



ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

v

Raynes Park Vale



Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

at The Robert Parker Stadium

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WELCOME NOTES

A warm welcome to Raynes Park Vale for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at the Robert Parker Stadium along with the referee John-Paul Kane and his assistants Louie Chaisty and Steven Monks.

Our visitors spent many years in the CCL before achieving promotion to Step 4 in time for the 2023-2024 season since when they have been a revitalised club, finishing in 6th place in their first season at Step 4.

They were a bit lower last season in 14th place but are now firmly established. We have played against them on 21 previous occasions, winning 14, drawing 1, and losing six

It has to be admitted that the majority of our triumphs came in the 1990's as Vale went on to beat us four times in a row between 2016 and 2024.

The final defeat was a heavy one, 0-5: it marked our opening match at Cobham, our "borrowed" ground whilst our 3g surface was being built. We gained a modicum of revenge later that season with a 3-1 win at our opponent's ground, our scorers being Arnold, Voster and Kandolo, in front of 137 people.

Our rather handsome win over a Barnet side on Tuesday by five goals to one has seen us into the quarter final of the Middlesex Senior Cup when we shall be at home to Broadfields United or Hanwell Town. A fairly full summary of the Barnet match is on the Ashford facebook page so I have not repeated it today.

The match between Broadfields and Hanwell was abandoned on Tuesday at half-time (0-0) by the referee due to what was described as an "Incident". It must have been severe for the referee to abandon the match but it means that our quarter-final is now likely to be delayed whilst the County sorts it out. If it was really bad they might rule both clubs out of the competition and give us a bye into the semi-final!

We have another home midweek game this coming Tuesday when the visitors will be Westfield FC, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Our Ladies' team have a long trip down to Worthing on Sunday (kick-off is at 1.30 pm) and having recently beaten Worthing 6-1 at home, will be hoping for another victory. If they pull it off it could mean that we go second in the table, behind Brentford.

Their latest success came last weekend when they travelled to Barking for a London and South East League fixture. It was a thrilling game and we were able to edge our way to a 4-3 victory to secure the three points.

Finally, please note that our away match against Southall next weekend is being played on the Sunday afternoon, 1 November, kicking off at 3.00 pm. The venue is Uxbridge FC.



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AWAY TRAVEL

Southall - 1st November



**Uxbridge Football Club,
Horton Road,
Yiewsley,
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UB7 8HX**

Directions: From the ground at Short Lane, aim for the M25 via Long Lane, Bedfont Road, B378, A3044 and A3113.

At the roundabout, take the 4th exit onto the M25 slip road to M4/M40/M1 Heathrow Airport/ Watford.

Merge onto M25 and at Junction 15 take the M4 exit to London W & C/Heathrow Airport. Slight right to merge on to M4 and at Junction 4 take the A408 exit to A408 to Uxbridge/Heathrow

Take the exit towards Stockley Road. Turn left onto Stockley Road. At the roundabout take the 1st exit on to A408/Stockley Road.

Take the Horton Road slip road to Stockley Park/ Dawleywood/ Golf Course.

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Horton Road. Go through one roundabout and the destination will be on the right.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. What subjects did Luton Town loan midfielder Tudor Mendel study at A Levels at Eton?

2. Where in England do Stockport County have to travel to for their FA Cup tie against Cray Wanderers?

3. Who are the two remaining Step 4 clubs in this season's Emirates FA Cup?

4. In which tie in the Emirates FA Cup will Robbie and Charlie Savage face each other?



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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL ROUND-UP

Ashford Town (Middx) manager Luke Morgan-Tuffs executed an unusual preparation plan for the recent Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match against Ascot United.

Luke told The Tangerines Facebook Page that he ordered his players to have a round of golf.

"It is better for the players to have a game of golf for some team bonding rather than having to listen to my waffle," said Luke.

The strategy clearly worked as we drove our way to a 7-0 victory over the division's strugglers with Jack Arnold bagging a hat-trick. The other goals came from Alex Paine, Ben Mulley, Zak Akers and Elliott Poley.

This win strengthened our place in the play-offs while the impressive Bognor Regis Town still lead the division.

Last weekend the Sussex club, however, suffered a surprising 3-1 defeat at Southall, for whom Bill Montague scored twice with the other effort coming from Liam Ferdinand.

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL 2026- 1227 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Bognor Regis Town	12	9	2	1	15	29
Jersey Bulls	12	8	4	0	14	28
Winchester City	13	7	3	3	14	24
Egham Town.....	12	7	1	4	4	22
Raynes Park Vale	13	7	1	5	-3	22
Moneyfields	13	6	3	4	6	21
Ashford Town (Middx) ..	11	6	2	3	12	20
Westfield	11	5	4	2	6	19
Hendon	10	4	4	2	7	16
Southall.....	9	4	4	1	7	16
AFC Portchester	10	4	4	2	3	16
Windsor & Eton.....	11	4	3	4	3	15
Kingstonian.....	11	4	3	4	2	15
Hartley Wintney	12	4	2	6	-4	14
Bedfont Sports.....	13	3	4	6	-8	13
Hayes & Yeading Utd...	8	3	3	2	2	12
Harrow Borough	12	2	4	6	-4	10
Cobham	11	3	0	8	-14	9
Ascot United	12	2	2	8	-17	8
Littlehampton Town.....	13	1	4	8	-18	7
AFC Stoneham	10	1	2	7	-13	5
Binfield.....	11	1	1	9	-14	4

As at 22nd October

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 24th October

AFC Portchester v Bedfont Sports
 Ascot United v Bognor Regis Town
 Ashford Town (Middx) v Raynes Park Vale
 Harrow Borough v AFC Stonehaven
 Hartley Wintney v Southall
 Hayes & Yeading v Binfield
 Hendon v Jersey Bulls
 Littlehampton Town v Kingstonian
 Moneyfields v Westfield
 Winchester City v Cobham

Tuesday 27th October

AFC Stonrham v Kingstonian
 Ashford Town & Muddx) v Westfield
 Binfield v Southall
 Cubham v Bognor Regis Town
 Hartley Wintney v Hayes & Yeading
 Hendon v Egham Town
 Jersey Bulls v AFC Portchester

Saturday 31st October

AFC Stoneham v Ascot United
 Bedfont Sports v Hartley Wintney
 Binfield v AFC Portchester
 Bognor Regis Town v Hendon

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2026-27 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M01	Aug 08	Bearsted	FAC	1-2	N/A	-	Allen	Rowan	Barsa=	Kamara	Elliott
M02	Aug 16	Merstham	FAT	2-3	N/A	-	Allen	Barsa!	Rowan	Kamara=	Udeh+
M03	Aug 18	Binfield	ILSC	4-0	177	8	Allen	Rowan	Lock+	Paine	Elliott+
M04	Aug 25	Cobham	ILSC	2-3	202	10	Allen	Lock	Rowan*	Paine+	Elliott
M05	Aug 31	Jersey Bulls	ILSC	1-2	939	14	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Kamara*	Elliott+
M06	Sep 08	Hendon	ILLC	2-3	N/A	-	Allen	Lock	Rowan*	Hillary *	Lamb
M07	Sep 12	Littlehampton Town	ILSC	2-2	127	13	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hillary	Lamb
M08	Sep 15	AFC Stoneham	ILSC	2-0	111	9					
M09	Sep 26	Hartley Wintney	ILSC	1-3	119	16	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hillary*	Cheshire^
M10	Sep 29	Hendon	ILSC	1-1	224	13	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Bala	Lamb
M11	Oct 03	Harrow Borough	ILSC	2-1	204	9	Allen	Lock	Rowan!	Bala	Lamb
M12	Oct 06	Egham Town	ILSC	3-2	165	7	Allen	Lee+	Lock	Poley	Lamb ¹
M13	Oct 10	AFC Portchester	ILS6C	2-1	203	6	Allen	Lee	Lock	Bala ¹	Lamb
M14	Oct 13	Dorking Wanderers	SSC	0-1			Marcin	Eisa	Lee	Akers	Ghandali
M15	Oct 17	Ascot United	ILSC	7-0	149	6	Allen	Lock	Lee	Bala^	Lamb
M16	Oct 20	Barnet	MSC	5-1			Marcin	Lock	Monk	Bala ¹	Lamb
M	Oct 24	Raynes Park Vale	ILSC	3.00							
M	Oct 27	Westfield	ILSC	7.45							
M	Nov 01	Southall	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 07	AFC Stoneham	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 14	Cobham	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 17	Binfield	ILSC	7.45							
M	Nov 21	Moneyfields	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 28	Bedfont Sports	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 05	Winchester City	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 12	Windsor & Eton	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 19	Bognor Regis Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Dec 28	Kingstonian	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 02	Jersey Bulls	ILSC	1.00							
M	Jan 09	Littlehampton Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 16	AFC Portchester	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 23	Ascot United	ILSC	3.00							
M	Jan 30	Moneyfields	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 06	Bedfont Sports	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 09	Hendon	ILSC	7.45							
M	Feb 13	Hartley Wintney	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 20	Harrow Borough	ILSC	3.00							
M	Feb 27	Egham Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 06	Raynes Park Vale	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 13	Southall	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 20	Hayes & Yeading Utd	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 27	Bognor Regis Town	ILSC	3.00							
M	Mar 29	Kingstonian	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 03	Westfield	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 10	Winchester City	ILSC	3.00							
M	Apr 17	Windsor & Eton	ILSC	3.00							
M	TBA	Hayes & Yeading	ILSC	7.45							

TANGERINES NEWS

□ Ashford Town (Middx) have a number of re-arranged fixtures. The Tangerines will travel to Binfield on 17th November. This game was originally on 20th October. Westfield will be visiting The Robert Parker Stadium on Tuesday 27th October.

□ Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies are third in the London and South East League after their 4-3 away win against Barking where both Amelia Halawi and Jessica Roberts scored twice.

Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies: Libby Stratton, Ruby Maiden, Alice Frise, Hannah Duncan, Sarah McDermott, Jessica Roberts, Dilara Sucuoglu, Mhairi Crooks, Amelia Halawi, Elena Nitsche, Chanel Morris. **Subs:** Sofia Allan, Eleonora Cottrell, Phoebe Head, Lily Belle Kingsland, Mary Southgate

Key

ILSC: Isthmian League South Central

FAC: Emirates FA Cup

FAT: Isuzu FA Trophy

MSC: Middlesex Senior Cup

SSC: Surrey Senior Cup

ASC: Aldershot Senior Cup

ILC: Isthmian League Cup

PP: Postponed

* Decided on Kicks From The Penalty Spot

+ Score includes own goal

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
R,Collins	P-James*	Paine+	Karczewski^	Decabo!	Akers	Poley*Bala+	Arnold^1,Mbele!	Lock=	M01
Poley	P-James	Humphries*	Arnold 2	L.Collins^	Bala	Paine*Lock+R.Collins^Akers!	Hanlon=		M02
Poley	Bala^	Mulley*	Arnold 3	Decabo	Akers 1!	Hanlon*Barsa+P-James^C--Charles!			M03
Poley1	Bala^	Mulley	Arnold 1	Decabo!	Akers	Lamb*Kam+C-Charles^Karc!	Hanlon=		M04
R,Collins	Bala	Mulley	Arnold 1	Paine	Akers^	P-James*Lamb+Hanlon^			M05
R,Collins	Bala	Mulley 1!!	Notley ^1	Paine=	C Charles 1!	Barsa*Davies+Brop^Williams!	Rogers=		M06
R,Collins	Bala 2	Mulley	Arnold ^	Paine+	Akers*	C-Charles*Poley+P-James^			M07
						Rogers*Poley+Hanlon^P-James!			
Cheshire*	Bala	Mulley	Arnold 2	Rogers	Akers!	Poley*Paine+C-Charles^			M08
Cheshire	Rogers	Mulley	Arnold	Poley	Akers	Barsa*Hanlon+Paine^ 1			M10
Cheshire+	Malin*	Mulley	Arnold 1^	Akers 1	Poley	Paine*Hanlon+Rogers^Lee!			M11
Cheshire	Bala	Paine*	Arnold 2	Mulley 1	Akers	Hanlon*Rowan+			M12
Mulley 1	Paine*	Akers+	Arnold	Poley	Hillary	Hanlon*Rogers+			M13
Beneghazi	Hanlon	Rogers	Poley	King	Hillary				M14
Poley 1	Hillary=	Mulley1	Arnold3=	Paine1*	Akers1!	Bene*Hanlon+Monk^Rogers!Eisa=			M15
Cheshire1	Mulley1	Benelghazi	Hanlon	Rogers	Paine1	Lee*Poley+Hillary^ 1 Barsa!			M16

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) LADIES

Libby Stratton (Goalkeeper): Signed during the close season having spent her youth career at Fulham. Has also played for Dorking Wanderers and Moneyfields.

Ruby Maiden (Full Back/Winger): Spent eight seasons at Queen's Park Rangers where she mainly played for their Reserves.

Hannah Duncan (Central Defender): Captain of the side. Holds several coaching badges and is editor of the Women's Football Coaching magazine. Has also played for Whyteleafe.

Mary Southgate (Centre Back): Second best known Fulham fan after Pointless Celebrity star Richard Osman. Was a long standing captain of Fulham Ladies. Season ticket holder in the Hammersmith End Stand.

Sarah McDermott (Defender/Midfielder): Previously played for Atletico London and Walthamstow.

Didi Sucuoglu (Midfielder): Her early career was spent in German leagues with clubs such as SV Menden and Bayer04 Leverkusen.

Jess Roberts (Forward): Attacking player particularly at set pieces with her free kicks.

Chanel Morris (Forward/Midfielder): Attacking

Charlotte Close (Forward): Renowned goalscorer signed from Richmond & Kew where she scored 43 goals from 23 appearances. Has also represented England Universities and Middlesex..

Josie Wright (Midfielder): Spent her youth career at Brentford Under-21s.

Phoebe Head (Winger/Forward): Spent her youth career at Teddington Athletic. Also played for the University of Birmingham.

Ellie Nitsche (Forward): Prolific striker who was previously at East Bergholt United. Has also represented St Mary's University.

Amelia Halawi (Forward): Summer signing from Dorking Wanderers and has also played for Sutton United and Chelsea Blenheim Under-

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1 Latin, Greek, Modern History

2. London Borough of Bromley (Kent)

3. AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Stafford Rangers

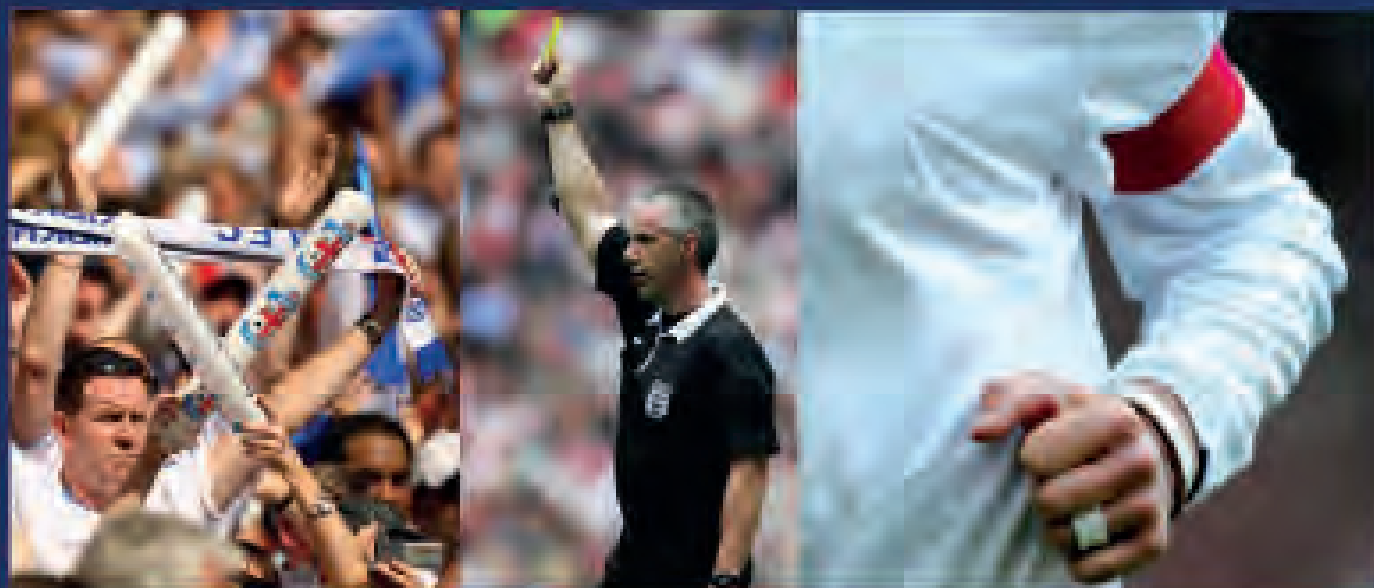
4. Peterborough United v Reading

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE
SOUTH CENTRAL
2026-27 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Gls
Liam Allen	11			3			14		
Oliver Rowan	8	1		3			11	1	
Barsa Mirtanhasebi		2		2	2		2	4	
Yahaya Kamara	1	1		2			3	1	
Luke Elliott	3			1			4		
Reuben Collins	2			1	2		3	1	
Aiden P-James		3		2			2	3	
Alex Paine	7	4	2	3	1	1	10	5	3
Seb Karczewski		1		1			1	1	
Leo Decabo	2			1			3		
Zidan Akers	10		3	2	1		12	2	3
Elliot Poley	7	3	1	2	2		9	5	1
Jack Arnold	12		13	1	1	3	13	1	16
Arif Bala	10		3	2	2	1	12	1	4
Ritchie Mbele					1			1	
George Lock	11			1	3		12	3	
Louis Udeh				1			1		
Adam Humphries				1			1		
Louie Collins				1			1		
Jamie Hanlon	1	8		2	1		3	9	
Ben Mulley	11		3	1	1	2	12	1	5
Jaiden C-Charles		5			1	1	1	6	1
Bailey Lamb	9	1		1	1		10	2	
Lewis Hillary	4			2	1	1	6	1	1
Marcin Brzozowski				2			2		
Radu Stefonaonica					1		1	1	
Daniel Brobbey					1			1	
Frankie Monk		1		1			1	1	
Nathan Rogers	3	3		3			6	3	
Anthony Cheshire	5			1		1	6		1
Charlie Malin	1						1		
Callum Lee	3	1		1	1		4	2	
Gassem Benelgh		1		2			2	1	
Omar Eisa		1		1			1	1	



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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.



RAYNES PARK VALE PEN PIX

Marcus Hill (Goalkeeper): Is currently on loan from Premier League club Crystal Palace where he has played in the Under-18s squad.

Theo Osinflarin (Defender): A full-back who can play on either flank. Previously at Whitstable Town, Herne Bay, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford United and Cheshunt.

Tushaun Walters (Forward/Winger): Plays on the right flank. Has been at many clubs. most recently at Croydon Athletic and Margate.

Mo Kamara (Central Defender): Has also played for a number of clubs including Hythe Town, Rayners Lane and Potters Bar Town.

Tobi Osgundaga (Central Defender): Spent his youth career at Milton Keynes Dons and joined Raynes Park Vale from Metropolitan Police.

Eruck Kenko (Central Defender): Was at Fulham and Swansea Academies. Has played in Spain. Recently at Binfield and Metropolitan Police..

David Omilabu (Winger): Spent his youth career

at Crystal Palace before playing for Maidenhead United in the National League. Also played for Biggleswade Town and joined RPV from AFC Croydon Athletic.

Chadd Yassin-Sheriff (Central Midfield): Is a key player for RPV having also played for Hayes & Yeading United.

Nathaniel Boakye (Attacking Midfielder): Was the leading scorer for Binfield last season. Has also appeared for Hanwell Town.

Mason Galloway (Midfielder): Had a successful spell with Metropolitan Police. Has exceptional goalscoring skills in advanced midfield positions.

Omarr Lawson (Midfielder): Is also the assistant manager at Raynes Park Vale. Has also managed Rayners Lane. Has played for several clubs including Leatherhead, Kingstonian and Whitehawk.

Hayden Bird (Manager): Became manager at Raynes Park Vale in January 2025 having had similar roles at Leatherhead and Kingstonian.

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RAYNES PARK VALE

Raynes Park Vale FC was formed in 1995 following the merger of Raynes Park and Malden Vale (formed 1967) but the club's true origins lie in the Southern Railway Football Section when the first local team started.

Although a victim of the 1963 Beeching spending cuts the club had some early successes in the 1932/33 Middlesex League and some cup victories to earn the Railway Athletic Association Cup and the Southern Railways Orphanage Cup.

The Southern Railway club reformed, post-Beeching, as Raynes Park FC in 1964. RPFC's home colours of black and red stripes are now proudly reflected in the colours of the Raynes Park Vale FC team. Raynes Park FC fielded five senior teams with two playing in the Surrey Premier League and a third in the Surrey South-Eastern Combination.

In the meantime local team Malden Vale FC were enjoying some success in a variety of leagues that existed between 1967 and 1995 including the North Surrey Youth League, Sunday Sportsman League, South Thameside League & the Surrey Combination League and London Spartan League before emerging into the newly formed Combined Counties League winning that league's title at the first attempt.

A runners-up position in the Dan Air League (with BAE Weybridge snagging the top spot) saw the club promoted to the Diadora



● Raynes Park Vale manager Hayden Bird.

League Division 2 South where they remained until the end of the 1993/94 season when managers Mick Brown & Ged Murphy left the club to join Hendon. Much of the squad followed and the team finished bottom the following season.

In 1995 the two clubs, Malden Vale and Raynes Park FC merged to create the club we now know: Raynes Park Vale F.C.

The new club immediately joined the Combined Counties Football League and currently play in the league's Premier League, Tier 9 in the national league pyramid. Their best finish was in 1997–98 when they finished in fourth place at tier 9. They have participated in both national Cup competitions apart from a brief period at the start of the 2000s.

FOCUS ON RAYNES VALE PARK

This is going to be an intriguing clash in The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central.

Raynes Park Vale have made an excellent start to the season and they are currently fifth in the table.

Ashford Town (Middx) are two places below their visitors in seventh but are in the middle

In contrast. Raynes Park Vale have recently have had mixed fortunes.

On Tuesday, Vale were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Hendon where David Omilabu equalised in the 34th minute after The Greens had taken the lead.

Prior to this encounter, Hayden Bird's men suffered a

Islands when they suffered a 5-1 defeat at Jersey Bulls. The only bright spot for the Londoners was a late consolation from Shamal Edwards.

Their last win came on 13th October when they defeated Bedfont Sports at home with efforts from Nathaniel Boakye shortly before half-time and Kyen Nicholas in time added



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This week, we at NLP Towers caught up with two of our old contacts who continue to prove that life very much begins at 40 at this level of the game.

For years, Justin Bennett swept up Non-League defences in the south, banging in goals for the likes of Andover, Gosport Borough, Oxford City and Salisbury.

Now, at the age of 44, the legendary striker has reached another milestone by racking up 700 career goals – not bad considering he supposedly retired four years ago!

Bennett achieved the feat while turning out for Step 7 Shrewton United in an 8-2 Wiltshire Premier League win over Bradford Town reserves.

"I'll be honest, this season I've not felt as sharp as I used to be," Bennett admitted. "But I hit a bit of a purple patch. I got two in midweek and then I felt I had a good chance last Saturday."

Fans' favourite Bennett was a major part of Gosport Borough's famous run to the FA Trophy Final back in 2014.

He hung his shooting boots up back in 2022 after hitting 55 goals as Bemerton Heath Harlequins to the Wessex League Division One title. But the phone kept ringing.

"I was nearly 40, had just won the league with Bemmy so it was a good time – and I was

happy, I wasn't looking to go back and play," said Bennett, who hit 200 goals on the nose for Andover earlier in his career.

"But I am a sucker when the phone rings and someone says, 'Can you come and help us out?' For whatever reason it's, 'Yeah, alright'. I've probably retired about three times!

"In my mind, if I am still getting out there and still having an impact on games and scoring then maybe I should keep going. My body tells me otherwise on a Sunday morning."

The same can also be said for former Telford, Tamworth and Altrincham striker Kyle Perry, who has crammed more into his 40 years than many people have in a lifetime.

Professional footballer, rock star and podcaster, among other career highlights – Perry is now having a crack at management – at Step 5 Coton Green.

Assisted by his brother Todd, he has taken over as manager and assistant of the Midland Football League club following Nic Oakley's departure to Lichfield City.

"I have always been here, there and everywhere," Perry told us. "Last season I got a call to go in as assistant manager at Romulus, which is Step 5. I really enjoyed working with the young lads. I just feel I needed to give back because I've got a lot to offer."

Jon Couch

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Tangerine

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GEORGE LOCK	2
CALLUM LEE	3
ARYF BALA	4
BAILEY LAMB	5
ELLIOTT POLEY	6
LEWIS HILLARY	7
BEN MULLEY	8
JACK ARNOLD	9
ALEX PAINE	10
ZIDAN AKERS	11
SUBS	
NATHAN ROGERS	12
JAMIE HANLON	14
FRANKIE MONK	15
GASSEM BENELGHAZI	16
OMAR EISA	17

Manager

Luke Morgan-Tuffs

Referee: John-Patrick Kane

Assistants: xLouie Chaisty, Steven Monks

**RAYNES PARK
VALE**



Blue

MARCUS HILL
THEO OSINFLARIN
TUSHAUN WALTERS
MO KAMARA
TOBI OSGUNDAGA
ERUCK KENKO
DAVID OMILABU
CHADD YASSIN-SHERIFF
NATHANAEL BOAKYE
MASON GALLOWAY
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