



ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

The Pitching In
Isthmian League
South Central
Division

**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

**Sunday 20th
October**

**at Cobham's
Reg Madgwick
Stadium**

3pm Kick-Off



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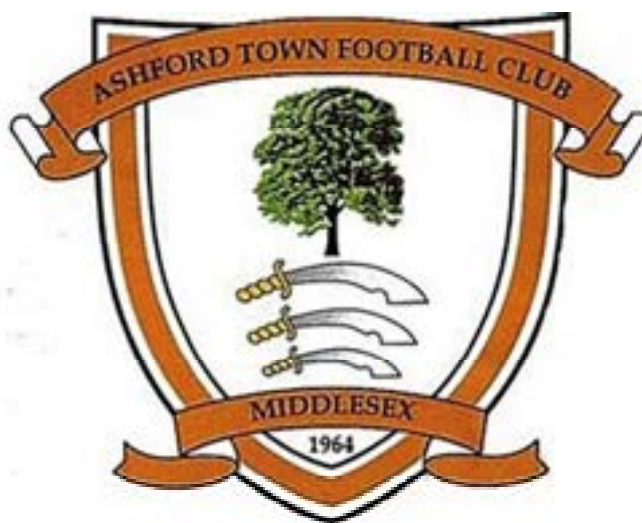


WELCOME NOTES

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our first home Sunday match here at Cobham.

Our visitors for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture are Metropolitan Police, who arrive here today in 18th place in the table, two places above us and with a one point advantage although we do have a match in hand.

We also thank them for coming to play us on a Sunday. We know it can be inconvenient but as 3G pitches continue to grow in popularity, this type of situation is likely to increase.



The immediate benefit of such a pitch was felt last Tuesday when the match here against Kingstonian would almost certainly have been postponed but for the 3G surface. As it was, the rain hardly mattered and both clubs contrived to put on a great match.

That said, K's probably would not have used the term 'great' as they found themselves on the wrong end of a 7-4 defeat, with Connor Cullen helping himself to four goals and giving a 'man of the match' performance. Our other scorers were: Basim Mirtahmasebi, skipper Sam Humphries, with an audacious clip and Scott Day who scored goal number seven. It is probably fair to say that the result caused a few reverberations around the League!

Football being what it is, it was maybe inevitable that we would put on a somewhat less impressive performance away to South Park on Saturday, a last-minute goal by our hosts resulting in a 3-0 defeat and we could have few complaints if we're honest.

A somewhat fussy referee, to say the least, aided by an assistant who couldn't even keep off the field of play at times, did not help as we racked up six player cautions - which means a minimum £250 fine from the FA.

Another referee would not have cautioned as many players. There is little doubt about that but collectively, as the Management also picked up two bookings, we must learn the lesson, however hard it may be, of just not speaking to officials when it was clear quite early on that the slightest indiscretion was likely to result in a sanction.

We can only put it behind us. Our next match after today arrives in just two days time, on Tuesday, when we make the fairly short journey to Leatherhead. They have had an inauspicious start to the season, very surprisingly, but form makes very little difference it seems. One has only to look at South Park, who after gaining their first league win of the season against us, proceeded to lose 5-0 at Hartley Wintney last Tuesday and we have already beaten Hartley at their ground in the League.

Another away game comes up next Saturday 26 October, when we travel to Rayners Lane, for the first time ever in a league match. Those of a certain age will though recall that Rayners Lane were our first ever FA Cup opponents, in a match at their ground that was remarkable for the fact that three players were hospitalised in the space of five minutes, all through accidental collisions. That match was drawn two goals apiece so it went to a replay at our ground which we lost by the only goal of the game and it was another four years before we could play in the FA Cup again - once we had finally acquired floodlights.

That is all for now. Enjoy the game

FOCUS ON MITRE

Mitre has launched a new nostalgic brand campaign to hero its latest core ball range in practice, shot by renowned photographer and filmmaker, Ewen Spencer.

Known for his evocative photography that captures movement, culture and feeling, Spencer champions grassroots football culture with the ball at the heart of the action.

The digital campaign comprises of six stills and a 20-second mood film that includes instantly recognisable grassroots scenarios; waterlogged pitches, a booted ball graveyard and the full to the brim coaches car bringing to life the nostalgic reality of the beautiful game, and putting the ball front and centre.

The new range includes Training, Match & League level footballs scaled from base to top level.

The Impel Training range balls are designed for cushioned control, featuring soft foam to help players develop confidence on the ball.

The Ultimatch range has been created for season long durability. Built to last, created to perform. Using Hyperseal technology where the panels are thermally bonded for zero water uptake, superb durability and ultimate shape retention, the perfect match ball.

Lastly the Delta Range, a FIFA Quality certified ball designed for pin-point accuracy. The debossed Hyperflow grooves, help to manipulate airflow and stabilise its flight for a consistently accurate strike.

Jack Richardson, Global Brand Director at Mitre, said "I think every football fan will resonate with at least one of these brilliant photographs...

Ewen was the perfect choice for this campaign with the way he represents culture and his previous work with some of the world's most iconic brands. Ewen has captured everything Mitre stands for and what real football is all about, grassroots teams, players, coaches showing up whatever the weather and – at the centre of that – a Mitre football.



"We're proud to launch our new core range that offers a perfect ball for every player hitting the pitches because we're passionate about making the game more accessible for all. From grassroots to pro. This new campaign with Ewen shows them off in all their glory."

The new core ball range is available now on [Mitre.com](https://www.mitre.com)

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About Ewen Spencer:

Ewen Spencer is a British photographer and filmmaker based in Brighton, England. His photography is primarily of youth and subcultures.S

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which six clubs did England manager Thomas Tuchel take charge of?
2. Which two nations have 100% records after UEFA Nations League 2024 Matchday Four?
3. Who were the last nine Aston Villa managers?
4. Which famous comedian was the Reserve Director of Football for his club in the 1970s?
5. Which club plays at the ground pictured?



Answers on Page 9

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FOCUS ON METROPOLITAN POLICE

On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969.

In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under team manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper.

In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian

League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season in 1977-78 resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In season 1981-82 the club finished third in Division One, missing promotion by just two points.

In 1999-2000 reached the Fifth Round of the F.A. Vase (last eight), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town.

Throughout the first decade of the 2000s the club were mainly in and around the play-offs but were frustratingly defeated each time in the semis or the finals.

In the 2018-19 season Met Police had a tremendous run in the FA Cup reaching the First Round proper where they lost to AFC Newport County of League Two. The Blues also won the Surrey Senior Cup beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 in the final.

In the summer of 2023 Met Police decided to apply for relegation to Step Four, after losing their manager Gavin MacPherson and several players, and so returned to Isthmian League South Central Division.



METROPOLITAN POLICE

FOCUS ON METROPOLITAN POLICE

Metropolitan Police are currently sitting just above The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division relegation zone.

Going into today's game, the Blues and Twos have only won two of their 10 League games and also have drawn two games.

They started the season positively with a 4-1 victory

at Moneyfields where Mason Galloway netted twice with the other goals coming from Benjamin Mendoza and Sidney Gbla.

Their only other win was a 2-1 home success against Southall with Sidney Gbla getting both of the Met Police's goals.

The national cup competitions have been disappointing

being knocked out of the Emirates FA Cup by VCD Athletic while Westfield ended any interest in the Isuzu FA Trophy.

However, there has been success in the London Senior Cup, a 2-1 against Corinthian Casuals thanks to goals from Sidney Gbla and Ayoub Enajar. It is clear Gbla is a player to keep an eye on.

MET POLICE PEN PICS

ZACK BASEY - GOALKEEPER: Zack, 24, is no stranger to the blues, having previously been at the club. Zack has amassed plenty of experience at this level and has Merstham FC, South Park FC and Guildford City on his CV as previous clubs.

ALFIE WALTERS - DEFENDER: Alfie, 20, another to rise through the Met Youth ranks and with the U23's last season has had an excellent pre-season seeing off a lot of competition for the position. A very good defender who is also very impressive and comfortable in possession.

CHARLIE BROWN - CENTRAL MIDFIELDER: A talented and technical midfielder. The 25-year-old has already made an impact at Imber Court through his impressive performances throughout pre-season. Brown spent recent years on a US Footballing Scholarship at Roosevelt University, Chicago.

ISAAC NKOSI - CENTRAL DEFENDER: Isaac Nkosi, 29, another powerful central defender, has committed to the club after impressing throughout pre-season. Nkosi has a high footballing pedigree, with ex-clubs including Charlton Athletic, Bishops Stortford and Heybridge Swifts. He brings great experience and is a natural leader.

RYAN DAVEY - DEFENDER: Ryan, 27, is a Left footed Centre back and joined the blues from Bedfont FC. Comfortable on the ball and good in the air, Ryan has fitted well into the team since joining in January 2024. He has made an immediate impact in the heart of the blues defence and also showed his ability at the opposite end of the pitch by scoring on his debut in the win vs Southall. A fantastic addition to the squad.

KYNAN KIRLEW-WRIGHT - CENTRAL DEFENDER: Kynan, 25, a Central Defender Kynan Kirlew-Wright signs for the Blues after an extremely successful and promising season at Farnham Town last time out. Wright will add strength and a strong desire to defend to our squad. The CB has non-league experience with Tooting & Mitcham and a loan spell with Erith Town as a teenager.

BEN MENDOZA - MIDFIELDER: Ben, 28, is a versatile and attacking flair midfielder. He brings experience and quality to the squad and has had a positive impact since joining from Chertsey Town. As a youth he won the Isthmian u18 league with Bognor before departing for the United States and was one of only five players to be placed on the river states conference mens soccer scholar-athlete team that year. Ben's former clubs also include, Worthing, Bognor Regis, Chichester City and he also had a spell out in the USA playing for the University of Rio Grande.

AYOUB ENAJAR - DEFENDER: Ayoub 23, joined the Met in January 2024 as a Fullback. However it has transpired that his qualities are better served in the midfield. A hard working energetic player who puts everything on the line for the team. Ayoub's previous clubs include Leverstock Green and Hillingdon Borough. A versatile player who has added strength in depth to the squad.

SID GBLA - FORWARD: Sid, 28, is a prolific striker who finished last season with 39 Goals for Woodley United and Berks County. Electrifying pace, and clearly knows where the goal is. The blues were delighted to secure his services. He has had a good pre-season finding the net on several occasions and will no doubt continue doing so.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2024-25 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Aug 03	Northwood	FAC	2-0	179	--	Fisher	R-Solanki	Larkham	King	Kandolo!
M2	Aug 10	Harrow Borough	IL	0-1	154	-	Fisher	Larkham^	Hope	King*	Kandolo!
M3	Aug 17	Uxbridge	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo!
M4	Aug 20	Uxbridge	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope ¹ =	King	Kandolo!
M5	Aug 24	Ascot United	FAT	1-1	90	-	Fisher	Blakeborough^	Hope	Humphreys+	Kandolo*
M6	Aug 26	Hanworth Villa	IL	1-4	230	-	Chisolm	Larkham	Hope	King+	Kandolo
M7	Aug 31	Herne Bay	FAC	0-2	97	-	Chisolm	Blakeborough	Larkham	Hope	McKay*
M8	Sep 18	Southall	IL	1-1	109	-	Brzozowski	Blakeborough+	Larkham	King ¹	McKay
M9	Sep 21	Farnham Town	IL	1-2	473	-	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	Cullen*	Hope
M10	Sep 24	Hartley Wintney	IL	1-0	185	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo
M11	Sep 28	Uxbridge	IL	1-2	135	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Blakeborough^	King^	Kandolo
M12	Oct 04	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	201	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King	Kandolo
M13	Oct 08	Kingstonian	IL	7-4	146	-	Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope	King	McKay
M14	Oct 12	South Park	IL	0-3	163	20	Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope*	King	McKay
M	Oct 20	Metropolitan Police	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Oct 22	Leatherhead	IL	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Oct 26	Rayners Lane	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Oct 29	Farnham Town	IL	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 01	Sutton Common Rov	IL	6.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 09	Leatherhead	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 12	Balham	SSC	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 16	Kingstonian	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 19	Hendon	MSC	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 23	Uxbridge	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 26	Hartley Wintney	ASC	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Nov 30	Horndean	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Dec 07	Guernsey	IL	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Dec 14	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Dec 20	Binfield	IL	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Dec 26	Westfield	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Dec 28	Harrow Borough	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Jan 01	Hanworth Villa	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Jan 04	Moneyfields	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Jan 11	Ascot United	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Jan 18	Badshot Lea	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Jan 26	Horndean	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Feb 01	Guernsey	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Feb 08	Raynes Park Vale	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Feb 15	South Park	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Feb 22	Metropolitan Police	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Mar 01	Rayners Lane	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Mar 07	Sutton Common Rov	IL	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Mar 15	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Mar 21	Binfield	IL	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Mar 29	Badshot Lea	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Apr 05	Ascot United	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Apr 12	Moneyfields	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Apr 19	Hartley Wintney	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Apr 21	Westfield	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M	Apr 26	Southall	IL	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CUP MATCHES

Ashford Town (Middx) have a number of forthcoming Cup matches.

These are as follows. On Tuesday 12th November we play here at Cobham against Balham in the Surrey Senior Cup. That date is provisional at present as Balham had a match arranged in the Southern Combination Cup, which they are trying to change.

The following week on 16th November we have a home tie in the Middlesex Senior Cup, against Hendon, our last meeting being in the FA Cup in a home replay which we finally lost 9-8 on penalties. More on that one in due course.

Finally, we travel to Hartley Wintney on Tuesday 26th November in the Aldershot Senior Cup, which we were invited to re-enter this season.

Key

IL: Isthmian South Central Division

FAC: Emirates FA Cup

FAT: Isuzu FA Trophy

MSC: Middlesex Senior Cup

SSC: Surrey Senior Cup

ASC: Aldershot Senior Cup

* Decided on Kicks From The Penalty Spot

BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES (1,2) - GOALS SCORED

* First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub ! Fourth Sub = Fifth Sub **Bold Blue: Man of the Match**

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX
Hope	Sweeney ²	Holder*	Mcleish [^]	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day [^]			M1
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi [^]			M2
McKay	Sweeney ¹	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Dayj [^]			M3
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly [^]	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder [^] RSol!Day= ¹			M4
McKay	Sweeney ¹	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham [^] Khallouqi!			M5
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold ¹	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+			M6
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+			M7
Hope	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+			M8
McKay	Basim ¹	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*			M9
McKay	Basim ¹	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllisiter*Barsa+R-Solanki [^]			M10
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day [^] SSweeney! ¹			M11
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+			M12
Day ¹ [^]	Sweeney	Humphreys ¹	Richards*	Cullen ⁴	Basim ¹ +	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife [^]			M13
Day	Blakeborough+	Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim ¹	Larkham*Nwokebuife+			M14

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) LADIES

Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies are having a difficult season the Womens National League Division One South East.

They are currently bottom of the table with one victory from their eight games.

However, they have been involved in some close encounters.

This was the case against AFC Sudbury when they suffered a 5-4 cup defeat.

Ashford's only win so far was a 5-2 away success against London Seaward.

Their latest outing saw them exit the Women's FA Cup when they went down 2-1 to Dorking in the Third Qualifying Round.

The Ladies are not in action this weekend but travel to Chatham Town on Sunday 27th October for a Women's National League Division One match.



HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. FC Augsburg II (2007-08), Mainz 05 (2009-14), Borussia Dortmund (2015-17), Paris Saint-Germain (2018-20), Chelsea (2021-22) and Bayern Munich (2023-24).
2. Greece and Romania.
3. Alex McLeish (2011-12), Paul Lambert (2012-15), Tim Sherwood (2015), Rémi Garde (2015-16), Roberto Di Matteo (2016), Steve Bruce (2016-18), Dean Smith (2018-21), Steven Gerrard (2021-22) and Unai Emery (2022-25).
4. Eric Morecambe was the Reserve Director of Football for Luton Town in the 1970s.
5. Huddersfield Town

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH CENTRAL
2024-25 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals
Toby Fisher	1			4			5		
Deven R-Solanki	1	5		2	3		3	8	
Archie Larkham	7	2		4	1		11	3	
James King	9		1	3			12		1
Prince Kandolo	6			5			11		
Callum Hope	8			5		1	13		1
Brad Sweeney	3	1	1	5		4	8	1	5
Ben Holder	2			4	1		6	1	
Aaron Mcleish	5	1		3	1		8	2	
Callum McAllister	4	1		4	1		8	2	
Chris Kelly				1			1		
Jack Arnold	2		1	3	1		5	1	1
Faris Khallouqi	1	1			2		1	3	
Scott Day	6	2	1	1	4	1	7	6	2
Kyron McKay	8			4			12		
Scott Humphreys	7	1	1	2	1		9	2	1
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2	
Josh Blakeborough	3	2		2	1		5	3	
Mac Chisholm	1			1			2		
Marcin Brzozowski	7						7		
Basim Mirthamasebi	7		3				7		3
Connor Cullen	7		4				7		4
Barsa Mirthamasebi	2	2					2	2	
Adam Richards	2						2		
Emmanuel Nwoke		2						2	

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS ROUND-UP

KINGSTONIAN: Scott Harris returns to Kingstonian, only a few days after his departure.

Only five days after Kingstonian announced the departure of manager Scott Harris, the club last night announced that the former Walton and Hershams boss and serial promotion winner - had made a U-turn and returned to the club.

In a statement Kingstonian explained:

"We are delighted to announce the return of Scott Harris as our first team manager after positive discussions this week, during which Scott expressed his desire to return. We look forward to carrying on with our promising start to the season.

"We cannot stress enough our thanks to Dean Thomas and Mitchal Gough for taking over during this process. Dean will be taking up the role of assistant manager."

ASCOT UNITED have announced the signing of Khalid Simmo from St Albans City.

Khalid was with Marlow at the start of last season, playing eighteen times and scoring five goals.

He also played ten times for the club during the 22-23 season, scoring three goals, and twenty two times with five goals during 21-22. Last season also saw him turn out once for Badshot Lea.



As well as Marlow, 2022-23 also saw him spend some time with Uxbridge in between Marlow spells, playing three times with one goal.

During 2021-22 Simmo spent time at Ashford Town (Middx) and Hartley Wintney, although The Row were of course a Pitching In Southern League club at that point. Flackwell Heath and Reading City are also among his former clubs.

HARTLEY WINTNEY: A five-goal victory and a clean sheet on your debut - it couldn't have gone much better for keeper Jos Barker as he made his first start for Hartley Wintney in midweek.

Jos joins The Row on loan from Pitching In Southern Premier side Walton and Hershams. He has already made 14 appearances for the Swans this season, and joined the club in the summer from Knaphill, where he had already made 125 appearances since making his debut in 2021 aged seventeen. He was part of the English Universities Sport national squad while he was a student in Chichester.



THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Farnham Town have not lost a League game away from home for 718 days after managing to defeat Raynes Park Vale on Tuesday in a Pitching In Isthmian South Central clash.

Interestingly, their last away League defeat was at Raynes Park Vale on 29th October 2022.

In the latest encounter, the visitors goals came from Dean and Evans while the Vale response was a Stepney own goal.

There were plenty of midweek goals with Leatherhead hitting six of the best.

Franzen-Jones and Bate weighed in with two each in a 6-1 home triumph over Rayners Lane. while the others came from Laing and Pearce. The visitors had taken an early lead through Keita.

Hartley Wintney also found the back of the net at regular intervals to clinch a 5-0 victory over South Park (Reigate).

Dede grabbed two of the goals while Wallace, Postance and Bartlett were also on target.

A hat-trick from Simon helped Kingstonian to a 3-1 away win against Moneyfields, whose solitary response came from Mahammeedkier.

More goals came in the League clash on Wednesday evening when Guernsey and Uxbridge played out a 2-2 draw.



● **Farnham Town management duo Paul Johnson and Jimmy Hibbert.**

Guernsey appeared they were going to take all three points when they eased their way into a 2-0 lead during the first half.

Du Port gave the Islanders the lead after nine minutes with Allen adding the second in the 32nd.

Uxbridge showed plenty of character after the break with two efforts from Okorogheye in the 62nd and 75th minutes.



THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Farnham Town.....	10	9	1	0	28	28
Harrow Borough	10	7	2	1	11	23
Kingstonian.....	10	7	1	2	12	22
Hartley Wintney	10	7	1	2	11	22
Hanworth Villa	10	5	3	2	5	18
Raynes Park Vale	10	5	2	3	9	17
Hayes & Yeading Utd...	8	4	2	2	6	14
Ascot United	9	4	2	3	1	14
Westfield.....	9	4	2	3	1	14
Uxbridge	9	4	2	3	1	14
Sutton Common Rov ...	10	3	2	5	-1	11
Rayners Lane	10	2	5	3	-2	11
Horndean.....	9	3	2	4	-2	11
Binfield.....	10	3	2	5	-15	11
Moneyfields	9	2	3	4	-8	9
Leatherhead	8	2	2	4	3	8
Southall.....	9	1	5	3	-6	8
Metropolitan Police	10	2	2	6	-8	8
South Park.....	8	1	4	3	-4	7
Ashford Town (Middx)	9	2	1	6	-10	7
Guernsey	10	1	2	7	-12	5
Badshot Lea	9	0	2	7	-20	2

As at 17th October

2023-24 LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Chertsey Town.....	40	31	8	1	71	100
Marlow	40	29	2	9	57	89
Leatherhead	40	27	5	8	39	86
Southall.....	40	26	5	9	36	83
Westfield.....	40	25	8	7	31	83
Raynes Park Vale	40	23	9	8	21	78
Hanworth Villa	40	18	11	11	18	65
Thatcham Town	40	18	8	14	10	62
South Park.....	40	17	10	13	11	61
Hartley Wintney	40	16	7	17	-15	55
Badshot Lea	40	15	9	16	-5	54
Uxbridge	40	15	6	19	-1	51
Ascot United	40	13	6	21	-11	45
Sutton Common Rov ...	40	11	7	22	-20	40
Northwood	40	11	6	23	-6	39
Metropolitan Police	40	9	10	21	-26	37
Ashford Town (Middx)	40	10	6	24	-28	36
Guernsey	40	9	7	24	-29	34
Binfield.....	40	8	10	22	-50	34
Chipstead	40	8	6	26	-36	30
Corinthian Casuals	40	5	6	29	-67	21

Final Table

FIXTURES

Saturday 19th October

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

Sunday 20th October

Ashford Town (Middx) v Metropolitan Police

Tuesday 22nd October

Horndean v Ascot United
Leatherhead v Ashford Town (Middx)
South Park v Moneyfields
Westfield v Southall

Saturday 26th October

Ascot United v Leatherhead
Badshot Lea v Southall
Farnham Town v Horndean
Harrow Borough v Moneyfields
Hayes & Yeading United v Hartley Wintney
Metropolitan Police v Guernsey
Rayners Lane v Ashford Town (Middx)
Raynes Park Vale v Binfield
Sutton Common Rovers v Hanworth Villa
Westfield v Kingstonian

Tuesday 29th October

Ashford Town (Middx) v Farnham Town

Friday 1st November

Ashford Town (Middx) v Sutton Common Rovers

Saturday 2nd November

Binfield v South Park
Guernsey v Hayes & Yeading United
Hanworth Villa v Rayners Lane
Hartley Wintney v Westfield
Horndean v Metropolitan Police
Kingstonian v Harrow Borough
Leatherhead v Raynes Park Vale
Moneyfields v Badshot Lea
Southall v Ascot United
Uxbridge v Farnham Town

AWAY TRAVEL

Leatherhead - 22nd October



Fetcham Grove, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, KT22 9AS

Directions: From the Robert Parker Stadium aim for the M25 via Short Lane and London Road/A30. After 3.6 miles approx, take the 1st exit at roundabout and stay on A30 heading to A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor.

Take the M25 (S) slip road on the right. Merge on to the M25. At Junction 9, take the A243 exit to A24/Leatherhead/Dorking.

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit on to Oxshott Road/A244. Turn left on to Oxshott Road/B2430.

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to Kingston Road/B2430. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to Kingston Road/A245 and follow A245.

Keep right to continue on to Bull Hill/A245 and continue to follow A245.

Turn left on to Waterway Road/B2122. Continue straight on to Guildford Road/B2122. After 0.1 miles turn left then left again to reach destination.

AWAY TRAVEL

Rayners Lane - 26th October

Directions: From the Robert Parker Stadium aim for the The Parkway/A312 via Short Lane and London Road/A30 to Clockhouse Roundabout. Then take the 2nd exit on to Great South West Road/A30. After 2.5 miles approx turn left on to The Parkway/A312.

At The Waggoners Roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on The Parkway/A312. At Cranford Parkway Interchange Roundabout take the 3rd exit and stay on The Parkway/A312. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on The Parkway/A312. Keep right to stay on The Parkway/A312. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on The Parkway/A312.

At tyhe roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to Church Road/A312 and stay on A312 going over a roundabout. At next roundabout, take the 1st exit



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on to Pett's Hill/A312/A4090 and follow then after 0.1 miles turn left on to Alexandra Avenue/A4090. After 0.6 miles turn right on to Eastcote Lane. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit on to Rayners Lane and the destination will be on the left.

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FA Cup first round draw day is always one of the most eagerly-awaited of the non-league calendar.

It's the day when all those dreams and aspirations of drawing a big club are realised, when cup fever really kicks in.

Every year it throws up a tie or two to whet the appetites of the minnows, but this year's helping was unlike any other.

In fact, I can honestly say that the roll of the balls - served up by Bradford City legend Stuart McCall and former Manchester United and Salford City winger Danny Webber on Monday night – were about as kind to non-league clubs as I've ever known it to be.

Not just the odd tasty match-up to help fill a few column inches in The NLP on a Sunday, but a whole host of absolute belters to ensure we are bursting with preview ideas in the build-up to the weekend of 2nd November.

Of the 40 ties pulled out of the hat, 23 see a non-league club pit their wits against their counterparts from Leagues One or Two. Eleven of those ties are at home, 12 away.

A further four are all-non-league affairs, ensuring there'll be plenty of interest in the second round too come 30th November.

While the grudge match between MK Dons and AFC Wimbledon will naturally be seen as the pick of the bunch by many, there are a number of mouth-watering ties with a strong derby feel.

Take Kettering Town, for example. The Poppies are already FA Cup folk heroes as the country's highest FA Cup goalscorers. Their 2-1 win at Farsley Celtic on Saturday extended their record to 920 – seven more than Tottenham Hotspur.

A healthy crowd gathered at the Latimer Park clubhouse on Monday night to witness their fate and they were toasting long into the night as they were handed an away tie to near neighbours Northampton Town.

Also celebrating a derby to savour were Weston-Super-Mare, who were handed an away tie at Bristol Rovers, and Alfreton Town, who will relish their short trip to face Notts County.

Elsewhere, Oldham Athletic boss Micky Mellon and striker James Norwood return to former club Tranmere Rovers, while Aldershot Town will be looking to repeat their heroics of last season when they make the trip to Bradford City's Valley Parade.

Of the non-league home ties drumming up interest, Tamworth are getting ready for a monster clash when Huddersfield Town, winners in 1921-22, visit The Lamb, while all eyes will also be on National League North high-flyers Curzon Ashton when they host Mansfield Town.

Southend United were rewarded for their last-gasp victory over Eastleigh in the last round with a home tie against Charlton Athletic, while Boreham Wood have pulled it out of the hat once again, this time landing a crunch home clash with League One Leyton Orient.

Wood's National League South rivals Chesham United were paired with League One Lincoln City, Woking pulled out struggling Cambridge United and Worthing will fancy their chances of an upset at home to Morecambe.

But the top pick must surely be Sutton United, who undoubtedly pulled out the plum draw – a home tie against big-spending League One title chasers Birmingham City.

Jon Couch

THE TEAMS

Sunday 20th October



**ASHFORD
TOWN (MIDDX)**

Tangerine

MARCIN BRZOZOWSKI 1
BARSA MIRTAHMASEBI 2
CALLUM HOPE 3
JAMES KING 4
KYRON H-McKAY 5
SCOTT DAY 6
JOSH BLAKEBROUGH 7
SAM HUMPHREYS 8
PRINCE KANDOLO 9
CONNOR CULLEN 10
BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI 11

SUBS

ARCHIE LARKHAM 12
EMMANUEL NWOKEBUIFE 14
BRAD SWEENEY 15
ADAM RICHARDS 16
DEVEN REID-SOLANKI 17

Manager

Luke Tuffs

Referee: Stephen Williams

Assistants: Matthew Rowling, Nigel Owen

**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Sky Blue



ZACK BASEY
ALFIE WALTERS
CHARLIE BROWN
ISAAC NICOL
RYAN DAVEY
KYNAN KIRLEW-WRIGHT
BENJAMIN MENDOZA
AYOUB ENAJAR
NOAH AMISSAH
MASON GALLOWAY
SIDNEY GBLA

DUARTE M-MARTINS
JOSHUA BASSEY
ARCHIE LOWERY
CADELL F-ROBINSON
WILSON BERNAL

Joint Managers

Suj Kherra, Scott Kemp

OUR NEXT HOME GAME

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

v

Farnham Town

Tuesday 29th October