The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division

> **FARNHAM TOWN**

Tuesday 29th October

at Cobham's **Reg Madgwick Stadium**

> 7.45pm **Kick-Off**



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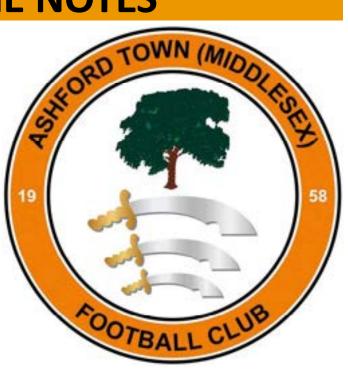


WELCOME NOTES

Good evening everyone and we welcome Farnham Town to Cobham for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture along with the referee Jonathan Bolland and his assistants Oliver Hind and Belin Demirov.

It's not quite top v bottom this evening (thanks to Guernsey and Badshot Lea) but it's not far off as we welcome Farnham Town to our adoptive home here at Cobham. It's only a few weeks ago that we lost at Farnham albeit only by a 2-1 margin, another late goal being our undoing but we won't have any misconceptions that we are in for another very tough encounter tonight.

It wasn't that long ago that we were regarded as the moneybags team in the



Combined Counties League when our chairman at the time, Bob Parker, picked up all the bills and more or less gave manager Mark Butler a free hand in who he signed, as we went up to Step Three and enjoyed a sixth place finish in the first season, when a win in the last match of the season would have seen us in the play-offs for the Conference South.

Sadly we lost that final match at East Thurrock, finishing in sixth place just outside the playoffs. Paul Johnson was a vital member of our midfield over a number of seasons racking up 265 appearances for the club and was a crowd favourite. Since then, of course, he has proved a highly capable manager winning things at Spelthorne Sports, Bedfont Sports and now Farnham. His worthy assistant Jimmy Hibburt was also an important player for the Tangerines but whose career was largely wrecked by a terrible tackle against Whyteleafe.

Losing 2-1 has been a repetitive theme lately as we also lost by the same scoreline also late on, to both Met Police and, on Saturday, at Rayners Lane, in the latter case to a penalty in the 90th minute. Luck has not been with us but whatever team we have put out, our players have given everything they've got, and there won't be any criticism from this quarter.

We are back here on Friday evening, when we entertain Sutton Common Rovers, kick-off 7.45 pm. So far, possibly deterred by the perpetual roadworks on the M25 at Junction 10, we have struggled to tempt many of our supporters to get themselves over to Cobham and our lack of income is costing us significantly. On the brighter side though, the construction work on the 3G got off to a cracking start last week and if the weather remains kind, as it is forecast to do this week, it may help the contractors to complete the job a little earlier than expected. In the meantime, we continue to express our gratitude to Cobham FC for allowing us to use their excellent facilities.

Finally, and most unusually, a word of thanks to our referee at Rayners Lane on Saturday. Stuart Kyle allowed play to flow and did not find it necessary to issue a single caution to either side in what was a full-blooded game at times.

That is all for now. Enjoy the game.

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AWAY TRAVEL Kingstonian - 16th November



Kingstonian - Prince George's Fields (Raynes Park Vale) - SW20 9DZ

Directions: From the Robert Parker Stadium aim for Clockhouse Roundabout via Short Lane, London Road/A30.

At Clockhouse Roundabout, take 4th exit on to Bedfont Road. Go through 1 roundabout. Turn right on to Chertsey Road and slight right on to Chertsey Road/A244. Turn left on to Groveley Road. Turn right on to Vicarage Road.

At Sunbury Cross Roundabout take the 2nd exit on to Staines Road East/A308. Follow A308.

At Hampton Court Roundabout, take 2nd exit on to Hampton Court Way/A309. At roundabout take 2nd exit and stay on A309.

At Scilly Isles Junction take 2nd exit on to Kingston Bypass/A309. Take the slip road on the right on to Kingston Bypass/A3.

Take the A298 exit towards Wimbledon. Continue on to Bushey Road/A298. Turn right on to Grand Drive/B279.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which is the only club without a 2024-25 Premier League penalty awarded or conceded as at 22nd October?

2. Which four clubs are without a goal in the 2024-25 UEFA Champions League after Matchday 3?

3. Which two leagues were EFL newcomers Bromley founder members in 1894 and 1896?

4. What is the oldest football chant in the world, written in 1894 and sung by Norwich City fans?

5. Which club plays at the ground pictured?



Answers on Page 9

Ashford Town (Middx) v Farnham Town

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THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Farnham Town have been dominant at the top of the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division until the last ten days.

The Clarets suffered their first League defeat of the season when they went down 4-1 at Leatherhead on 19th October and on Saturday they were held to a 2-2 home draw by Horndean.

The hosts led twice with goals from Jordan Stepney and Owen Dean only for the visitors to level the scores twice through Kelvin Robinson and Zac Willett.

Harrow Borough are only three points behind Farnham Town, with a game in

hand, after their 2-1 win over struggling Moneyfields, whose response came from Jafer Mahhammedkier.

Ashford Town (Middx)'s relegation rivals Guernsey battled to a 3-3 draw at Metropolitan Police with their goals coming from Owen Wallbridge, Ross Allen and Samuel Murray. The Police snatched a late equaliser in time added on through Kynan Kirlew-Wright with their other strikes coming from Archie Lowery and Mason Galloway.

High-flying Hartley Wintney suffered a surprise 3-2 defeat at Hayes & Yeading with the hosts' goals coming from Adrian Clifton, Jordon Ibe and Kaylen Hinds while Conor Lynch and Charlie Postance netted for the visitors.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

LEAGUE TABLE

P Farnham Town	W 9 8 8 8 6 6 5 5 5 5 4 4 3 3 4 3 3 2 4	L GD 1 25 1 12 2 17 3 13 2 7 4 8 2 7 4 -1 3 4 4 -3 4 -3 4 -3 4 -3 5 -13 6 -7 6 -3 4 5	Pts 29 26 25 25 21 20 18 17 15 15 14 14 14 12 11
Metropolitan Police 12	33	6 -7	12
Sutton Common Rov 11	32	6 -3	11
South Park 10	24	4 -5	10
Moneyfields 12	2 4	6 -10	10
Ashford Town (Middx) 12	2 1	9 -16	7
Guernsey 12	1 3	8 -13	6
Badshot Lea 11	0 2	9 -25	2

Tuesday 29th October

FIXTURES

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 Unitedf
- 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

Monday 4th Novvember/Tuesday 5th November

Sutton Common R v Raynes Park Vale (Mon) Ascot United v Hartley Wintney Horndean v Westfield Leatherhead v Guernsey South Park v Badshot Lea Uxbridge v Binfield

As at 27th October

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!
М3	Aug 17	Uxbridge	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King [^]	Kandolo!
M4	Aug 20	Uxbridge	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope1=	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	King1	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	-	Brzozowsk	i Larkham	Blakeborough	^ King^	Kandolo
M12	Oct 04	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	201		Brzozowsk	i Larkham	Норе	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	Brzozowsk	ki Barsa	Hope*	King	McKay
M15	Oct 20	Metropolitan Police	e IL	1-2	101	20-	Brzozowsł		Blakeboroug	•	McKay
M16	Oct 22	Leatherhead	IL	0-4	359	20	Jupp	Larkham	Hope	King+	McKay
M17	Oct 26	Rayners Lane	IL	1-2	96	20	Jupp	Норе	Larkham^	King	Kandolo
Μ		Farnham Town	IL	7.45							
Μ	Nov 01	Sutton Common Ro	ov IL	7.45				LUP	MATC	HES	

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 reenter 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

M5	Aug 24	Ascot United	FAT	1-1	90
M6	Aug 26	Hanworth Villa	IL	1-4	23
M7	Aug 31	Herne Bay	FAC	0-2	97
M 8	Sep 18	Southall	IL	1-1	10
М9	Sep 21	Farnham Town	IL	1-2	47
M10) Sep 24	Hartley Wintney	IL	1-0	18
	-	3 Uxbridge	IL	1-2	13
M12	2 Oct 04	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	20
M13	B Oct 08	Kingstonian	IL	7-4	14
M14	4 Oct 12	South Park	IL	0-3	16
M1	5 Oct 20	Metropolitan Police	IL	1-2	10
M16	6 Oct 22	Leatherhead	IL	0-4	35
M17	' Oct 26	Rayners Lane	IL	1-2	96
М	Oct 29	Farnham Town	IL	7.45	
Μ	Nov 01	Sutton Common Rov	IL	7.45	
М	Nov 09	Leatherhead	IL	3.00	
М	Nov 12	Balham	SSC	7.45	
Μ		6 Kingstonian	IL	3.00	
М	-	Hendon	MSC	7.45	
М	Nov 23	Uxbridge	IL	3.00	
Μ	Nov 26	δ Hartley Wintney	ASC	7.45	
М	Nov 30	Horndean	IL	3.00	
М	Dec 07	Guernsey	IL	1.00	
М		Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	3.00	
М		Binfield	IL	7.45	
М		6 Westfield	IL	3.00	
М		B Harrow Borough	IL	3.00	
М		Hanworth Villa	IL	3.00	
M		Moneyfields	IL "	3.00	
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M		Horndean	IL 	3.00	
М		Guernsey	IL 	3.00	
M		Raynes Park Vale	IL	3.00	
M		South Park	IL 	3.00	
M		Metropolitan Police	IL	3.00	
M M		Rayners Lane Sutton Common Rov	IL IL	3.00	
M		Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	7.45 3.00	
		Binfield	١L	7.45	
M M		Badshot Lea			
	-		IL II	3.00	
M	•	Ascot United	IL 	3.00	
M	•	Moneyfields	IL 	3.00	
M		Hartley Wintney	IL	3.00	
M	•	Westfield	IL	3.00	
М	Apr 26	Southall	IL	3.00	
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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	Sweeney2	Holder*	Mcleish [^]	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day^	M1
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi^	M2
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Dayi^	М3
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly^	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder^RSol!Day=1	M4
McKay	Sweeney1	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham^Khallouqi!	M5
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold1	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+	M6
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+	Μ7
Норе	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+	M8
McKay	Basim1	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*	M9
McKay	Basim1	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllisiter*Barsa+R-Solanki^	M10
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day^SSweeney! <mark>1</mark>	M11
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+	M12
Day <mark>1</mark> ^	Sweeney	Humphreys1	Richards*	Cullen4	Basim1+	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife^	M13
Day	Blakeborough	+ Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim1	Larkham*Nwokebuife+	M14
Kandolo	Basim1	Barsa	Day	Cullen	R-Solanl	ki Aryan*	M15
Kandolo	Basim	Dillon*	Day	Cullen	R-Solanl	ki Aryan* Blakebrough+	M16
McKay	Humphreys	R-Solanki	Cullen1	Day*	Basim+	Noyan*Nwokebuife+Blakebrough^	M17

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) GROUND IMPROVEMENTS



Work to install a new G3 pitch at our Robert Parker Stadium has now commenced. Good progress is being made on the preparation work.

A special feature will appear in the programme for the Sutton Common Rovers match on Friday 1st November.



HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Tottenham Hotspur have yet to be awarded or concede a 2024-25 Premier League penalty after Matchday 8.

2. Bologna (Italy), Red Bull Salzburg (Austria), Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) and Young Boys (Switzerland).

3. Bromley were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 and were also founder members of the London League in 1896.

4. Norwich City sing the oldest chant in the world, which is 'On The Ball, City'.

5. Crewe Alexandra.

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH CENTRAL									
2024-25 Appearances and Goalscorers									
	League		Cup				Total		
	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals	Арр	Sub	Goals
Toby Fisher	1			4			5		
Deven R-Solanki	4	5		2	3		6	8	
Archie Larkham	10	2		4	1		14	3	
James King	12		1	3			15		1
Prince Kandolo	9			5			14		
Callum Hope	10			5		1	15		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	9	2	1	1	4	1	10	6	2
Kyron H-McKay	11			4			15		
Scott Humphreys	8	1	1	2	1		10	2	1
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2	
Josh Blakebrough	4	4		2	1		6	5	
Mac Chisholm	1			1			2		
Marcin Brzozowski	8						8		
Basim Mirthamasebi	10		4				10		4
Connor Cullen	10		5				10		5
Barsa Mirthamasebi	3	2					3	2	
Adam Richards	2						2		
Emmanuel Nwoke		3						3	
Aryantaj Tajbakhsh		2						2	
Nick Jupp	2						2		
Gordon Dillon	1						1		
Noyan Tajbakhsh		1						1	

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) CROWD FUNDING PITCH PROJECT



The last few years beyond the horrible COVID period has been highly challenging and has affected our lives in a whole host of ways.

Our amazing volunteers, supporters and players have all played their part to get Ashford Town (Middx) to where we are today. The club has just announced we've successfully secured grants worth over £1.2m for us start the transition to new beginnings as a community football club after years of effort.

We've spent a small fortune on legal and planning fees to ensure the project could get going but this has left the club in a highly challenging situation where we're unable to pay for junior winter training facilities, relying on generosity of supporters for paying for a ground-sharing arrangement to allow first team games to continue and to pay our critical utility bill debts we've acquired while prioritising getting the 3G project going.

While the long-term future looks bright for this club, in the short term the club needs a significant cash injection to maintain its role in the local community and cover the costs of keeping the lights on at our club.

We know that everyone has been hit financially, but any donation would go a long

way to helping us secure the future of the club. With over 300 junior players across our youth section, plus our senior men's and women's teams, it's imperative the club can continue to operate and set the club up for the future. All donations raised will go directly into the club for the direct benefit of everyone involved.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and kindness. If we can successfully navigate through this tough period, this club will re-assert itself as the top local community club in Spelthorne and remain so for generations to come.

To donate go to:

https://www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/atfcmiddlesex



FOCUS ON FARNHAM TOWN

Farnham Town was established in 1906, through the merging of Farnham Bungs (the Farnham Brewery) and the Farnham star, the club was one of the founder members of the London Spartan League in 1975.

The 2017-18 season was ultimately one of disappointment for the club. A good start saw the club go on its best run in the FA Vase in decades, the defeat of higher league opposition in the County Cup and reaching 12th place on the back of a long undefeated run by early November.

However defeat in the last minute of the FA Vase Second Round to Bridgwater Town marked a significant turning point, not recording a single league win between 8th November and the season's end. This run led to the resignation of long-serving manager, Paul Tanner. Paul Bonner and then Emmanuelle Boudine were brought in to try and attempt to reverse the club's fortunes but alas it wasn't to be. The Town ended the season right at the foot of the table, being relegated back to Division One.

The one highlight of the latter half of the season however was the progression to the semi-finals of the Aldershot Invitation Cup, losing to eventual winners, Hartley Wintney.

After The Town welcomed Paul Johnson and Jimmy Hibburt to the Club in November 2022, it sparked a turnaround in the team that were hovering in mid-table.

An exciting end of season run of 13 games unbeaten was joined alongside by a run to the Southern Combination Cup final, which was hosted at The Memorial Ground in May 2023.

Over 1,150 people piled in to watch Farnham come from 2-0 down to beat Balham 3-2 in extra-time as academy graduate Owen Dean sealed a remarkable hat-trick in the last minute of extra time.



FARNHAM TOWN MANAGER PAUL JOHNSON

FOCUS ON FARNHAM TOWN

Farnham have had an outstanding season and are currently leading the way in the Pitching In Isthmian League Division South Central.

However, their form has dipped slightly in the last week, having suffered a 4-1 defeat at Leatherhead.

The Clarets were then held to a 2-2 draw by Horndean on

Saturday with Jordan Stepney and Owen Dean scoring for the hosts.

The campaign started well for Farnham with a 3-1 victory over Tunbridge Wells in the Emirates FA Cup.

The League campaign started with a flourish as Town bagged a 5-1 triumph over Badshot Lea. Farnham Town suffered their first defeat of the season when they crashed 4-2 at home to Sittingbourne Town to exit the Emirates FA Cup.

Although Farnham Town were excelling in the League, they suffered disappointment in the Isuzu FA Trophy when they lost 2-1 at home to Flackwell Heath despite a goal from Harry Cooksley.

FARNHAM TOWN PEN PICS

PAT NASH - GOALKEEPER: Started his career at Farnham Town before joining National League side Aldershot Town. However, Nash has returned to Farnham on a season long loan. Prior to joining Aldershot Town, Nash made 62 appearances for Farnham Town, keeping 32 clean sheets.

RYAN KINNANE - DEFENDER: Kinnane is a tall and dominant defender. The defender is brilliant in the air and a huge asset in both boxes, often being the target for attacking set pieces. The defender joined the club in the summer of 2023 after captaining Berkhamsted to Step Three by winning the league and cup double, and has been named the Farnham Town captain for 2023/24. His other previous clubs include, Hemel Hempstead and Hanwell Town.

JOE JACKSON - DEFENDER: Jackson is an extremely versatile player who can fulfil a whole variety of positions on the pitch with great effect. His reliability in every position has made him an ever-present in the side since his arrival from Uxbridge Town in August 2023. Jackson has featured in central midfield and has also filled in all across the backline on too

MAX MEATON - DEFENDER: Meaton is a robust right-back with plenty of pace and a love for challenges. The full-back often joins in on the attack and helps the Town make the pitch as big as possible. Meaton is a Farnham Town veteran who has completed eight seasons at the Memorial Ground and will forever be remembered as the man who scored the goal that secured the Combined Counties Premier Division South and promotion to Step Four football for the first time in our history.

the Club in February 2024 after spending the first seven months of the 2023-24 season with Kingstonian of the Isthmian Premier Division. The 28-year-old midfielder has a lot of experience playing in the higher levels of the English football pyramid, having spent two seasons with Tooting & Mitcham United before joining Hanwell Town where he spent the 2022-23 season.

HARRY COOKSLEY - MIDFIELDER: Cooksley is a midfield maestro, known for his sensational ball-playing abilities. The midfielder joined from Hartley Wintney in May 2023 having finished the campaign playing at Step Three. The orchestrator whips in a mean dead ball and is the designated penalty taker at the club. Other previous clubs include Aldershot Town, Farnborough and a stint in Austria for FC Pinzgau.

KAI TANNER - MIDFIELDER: Tanner came through the ranks at the Town and after breaking into the first team he left for League Two side Sutton United. An injury during a loan at Corinthian Casuals cut his time there short and forced Sutton United's hand so Tanner rejoined the Town in August 2023.Tanner, the son of Club Director and former manager Paul Tanner, is a tricky attacker he beats players with his low centre of gravity and sharp movements. These attributes also see the forward fouled a lot.

OWEN DEAN - FORWARD: Despite a short spell away at Badshot Lea, Dean is a fan-favourite labelled as 'One of Our Own' having come through the Farnham Town Development Team. The youngster possesses pace, agility and flair to cause defenders nightmares. He also backs it up with impressive decision making in the final third which many a time lead to a goal.

MARK WATERS - MIDFIELDER: Waters joined



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With our focus on positivity, The Isthmian League aims to ensure that all our footballers are able to play in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment and all supporters can enjoy the game in surroundings free from discrimination and hate.





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You may have caught our recent programme column on former nonleague players excelling as coaches at the elite level of the game.

The current poster boy is, of course, Anthony Barry. In case you didn't see it, the former Conference title winner landed a new job last week.

England assistant manager!

It's only been seven years since he was in Wrexham's midfield. Since taking the coaching path, he's been on the staff at Chelsea, Bayern Munich, Belgium and Portugal – now he will be Thomas Tuchel's right-hand man.

"Pretty incredible," he said when asked how it felt for England's YouTube channel. "Quite surreal. The process since it started has been fantastic. Thomas and I have loved every minute of it. As soon as I've seen this project capture the imagination of Thomas in the way that it did, we were back and forward sharing so much energy towards it, the imagination of the team and what we can do with these players.

"And then, of course, there is the extra layer for me. I am an Englishman. I've worked at other federations around the world. It was always a privilege to work on the highest level. But to come home now and represent The FA, England and the Three Lions is something that is the proudest day of my career so far."

Liverpool-born Barry, 38, progressed through the Everton youth ranks but was released at 18 and went on to play for Coventry City, Accrington Stanley, Yeovil Town and Chester City. Barry joined Fleetwood Town to help them win promotion to the Football League before joining Step One Forest Green Rovers for the 2013-14 season. Finishing his career after a second stint at Wrexham, Barry joined Paul Cook's backroom staff at Wigan in 2017 and after a chance meeting with Frank Lampard while studying for his UEFA Pro-Licence.

His detailed analysis of 16,380 throw-ins made a mark on Lampard and Barry was drafted in to work under the Blues legend as a set-piece coach – a role which he has since gone on to make his name.

Lampard departed in January 2021, but Barry stayed on at Stamford Bridge to work under his successor Tuchel.T he pair developed a strong friendship, helping Chelsea win the Champions League, and when Tuchel was sacked by Chelsea in September 2022, he returned for Barry when he was appointed at Bayern Munich the following year. England will be their third job together.

This, however, will not be Barry's first foray into international football having worked with the Republic of Ireland and also under Roberto Martinez with both Belgium and Portugal.

But while the 2026 World Cup may now be in his sights, the humble Three Lions assistant says he still looks back today on his very first taste of coaching at the age of 29, working with Accrington Stanley's Under-16s side with injury now stalling his playing career.

"I remember that first session so clearly," Barry told the Essential Euros podcast last summer. "It was on a Tuesday night. It was with around 10 players. I had a third of a pitch, not enough balls, not enough bibs. But I simply fell in love with coaching and on that night I knew it was absolutely everything I wanted to do.

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Tuesday 29th October



ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

Tangerine

FARNHAM TOWN

Claret



1	PATRICK NASH
2	MAX MEATON
3	RYAN KINNANE
4	JORDAN STEPNEY
5	LIAM FLANIGHAN
6	MARK WATERS
7	JOSEPH JACKSON
8	SAM DE ST CROIX
9	HARRY COOKSLEY
10	OWEN DEAN
11	ADAM LIDDLE
SUBS	
12	GREAT EVANS
14	SHAY BRENNAN
15	RICHIE MBELE
16	JACK MARNEY
17	KAI TANNER
	Manager
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Luke Tuffs

Referee: Jonathan Bolland Assistants: Oliver Hind, Belin Demirov

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Sutton Common Rovers Friday 1st November

Paul Johnson

