton & Hershaw	14	5	6	3	11	21
5	Wokingham Town	10	6	1	3	15	19
6	Abbey Rangers	12	6	1	5	2	19
7	Burnham	13	5	1	7	-7	16
8	Windsor & Eton	10	4	1	5	3	13
9	Holyport	11	4	1	6	-9	13
10	Frimley Green	13	0	1	12	-50	1



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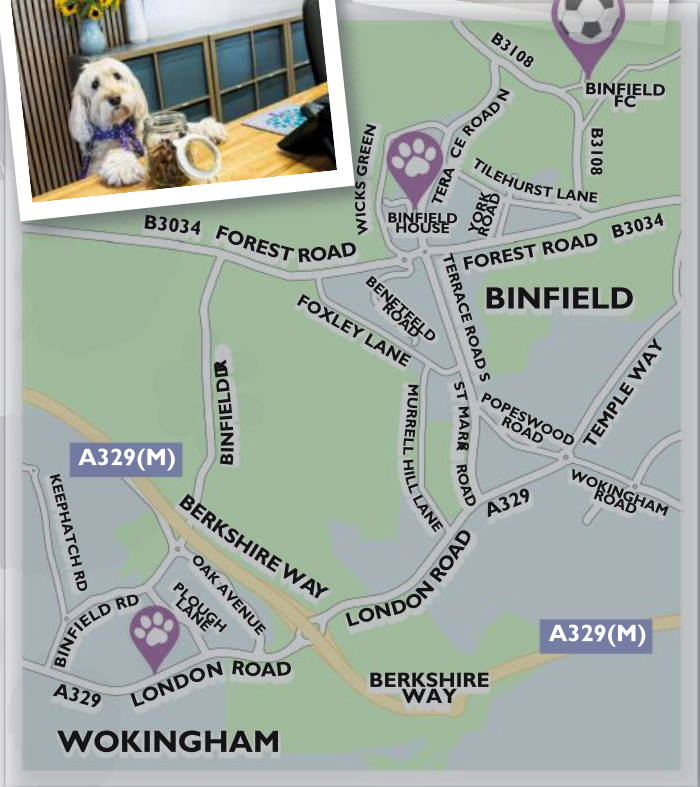
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Leatherhead are the only one of our top three to win, whilst we have victory for Villa, Royals, Hayes, Harrow, Egham, Southall, Hartley and Hendon

Our pacesetters, Moneyfields, started the day with a two point lead at the top, but the Moneys have played significantly more matches than the sides in pursuit so couldn't afford to relax, particularly as they were traveling to take on fourth place Hanworth Villa. The Villians were seven points behind their visitors, albeit with two games in hand, and protecting a seven match unbeaten run- and they were ahead on five minutes, Ben Geraghty opening the scoring. Josh Casey added a second thirteen minutes later, but Louis Gates quickly got one back for the visitors. Twelve minutes from time Sam Merson got the Villians third, and that was that.

Second place Westfield started the afternoon two points away from the summit and with a rather incredible five games in hand. Field were heading to the seaside to take on a Bognor Regis Town side who were under new management, and who had one win in six- in contrast to the visitors, who were looking for a fifth win in a row. Bognor made a breakthrough ten minutes after the break, Callum Laycock with the opener, but Finn Evans levelled almost immediately. Try as they might, neither side could find a winner.

Leatherhead, our leaders for so long, slipped to third following their midweek defeat at the hands of Moneyfields. The Tanners travelled to third bottom Ascot United, and given that their away form is much, much better than their home form they were probably quite glad about that- and were in front after seven minutes, Nathan Hogan scoring from the spot. Cameron Black made it two just before the half hour, but the Yellas got back into the match with twenty one minutes to go, David Oupoh giving the home fans hope. That hope was to remain unfulfilled, and the Tanners return to the top- the Yellas four points from safety.

AFC Portchester, in fifth, started the weekend with an eight point advantage over sixth place Hayes and Yeading United in the play off chase. The Royals were on the road to Met Police, the boys in blue four points above the drop zone and looking to recover from a four-one hammering by Southall in midweek- and that recovery started well, Daniel Pepple putting them ahead from the spot on nineteen minutes. The Royals drew level just before the break, Ryan Pennery with the equaliser, and with fifteen minutes remaining Pennery got another to put his side ahead. What they had, they held.

Hayes and Yeading United were buoyed by their win against Leatherhead last weekend, but they faced the challenge of an in-form Kingstonian. The K's climbed out of the bottom four in midweek and were five unbeaten, but they were quickly behind in this one, Harry Grant scoring the first goal of our Isthmian afternoon on two minutes. The visitors were soon level, however, Sean O'Brien equalising seven minutes later, but Brendan Matthew quickly restored home advantage. Amos Nasha made it three-one twenty four minutes from time, and the hosts stay sixth- eight points away from the top five with a game in hand.

By Matthew Badcock

EVERY so often, a story breaks in Non-League where you have to not just double take but triple. That was the feeling we had at NLP towers when Bury FC announced they'd appointed manager Anthony Johnson - as SOLE manager.

Now, in case you don't know, Johnson has formed one half of, arguably, Non-League's most successful management duo in recent years.

Alongside his best mate Bernard Morley, the duo have spent 17 years in the dug-out together since landing the job at North West Counties League Ramsbottom United.

They were in their mid-20s then and have since gone on to win two promotions with Rammy, followed by three promotions in three-and-a-half years at Salford City under the Class of 92 microscope.

Spells at Chester, who they took to the National League North play-offs, and Spennymoor Town followed before returning to the dug-out May 2023 to take charge of then-NPL Premier Radcliffe.

The duo delivered their sixth promotion as a pair to take Boro to Step 2 for the first time in club history.

The only surprise is they're yet to manage in Non-League's top flight.

From a journalist's point of view, there aren't many better duos to interview either. They're open, honest, to the point, funny - and clearly knowledgeable. Their love for the game - and each other - shines through as well.

So that's why it would have surprised many to see them branch out separately.

Johnson has always dreamed of the Bury job. It's his club and even though it means dropping two levels, he just couldn't turn down the chance to try and lead his team back up the Pyramid.

He wanted Morley to join him but he's happy at Radcliffe - a club on his own doorstep - and decided to stay on, signing a new contract.

Johnson joined us on a recent episode of The NLP's Non-League Goalmouth for a fascinating chat on, among many other great stories, the decision.

Johnson told The NLP: "The biggest thing for me - apart from all the other stuff we're aware of that I'm a Bury lad and a Bury fan - was that, and I've got to be honest because that's how I do things, I thought, 'If someone else took the job, it wouldn't become available again for a few years'.

"I don't want to start throwing names out there but if managers with real quality, locally to us, took the gig, I just didn't think the job would come up again.

“Whatever you call that, it sort of bothered me because I always thought down the line at some point me and Bern would take the Bury job.

“I was saying to him, ‘Look, we’ve got to take it now. If we don’t take it now it’s something I, especially, will regret’.

“Because it will be one of those things when I finish and look back I can say, good or bad, right or wrong, I did it, I gave it a go. That was probably the overriding reason for it. Added to all the other factors - it’s a club I’ve supported since I was a young boy.”

Johnson and Morley have been through more than just football management together and that’s what made the decision so tough.

“Our daughters were born within a couple of weeks of each other, he was the best man at my wedding,” Johnson, who will remain in his day job at Radcliffe, said. “We’re friends. From a friendship point of view, nothing changes.

“I’ve really made peace with the fact I’ve got to give this a go - however it pans out. Hopefully it pans out as I’ve dreamed and imagined. If it doesn’t, I’ve taken an opportunity I’ve waited for 17 years for and given it the best shot I can.

“Unfortunately to do that I’ve had to turn a few lives upside down. And I mean that. I know it might sound like I am exaggerating the point but our families, our lives, are so intertwined.

“I spent two hours at Bernard’s mum’s house. Bern was working, he didn’t even know I went round. His brother was there, his step-dad, I sat down and explained my situation.

“They were all buzzing for me. You can imagine, very emotional too.”

And that’s the thing about football. Sometimes the decisions are tough. You can bet they will both be each other’s biggest supporters from the sidelines.

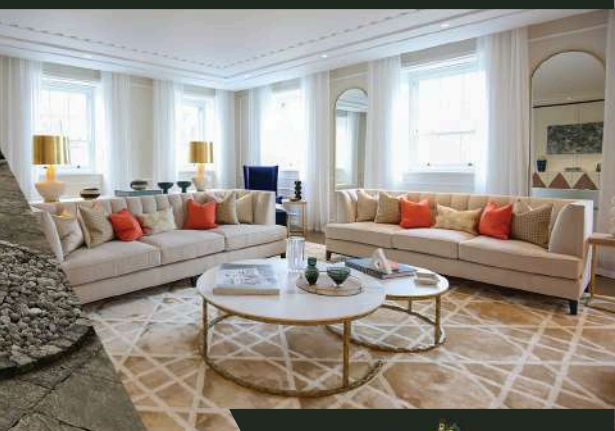
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PLAYER STATS

		2025/26 Season											Moles' Career							
Player	Moles Debut	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
Eijro Abbey	Aug 25 Winslow United	12	2	14	4	3	3	2	5	0	2	19	4	5	14	4	5	0	19	4
Natty Boakye	Aug 25 Winslow United	24	0	24	11	4	7	0	7	1	2	31	12	6	24	11	7	1	31	12
Monty Brady	Aug 23 Ashford Town	9	8	17	7	1	4	1	5	1	0	22	8	1	33	8	7	1	40	9
Ryley Campbell	Aug 25 Hordean	4	10	14	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	18	0	0	14	0	4	0	18	0
Aaron Gardiner	Nov 25 Raynes Park Vale	13	0	13	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	6	13	4	0	0	13	4
Remy Coddington	Dec 24 Harrow Borough	2	6	8	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	1	10	0	4	0	14	0
Logan Coles	Apr 25 Rayners Lane	14	1	15	4	2	5	1	6	0	1	21	4	3	21	4	6	0	27	4
Owen Cummins	Aug 25 Winslow United	4	7	11	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	15	0	0	11	0	4	0	15	0
Kylie Daniel-Spray	Aug 25 Winslow United	27	0	27	0	1	7	0	7	0	0	34	0	1	27	0	7	0	34	0
Daniel Djouadj	Oct 25 Hayes & Yeading	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kickie Dzimba	Sep 24 Hanworth Villa	13	0	13	6	2	3	0	3	3	0	16	9	2	24	12	4	3	28	15
Amari Fashanu	Aug 25 Winslow United	26	1	27	7	7	7	0	7	3	2	34	10	9	27	7	7	3	34	10
Jake Fisher	Oct 22 Basingstoke Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	4	0	16	0
Coleridge Fubler Jr	Sep 24 Hanworth Villa	23	0	23	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	27	0	0	61	0	11	0	72	0
Aaron Gardiner	Mar 24 South Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	1	5	1
Ajani Giscombe	Aug 25 Winslow United	11	14	25	1	1	3	4	7	0	0	32	1	1	25	1	7	0	32	1
Zach Goodman	Aug 25 Moneysfields	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0
Harvey Griffiths	Dec 21 Ashford Town	11	4	15	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	21	0	0	48	0	18	0	66	0
Levi Heholt	Sept 25 East Grinstead	5	6	11	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	15	0	0	11	0	4	0	15	0
Ollie Henry	Sept 25 Raynes Park Vale	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Nathan Jones	Oct 25 Met Police	17	0	17	0	1	3	0	3	1	1	20	1	2	17	0	3	1	20	1
Reese Jones Jr	Jan 24 Met. Police	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	36	1	5	1	41	2
Daniel Lewis	Aug 23 Ashford Town	26	3	29	0	0	5	1	6	0	0	35	0	0	109	2	21	2	130	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
Josh McMenemy	Aug 24 Hordean	11	1	12	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	14	0	1	30	1	7	1	37	2
Brighton Morrison	Aug 24 Ascot	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	1	0	10	0
Harry Pashley	Sept 25 Hartley Wintney	0	9	9	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	13	2	0	9	2	4	0	13	2
Quincy Patterson	Feb 26 Hendon	0	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	5	0	0	0	5	0
Theo Pennicott-Bowen	Oct 24 SCR	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	30	0	6	0	36	0
Qu'ran Raynor	Sept 25 Raynes Park Vale	0	6	6	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	9	0	0	6	0	3	0	9	0
Josh Sandy	Aug 25 Winslow United	5	1	6	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	10	0	0	6	0	4	0	10	0
Hugh Scott	Aug 25 Winslow United	5	0	5	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	5	0	5	0	10	0
Luke Scott	Oct 25 Slough Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Schuyler Selver	Oct 25 Hanworth Villa	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	0
Ornildo Shehu	Feb 26 Fareham Town	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Owen Smith	Oct 25 Hayes & Yeading	14	4	18	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	21	3	3	18	3	3	0	21	3
Rahzir Smith-Jones	Jan 24 Met. Police	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	57	16	12	4	69	20
Daqalo Stewart	Aug 24 Lordswood	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	15	0	7	0	22	0
Toby Thompson	Aug 25 Winslow United	17	3	20	1	3	3	2	5	0	1	25	1	4	20	1	5	0	25	1
Aunde Todd	Aug 25 Winslow United	3	7	10	0	1	1	4	5	0	1	15	0	2	10	0	5	0	15	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
Kemall Wilson	Feb 26 Egham Town	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tommy Whitby	Sept 25 South Park	0	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	1	0	6	0
Aaron White	Oct 25 Hayes & Yeading	9	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0
Lucas Wynn	Aug 24 Wokingham Town	0	6	6	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	8	1	0	9	0	6	1	15	1
Youssef Yoahoui	Jan 26 Ramsgate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Leatherhead	29	20	4	5	71	33	+38	64
	2 Moneyfields	33	20	4	9	73	50	+23	64
	3 Westfield	28	20	3	5	69	36	+33	63
	4 Hanworth Villa	31	17	9	5	67	27	+40	60
	5 AFC Portchester	32	18	4	10	69	46	+23	58
	6 Hayes & Yeading United	31	15	5	11	51	61	-10	50
	7 Harrow Borough	31	13	7	11	50	54	-4	46
	8 Egham Town	31	11	10	10	56	54	+2	43
	9 Southall	32	11	9	12	49	52	-3	42
	10 Raynes Park Vale	29	11	8	10	50	43	+7	41
	11 Hartley Wintney	27	11	8	8	39	37	+2	41
	12 Bedfont Sports	31	10	10	11	44	42	+2	40
	13 Bognor Regis Town	33	12	4	17	48	58	-10	40
	14 South Park (Reigate)	32	11	6	15	38	47	-9	39
	15 Metropolitan Police	32	11	5	16	53	67	-14	38
	16 Binfield	29	11	4	14	53	60	-7	37
	17 Hendon	32	10	7	15	60	70	-10	37
	18 Kingstonian	30	10	6	14	52	58	-6	36
	19 Littlehampton Town	32	9	9	14	46	64	-18	36
	20 Ascot United	31	10	2	19	43	52	-9	32
	21 Horndean	28	5	7	16	35	70	-35	22
	22 Fareham Town	30	3	5	22	35	70	-35	14



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