



**The Pitching In  
Isthmian League  
South Central  
Division**

**LEATHERHEAD**

**Saturday  
9th November**

**at Cobham's  
Reg Madgwick  
Stadium**

**3pm  
Kick-Off**



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# WELCOME NOTES

**Good afternoon everyone and we welcome Leatherhead to Cobham for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division fixture along with the referee Jorden Gibson and his assistants James Sedley and Ben Jerrams.**

It is a rarity at the moment for us to have a home Saturday here at Cobham as we welcome Leatherhead to the Reg Madgwick Stadium. We lost quite heavily at Leatherhead a few weeks ago but our efforts have not wavered and we remain completely behind manager Luke Tuffs and his squad.

With funds at an all time low, and little income, it is a difficult season without a doubt but we need to concentrate upon the positives, one being that last Friday, we arrested the recent slid albeit with a modest 1-1 draw against Sutton Common Rovers.

We conceded the first goal from the penalty-spot shortly before half-time and once again it was following a second yellow card, this time for an involuntary handball. It was so clearly not intentional and it does seem that nobody fully understands the current hand-ball rules any more. As part of the same situation, a visiting player then struck our goalkeeper for no obvious reason and SCR were down to ten men before they actually scored the penalty.

The second half saw us playing against ten men as a result and it did not take too long before we equalised through Basim Mirtahmasebi and we looked reasonably set to go on and claim victory. It did not work out that way though as the ten men thwarted our efforts and indeed, missed what looked like an open goal right at the death. That really would have been a sickener!

The 3G work is proceeding at pace we understand as the current dry weather has been helpful, while another positive development has been the return of Elliott Poley, who left us a few seasons ago as part of the mass exodus to Uxbridge at the time. Elliott has never been what you would call a spectacular player but he is now a solid and experienced Step Four defender as he showed against SCR. Welcome back Elliott.

We have a little rest from the League this coming Tuesday as we entertain Balham from the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League on Tuesday evening in the Preliminary Round of the Specsavers Surrey Senior Cup, kick-off 7.45pm. The prize for the winners is a home match against South Park in the First Round Proper.

After that we are away to Kingstonian on Saturday 16th November followed on Tuesday 19th November with an interesting home Middlesex Senior Cup tie against Hendon.

Finally I would like to congratulate our Under-16s for their fine performance in the County Cup against TAP where they came from 2-0 down to clinch a fine 5-2 victory. Well done lads.

**Enjoy the game.**



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The Isthmian League and our Member Clubs are committed to promoting equity and equality by treating all people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of our communities."

# 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. With which club did film star Vinnie Jones start his football career with?
2. Who are Kettering Town's landlords at their Latimer Park ground?
3. Which club has current Kettering Town forward Nile Ranger played for in his senior career?
4. Which non-league clubs have qualified for the Emirates FA Cup Second Round?
5. Which non-league club plays at the ground pictured?



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# THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

**HARROW BOROUGH** had two new names in their squad on Tuesday night, as they hosted Hampton and Richmond Borough in a County Cup match.

Tyrese Osbourne, a midfielder, will already be well known to Pitching In Isthmian South Central audiences from his recent spell with Sutton Common Rovers, which saw him make 12 appearances this season and score three goals - indeed one of those appearances was in a draw against his new club in September. He also made eight appearances for Rovers in the closing stages of last season.

He came through the Kinetic Football Academy, based in Croydon, to play for Ipswich Town- and while a Tractor Boy

played for AFC Sudbury on loan in our North Division, He played seven times in yellow, scoring once. Last season also saw him play seven times for Sevenoaks Town before moving to Sutton.

Dhilan previously played for the Under 23 side at National League North club Leamington, and, whilst studying, played for the University of Warwick. We don't know his position, but he wore the number four shirt as Borough defeated the Beavers on penalties.

**ROUND-UP:** Struggling South Park (Reigate) bagged a 2-1 win over bottom side Badshot Lea on Tuesday evening. However, lowly Moneyfields lost 1-0 at high-flying Kingstonian on Wednesday.

# THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

## LEAGUE TABLE

## LEAGUE FIXTURES

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Farnham Town.....	14	11	2	1	32	35
Kingstonian.....	13	10	1	2	19	31
Raynes Park Vale .....	14	8	2	4	11	26
Harrow Borough .....	12	8	2	2	11	26
Hartley Wintney .....	14	8	1	5	9	25
Hayes & Yeading Utd...	11	6	3	2	8	21
Hanworth Villa .....	12	6	3	3	6	21
Horndean.....	14	6	3	5	2	21
Ascot United .....	14	6	3	5	1	21
Westfield.....	13	6	2	5	-4	20
Uxbridge .....	12	6	2	4	0	20
Rayners Lane .....	13	4	5	4	-2	17
Southall.....	13	4	5	4	-2	17
Binfield.....	13	5	2	6	-12	17
Leatherhead .....	12	4	3	5	9	15
South Park.....	12	3	4	5	-6	13
Sutton Common Rov ...	13	3	3	7	-5	12
Metropolitan Police .....	13	3	3	7	-8	12
Moneyfields .....	14	2	5	7	-11	11
<b>Ashford Town (Mx) ....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>8</b>
Guernsey .....	13	1	3	9	-14	6
Badshot Lea .....	13	0	3	10	-26	3

**As at 7th November**

### Saturday 9th November

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

### Tuesday 12th November

Hanworth Villa v Harrow Borough  
 Uxbridge v Hayes & Yeading United

### Wednesday 13th November

Kingstonian v Sutton Common Rovers



# 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	<b>Uxbridge</b>	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo!
M4	Aug 20	Uxbridge	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope <sup>1</sup> =	King	Kandolo!
M5	Aug 24	<b>Ascot United</b>	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	<b>Herne Bay</b>	FAC	0-2	97	-	Chisolm	Blakeborough	Larkham	Hope	McKay*
M8	Sep 18	Southall	IL	1-1	109	-	Brzozowski	Blakeborough+	Larkham	King <sup>1</sup>	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	<b>Raynes Park Vale</b>	IL	0-5	201		Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King	Kandolo
M13	Oct 08	<b>Kingstonian</b>	IL	7-4	146		Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope	King	McKay
M14	Oct 12	South Park	IL	0-3	163	20	Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope*	King	McKay
M15	Oct 20	<b>Metropolitan Police</b>	IL	1-2	101	20-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Blakeborough	King*	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	Hope	Larkham^	King	Kandolo
M18	Oct 29	<b>Farnham Town</b>	IL	0-2	134	20	Jupp	Larkham	R-Solanki	Atkinson	Hope
M19	Nov 01	<b>Sutton Common Rov</b>	IL	1-1	77	20	Jupp	Larkham	Hope	King	Poley
M	Nov 09	<b>Leatherhead</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Nov 12	<b>Balham</b>	SSC	7.45							
M	Nov 16	Kingstonian	IL	3.00							
M	Nov 19	<b>Hendon</b>	MSC	7.45							
M	Nov 23	<b>Uxbridge</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Nov 26	Hartley Wintney	ASC	7.45							
M	Nov 30	Horndean	IL	3.00							
M	Dec 07	<b>Guernsey</b>	IL	1.00							
M	Dec 14	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	3.00							
M	Dec 20	<b>Binfield</b>	IL	7.45							
M	Dec 26	Westfield	IL	3.00							
M	Dec 28	<b>Harrow Borough</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 01	<b>Hanworth Villa</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 04	Moneyfields	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 11	<b>Ascot United</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 18	Badshot Lea	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 26	<b>Horndean</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 01	Guernsey	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 08	Raynes Park Vale	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 15	<b>South Park</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 22	Metropolitan Police	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 01	<b>Rayners Lane</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 07	Sutton Common Rov	IL	7.45							
M	Mar 15	<b>Hayes &amp; Yeading Utd</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 21	Binfield	IL	7.45							
M	Mar 29	<b>Badshot Lea</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 05	Ascot United	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 12	<b>Moneyfields</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 19	<b>Hartley Wintney</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 21	<b>Westfield</b>	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 26	<b>Southall</b>	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 <sup>2</sup>	Holder*	Mcleish <sup>^</sup>	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day <sup>^</sup>			<b>M1</b>
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi <sup>^</sup>			<b>M2</b>
McKay	Sweeney <sup>1</sup>	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Dayj <sup>^</sup>			<b>M3</b>
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly <sup>^</sup>	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder <sup>^</sup> RSol!Day= <sup>1</sup>			<b>M4</b>
McKay	Sweeney <sup>1</sup>	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham <sup>^</sup> Khallouqi!			<b>M5</b>
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold <sup>1</sup>	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+			<b>M6</b>
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+			<b>M7</b>
Hope	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+			<b>M8</b>
McKay	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*			<b>M9</b>
McKay	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllister*Barsa+R-Solanki <sup>^</sup>			<b>M10</b>
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day <sup>^</sup> SSweeney! <sup>1</sup>			<b>M11</b>
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+			<b>M12</b>
Day <sup>1</sup> <sup>^</sup>	Sweeney	Humphreys <sup>1</sup>	Richards*	Cullen <sup>4</sup>	Basim <sup>1</sup> +	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife <sup>^</sup>			<b>M13</b>
Day	Blakeborough+	Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Larkham*Nwokebuife+			<b>M14</b>
Kandolo	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Barsa	Day	Cullen	R-Solanki	Aryan*			<b>M15</b>
Kandolo	Basim	Dillon*	Day	Cullen	R-Solanki	Aryan* Blakebrough+			<b>M16</b>
McKay	Humphreys	R-Solanki	Cullen <sup>1</sup>	Day*	Basim+	Noyan*Nwokebuife+Blakebrough <sup>^</sup>			<b>M17</b>
Kandolo	Basim*	Day	N.Tajbakhsh	Humphreys	Blakeborough+	Arnold*Dillon+			<b>M18</b>
R-Solanki	Basim <sup>1</sup>	Humphreys	Cullen	Day*	Atkinson	Arnold*			<b>M18</b>

## ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) NEWS ROUND-UP

□ Defender Elliott Poley has returned to Ashford Town (Middx) and featured in the 1-1 draw against Sutton Common Rovers. Elliott has also turned out for Harrow Borough, Uxbridge and Burnhm.

□ Ashford Town (Middx) Under-16s showed plenty of character to overturn a 2-0 deficit to clinch a 5-2 victory over TAP in the County Cup. The youngsters had levelled the scores by half-time and produced an outstanding performance after the break. Callum and Alfie both scored twice for the Tangerines with the other coming from Langers. Danny was the man of the match.



## ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) UNDER-16s

Ashford Town (Middx) v Leatherhead



## HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Vinnie Jones made 38 appearances for Wealdstone at the start of his footballing career between 1984 and 1986. Jones went on to play for Wimbledon, Leeds United, Sheffield United, Chelsea, a second spell at Wimbledon and Queens Park Rangers.
2. Burton Park Wanderers, who play in the Northamptonshire Combination Premier Division.
3. Newcastle United, Barnsley (loan), Sheffield Wednesday (loan), Swindon Town, Blackpool, Southend United, twice, Spalding United, Boreham Wood and currently Kettering Town.
4. Harborough Town, Solihull Moors, Wealdstone, Dagenham & Redbridge, Gainsborough Trinity, Brackley Town, Tamworth, Kettering Town, Oldham Athletic.
5. Oldham Athletic. Boundary Park once featured Premier League games but is now a non-league venue.

**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	6	5		2	3		8	8	
Archie Larkham	12	2		4	1		16	3	
James King	13		1	3			16		1
Prince Kandolo	10			5			15		
Callum Hope	12			5		1	17		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	2	1	3	1		5	3	1
Faris Khallouqi	1	1			2		1	3	
Scott Day	11	2	1	1	4	1	12	6	2
Kyron H-McKay	11			4			15		
Sam Humphreys	10	1	1	2	1		12	2	1
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2	
Josh Blakebrough	5	4		2	1		7	5	
Mac Chisholm	1			1			2		
Marcin Brzozowski	8						8		
Basim Mirthamasebi	12		5				12		5
Connor Cullen	11		5				11		5
Barsa Mirthamasebi	3	2					3	2	
Adam Richards	2						2		
Emmanuel Nwoke		3						3	
Aryantaj Tajbakhsh		2						2	
Nick Jupp	4						4		
Gordon Dillon	1	1					1	1	
Noyan Tajbakhsh	1	1					1	1	
Jayden P-Atkinson	2						2		
Elliott Poley	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/atcmiddlesex>



# LEATHERHEAD HISTORY

**Leatherhead FC can trace its history back to the formation of Leatherhead Rose in 1907. Rose were crowned champions of the Dorking & District League in 1910 and 1919 before joining the Kingston and District League where they won the League title three times, the last in 1938-39.**

Leatherhead United were formed in 1924 and, in 1925-26, won Division One of the Sutton and District League. In the early 1930s, United joined the Surrey Junior League becoming Champions in 1933-34

After the War, officials of the two clubs met and in May 1946, Leatherhead Football Club was officially formed at a public meeting. United's Fetcham Grove ground was to be used as the home ground.

After being elected into the Isthmian League, Leatherhead made national headlines in 1974-5 when they reached the Fourth Round proper of the FA Cup, defeating League sides Colchester Utd and Brighton & Hove Albion before bowing out to First Division Leicester City losing 3-2. In subsequent seasons, the Tanners defeated two more Football League sides at the Grove – Cambridge United and Northampton Town.

After the disappointment of defeat in FA Amateur Cup semi-finals in 1971 and 1974, the Tanners finally reached Wembley Stadium in 1978 but were beaten in the FA Trophy final. The Club then entered a period of

decline and were relegated in 1983. In 2006-07, Leatherhead were the lowest ranked team to reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, losing 2-1 at Football League side, Torquay United. Mick Sullivan was appointed first team manager in May 2009. Under Sullivan's guidance, the club had its most successful season in years, winning the Isthmian League Cup - the first major trophy for some 40 years - and finishing the season in fifth place in the League before losing a play-off semi-final.

The following season, a dramatic play-off victory against Dulwich Hamlet - 4-3 after extra time -, saw The Tanners return to the Premier Division for the first time since 1983. Tanners stay lasted just the one season though. but they returned in 2014.

Sammy Moore was appointed in the summer of 2017. In his first managerial job Sammy steered Tanners to the second round of the FA Cup, a County Cup Final and a top eight finish in the League before departing for Concord Rangers. He was replaced by former Margate boss Nikki Bull.

After a poor start to the 2021-22 season Luke Tuffs was appointed to the Fetcham Grove hot seat in January 2022, and his team very nearly escaped relegation after a number of battling performances. The 2022-23 season started slowly for the Tanners and after a dozen games, Luke Tuffs decided to step down, and he was replaced by Hayden Bird.



## LEATHERHEAD

## LEATHERHEAD PEN PICS

**ANUAR CEESAY** – Wide player who is quick, direct and has an eye for goal. Signed from Badshot Lea in the summer of 2024. Has turned out for Uxbridge and Tooting & Mitcham Utd.

**MATT EVERITT** – Young forward who is a former Ireland Under-19s International. He spent three years with Brighton & Hove Albion playing for the Seagulls from U18s to u23s. Signed for Dorking Wanderers in August 2023 and spent part of last season at Carshalton Athletic. Joined the Tanners in August 2024.

**KANE FITZGERALD** - Creative midfielder who joined in July 2024 from league rivals Badshot Lea. He was Baggies club captain and scored 24 goals in 118 appearances. He won the Player's Player, Manager's Player and Supporter's Player of the Season awards in 2021-22. He has previously played for Ashford Town, Knaphill, Bracknell Town, Binfield and Farnham Town.

**LUKAS FRANZEN-JONES** – Striker signed in October 2024 after a short spell with Margate. He played for Newhaven, Burgess Hill, East Preston, Pagham, Three Bridges and Haywards Heath before joining Lancing ahead of the 2023-24 season where he was on top form playing 43 times in all competitions and scoring 28 goals.

**RILEIGH HEBDITCH** – Young goalkeeper who progressed through the QPR Academy before playing for Farnborough and Westfield from where he joined Tanners in June 2024.

**GEORGE HEDLEY** – Defender signed from Badshot Lea in July 2024. He made 54 appearances last season, scoring ten goals and was the Baggies Players and Supporters Player of the Year for the second year running. George was a product of Aldershot Town's Academy and

has also played for Westfield.

**ALFIE HUCKLE** - The young midfielder started his career at Chertsey and more recently Westfield. Last season's player's player of the season for Westfield with a good passing range and bags of energy. Signed in May 2024.

**TOM KAVANAGH** – Signed in May 2024 from Horsham. The 33-year-old set piece specialist has previously played for Kingstonian, Sutton United, Dulwich Hamlet, Canvey Island and Merstham and most recently Horsham where he scored 19 goals in 106 appearances from midfield.

**SEB KARCZEWSKI** - Seb, signed in August 2024 from Hanwell Town, came through the academy at Woking and spent last season with Knaphill scoring 16 goals. Has also played for Walton & Hersham, Farnham Town and South Park Reigate.

**ALEX LAING** - Much travelled goal-scoring left winger who numbers Burgess Hill, Shoreham, Whitehawk, Horsham, Lewes, South Park, Worthing, Haywards Heath Town among his former clubs. Has most recently been captain for Lancing before starting this season at Littlehampton Town.

**KELVIN-MANUEL MASSANGO** – Left sided defender who can also play further forward. Joined in the summer of 2024 after spending the previous couple of seasons with South Park. Has also appeared for Redhill.

**ALEX PEARCE** – Signed in October 2024 the experienced defender brings a wealth of experience to the Tanners. Alex has previously played for Reading, Bournemouth, Derby, Millwall and AFC Wimbledon.

## FOCUS ON LEATHERHEAD

Leatherhead manager Ian Selley had a successful playing career the highlights being his time at Arsenal where he won the European Cup Winners Cup, FA Cup and League Cup. He went on to play for Fulham and Wimbledon among others.

Selley will have been buoyed by Leatherhead's recent good form after a slow start to their Pitching In Isthmian League South Central campaign.

In all competitions, The Tanners were unbeaten in six games prior to their 1-0 home defeat against Raynes Park Vale last weekend.

Notable wins in this sequence was a 4-1 success against Farnham Town along with a 4-0 triumph over Ashford Town (Middx).

Despite their recent good form, Leatherhead are still languishing towards the

bottom half of the table in 15th position with 15 points from 12 games.

The Tigers have had some joy in the cup competitions reaching the Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round with victories over Sevenoaks Town and Dulwich Hamlet before losing 2-0 to Dartford.

In the Isuzu FA Trophy, Leatherhead beat Sevenoaks Town but lost to Hastings Utd.



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**If the FA Cup first round is all about romance and nostalgia, then the second round takes on a slightly more serious feel.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Matt Badcock**

# THE TEAMS

Saturday 9th November



**ASHFORD  
TOWN (MIDDX)**

**Tangerine**

NICK JUPP	1
ARCHIE LARKHAM	2
CALLUM HOPE	3
JAMES KING	4
ELLIOTT POLEY	5
DEVEN R-SOLANKI	6
BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI	7
SAM HUMPHREYS	8
CONNOR CULLEN	9
SCOTT DAY	10
JAYDEN P-ATKINSON	11

**SUBS**

JACK ARNOLD	12
BRADLEY MANNING	14
CHRIS KELLY	15
GORDON DILLON	16
PRINCE KANDOLO	17

**Manager**

Luke Tuffs

Referee: Jorden Gibson  
Assistants: James Sedley, Ben Jerrams



**LEATHERHEAD**

**Green + White**

KACPER ORLOWSKI
EMMANUEL KWATCHEY
CHARLIE STALLARD
DARNELL BROMFIELD
BERTIE LLOYD
EVANGELOS EMPOCHONTSIF
JEFFREY COBBLAH
LUKE IGE
CHRISTIAN GYAMFI
TROY WALTERS
FRANCIS SEY

**Manager**

Ian Selley

## OUR NEXT HOME GAME

**ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)**  
v  
**Balham**  
Tuesday 12th November

