

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)

v

AFC Stoneham

Pitching In Isthmian League South Central

at The Robert Parker Stadium

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WELCOME NOTES

A warm welcome to AFC Stoneham for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at the Robert Parker Stadium along with the referee Derrick Laing and his assistants Ben Knights and Paul Agboola.

Following two very tough away encounters, we return to Short Lane this afternoon as we welcome our opponents from Hampshire, namely AFC Stoneham, in what will be their first ever visit to Short Lane.

Last season, Stoneham won the FA Vase as well as clinching promotion to Step 4, after running away with the championship of the Wessex League.

That was a massive achievement and our congratulations, somewhat belated go to them. Having been placed in the Isthmian South-Central Division we meet this afternoon as two promoted clubs, both of us making our mark at this level, in our case for the third time.

We travelled to Stoneham earlier in the season and managed to win the match by two goals to nil, both from Jack Arnold. It was something of a fortunate win with Liam in goal keeping us in the match earlier on with some tremendous saves.

It is something of a surprise, therefore, to see that their current league record shows only two wins from their 13 league matches to date. Those two victories have been at the expense of Raynes Park Vale and Ascot United and we know that it will be a tough match today.

Following our recent run of six consecutive wins, a run that took us into 4th place, it is a little frustrating to report that we have now lost two in a row firstly against Westfield, here, and then away to Southall. The game against Westfield on Tuesday 27 October saw us take the lead through Alexander Paine just before half-time but Westfield grasped the initiative in the second half, equalising shortly after the re-start. Both sides had chances after that to go in front but it was Westfield who clinched the three points with another goal with just six minutes left. Ex-Ashford player Kameron English then rubbed it in with a third goal deep in stoppage time a long clearance catching us out as we sent more and more players up in search of an equaliser.

Then, on Sunday we lost again this time away to Southall, despite taking the lead after only 6 minutes. It was arguably the goal of the game with Arif Bala racing down the left flank and finishing with one of those unstoppable strikes that have very quickly made him a supporters' favourite since joining us at the start of this season. After that though two fairly quick goals saw our opponents equalise and go in front. Marcin was culpable for the first one as we fell foul of the new requirement to release the ball within 5 seconds from a goal kick.

The resulting corner for Southall ended with their equaliser. We can't really argue about it although the counting down of five seconds, which is a very short time is clearly being interpreted differently, and at different volumes, within the refereeing fraternity. Some seem to allow a little discretion but others don't and it is a lesson that all keepers need to learn, although not all referees will be as hot on the matter as referee Twitchings was on this occasion. To be fair he was consistent on this aspect throughout the game.

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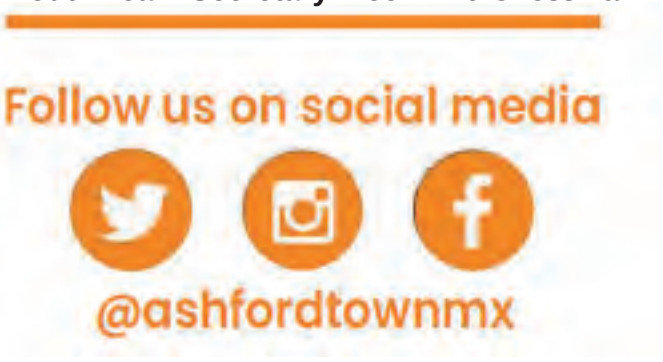
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TANGERINES NEWS ON PAGE 12

AWAY TRAVEL
Moneyfields - 21st November



John Jenkins Stadium
Moneyfields Avenue
Baffins
Portsmouth
PO3 6LA

Directions: From Short Lane, aim for the M25 via London/A30. As you approach the M25, stay on A30 heading for A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor. Take the M25(S) slip road on the right.

Merge on to M25. After 9.4 miles approx, take the exit towards Portsmouth Road/A3. Take the slip road to Portsmouth Road/A3. At Wisley Interchange Roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to the Portsmouth/A3 slip road and merge on to Portsmouth Road/A3 and follow A3.

At Ham Barn Roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to Liphook-Petersfield Bypass/A3. Continue to follow A3.

Continue on to A3(M) following signs for Portdmouth/Hayland Island. Merge on to Havant Bypass/A27. Take the A2030 exit towards Portsmouth(E)/Central Southsea/Seafront. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to Eastern Road/ A2030. Turn right on to Tangier Road, then right on to Folkestone Road, continue on to Martin Road, right on to Moneyfields Avenue then left on to Salcombe Avenue for destination.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which London Underground terminus did AFC Stoneham defeat in the 2025-26 Isuzu FA Vase final?

2. Which 2026-27 Emirates FA Fjrst Round tie will you be watching if you followed the winners of each tie starting with East Cowes Victoria Athletic v AFC Stoneham?

3. Who are the new management team at Bromley?

4. Who is the player pictured?



WHO IS THE PLAYER PICTURED?


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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN SOUTH CENTRAL ROUND-UP

Ashford Town (Middx) manager Luke Murgan-Tuffs said his players gave their all in the 4-2 defeat against Southall in The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central.

Luke told The Tangerines Facebook Page: "Southall are a good side and they have one of the best managers at this level. But we played our part in the contest.

"However, I would like to see more of our players in the opponents' penalty area to put extra pressure on our opponents."

After their triumph last weekend, Southall crashed 3-0 at home against Westfield on Wednesday.

Jersey Bulls remain top of the table despite being held to a 1-1 draw by Hayes & Yeading. Brendan Matthew gave the visitors the lead after 74 minutes. Luke Lister equalised for the Islanders eight minutes later.

Egham Town showed their class with a 6-0 victory over struggling Littlrhampton Town.

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL 2026- 2027 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Jersey Bulls	15	10	5	0	18	35
Bocnor Regis Town	16	10	4	2	15	34
Egham Town	15	10	1	4	13	31
Winchester City	15	9	3	3	17	30
Westfield	15	7	6	2	11	27
Southall	13	7	4	2	15	25
Moneyfields	15	7	4	4	8	25
Raynes Park Vale	15	8	1	6	-2	25
Ashford Town (Mlddx)	14	7	2	5	9	23
AFC Portchester	13	6	4	3	5	22
Hayes & Yeading	12	5	5	2	7	20
Windsor & Eton	13	5	3	5	2	18
Hendon	13	4	5	4	3	17
Kingstonian	13	4	4	5	1	16
Bedfont Sports	16	4	4	8	-9	16
Hartley Wintney	15	4	3	8	-10	15
Harrow Borough	14	3	5	6	-3	14
Cobham	14	3	1	10	-18	10
AFC Stoneham	13	2	3	6	-13	9
Ascot United	15	2	2	11	-21	8
Littlehampton Town	14	1	4	9	-24	7
Binfield	14	vv1	1	14	-24	4

As at 5th November

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 7th November

AFC Porchester v Kingstonian
Ascot United v Bedfont Sports
Ashford Town (Middx) v AFC Stoneham
Harrow Borough v Edham Town
Hartley Wintney v Jersey Bulls
Hayes & Yeading v Cobham
Hendon v Binfield
Littlehampton Town Vv Southall
Moneyfields v Raynes Park Vale
Wunchester City v Westfield
Windsor & Eton v Bognor Regis Town

Tuesday 10th November

AFC Portchester v Cobham
Winchester City v Hayes & YeadingvUnited

Wednesday 11th November

Kingstonian v Moneyfields

Saturday 14th November (Selected)

AFC Stoneham v Windsor & Eton
Bedfont Sports v Hendon
Binfield v Ascot United
Cobham v Ashford Town (Middx)

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	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hillary *	Cheshire^
M09	Sep 26	**Hartley Wintney**	ILSC	1-3	119	16	Allen	Lock	Rowan	Hanlon+	Lamb
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	Lamb1
M13	Oct 10	AFC Portchester	ILS6C	2-1	203	6	Allen	Lee	Lock	Bala1	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	Bala1	Lamb
M17	Oct 24	**Raynes Park Vale**	ILSC	3-2	118	4	Marcin	Benel	Paine*	Bala	Lamb
M18	Oct 27	**Westfield**	ILSC	1-3	133	5	Marcin	Lee+	Paine1*	Bala	Lamb
M19	Nov 01	Southall	ILSC	2-4	224	9	Marcin	Benel	Lock	Bala 1	Lamb
M	Nov 07	**AFC Stoneham**	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 14	Cobham	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 17	Hayes & Yeading	ILSC	7.45							
M	Nov 21	Moneyfields	ILSC	3.00							
M	Nov 24	Binfield	ILSC	7.45							
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	Mar06	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							

FIXTURES UPDATE

☐ Ashford Town &Middx) are hoping they have finally been able to reschedule their Pitching In Isthmian League South Central away fixture against Binfield.

The clash was initially postponed as The Tangerines were handed a Middlesex County FA Senior Cup tie against Barnet on 20th October.

The Binfield game was switched to 17th November but again has been moved to 24th November.

Ashford will travel to Hayes & Yeading United on 17th November.

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
Lamb	Bala	Mulley	Arnold 2	Paine+	Akers!	Rogers*Poley+Hanlon^	P-James!		M08
Cheshire*	Bala	Mulley^	Arnold 1	Rogers	Akers	Poley*Paine+C-Charles^			M09
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
Lock=	Hillary!	Mulley	Arnold 3	Poley+	Akers	Hanlon*Cheshire+Monk^	Rogers!Lee=		M17
Lock	Hillary!	Mulley	Arnold	Cheshire	Akers^	Monk*Benel+Martin^	Hanlon!		M18
Mulley	Hillary	Martin 1	Arnold	Poley*	Paine+	Cheshire*Abdi+			M19

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) LADIES

Libby Stratton (Goalkeeper): Signed during the close season having spent her youth career at Fulham.

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

Charlotte Close (Forward): Renowned goalscorer signed from Richmond & Kew where she scored 43 goals from 23 appearances.

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): Proilific 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-21s.

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Cockfosters (Piccadilly Line)

2. Oxford City v Leicester City

3. Karl Robinson and Jermaine Defoe

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	10	4	2	3	1	1	13	5	4
Seb Karczewski		1		1			1	1	
Leo Decabo	2			1			3		
Zidan Akers	12		3	2	1		14	2	3
Elliot Poley	9	3	1	2	2		11	5	1
Jack Arnold	15		16	1	1	3	16	1	19
Arif Bala	13		4	2	2	1	14	1	5
Ritchie Mbele					1			1	
George Lock	14			1	3		17	3	
Mohamed Abdi		1						1	
Adam Humphries				1			1		
Louie Collins				1			1		
Jamie Hanlon	1	10		2	1		3	11	
Ben Mulley	13		3	1	1	2	14	1	5
Jaiden C-Charles		5			1	1	1	6	1
Bailey Lamb	12	1		1	1		13	2	
Lewis Hillary	7			2	1	1	9	1	1
Marcin Brzozowski	3			2			5		
Radu Stefonaoica					1		1	1	
Kiye Martin	1	1	1				1	1	1
Frankie Monk		3		1			1	3	
Nathan Rogers	3	4		3			6	4	
Anthony Cheshire	6	2		1		1	7	2	1
Charlie Malin	1						1		
Callum Lee	4	2		1	1		5	3	
Gassem Benelgh	2	2		2			4	2	
Omar Eisa		1		1			1	1	

Rziekiel Williams 1; Daniel Brobbey 1;Louis Udeh 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.

TANGERINES NEWS

☐ Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies suffered a blow in the London and South East Women's League when they crashed 3-0 at home to Dorking Wanderers.

The Tangerines have moved down to third in the table.

Ashford Town (Middx) Ladies: Libby Stratton, Ruby Maiden, Alice Frise, Hannah Duncan, Sarah McDermott, Jessica Roberts, Ella Cottrell, Mhairi Crooks, Amelia Halawi, Ellie Nitsche, Chanel Morris. **Subs**:Laura Huse, Phoebe Head, Mary Southgate, Sofia Allan, Alicia Henry.

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☐ Ashford Town (Middx) are still waiting to see who they will face in the quarter-finals of the Middlesex County FA Senior Cup.

The Tangerines are due to face the winners of the second round tie between Hanwell Town and Broadfields United.

This tie was abandoned at half-time with the score at 0-0 due to an incident during the break.

☐ Ashford Town (Middx) have a spate of away fixtures in The Pitching In Isthmian League South Central after today's game with AFC Stoneham.

The ground addresses and post codes for the grounds are as follows:

14th November - Cobham: Reg Madgwick Stadium, Leg o' Mutton, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 3EP.

17th November - Hayes & Yeading United: SK Vex Community Stadium, Beaconsfield Road, Hayes, UB4 0SL.

21st November - Moneyfields: John Jenkins Stadium, Moneyfields Avenue, Connor, Portsmouth . PO3 6LA.

24th November - Binfield: The Iconic Stadium, Hill Farm Lane, Bracknell, RG42 5NR.

See Page 5 for Away Travel to Moneyfields

☐ Ashford Town (Middx) have a bye in the opening round of the Middlesex County FA Senior Charity Cup.



AFC STONEHAM

AFC Stoneham had a brilliant 2025-26 campaign where they won the Wessex League Premier Division and the Isuzu FA Vase.

It was a memorable day at Wembley where The Purps defeated Cockfosters in a tight final.

Since then the Southampton side have come back to earth, finding life a little tricky in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central.

The early part of this campaign was dominated by national cup competitions before being knocked out by former Football League side Rorquay United in the Emirates FA Cup and Didcot in the Isuzu FA Trophy.

It was a disappointing start to the League with defeats against Winchester City, AFC Portchester and, in the first ever meeting against Ashford Town (Middx) where the visiting Jack Arnold scored twice.



AFC Stoneham manager James Phillips

AFC Stoneham, who were formed in 1919, are currently in the relegation zone but showed good form last weeked with awin over Ascot United.

AFC STONEHAM PEN PIX

Callum Lee (Goalkeeper): Joined from Hamble durung the 2022 summer. Was in the Brighton, Southampton and Bournemouth youth squads,

Cade Dyer (Left Back): Was a youngster at AFC Stoneham and made his firsr-team debut aged 17. now established in the full-back role.

Ryan Cluett (Defender): Previously at Shaftesbury and Sholing. Captained Southampton youth side.

Mat Bainbridge (Forward): Has been at AFC Stoneham for nearly ten years. Joined from Totton & Eling. Has also played for Eastleigh.

Tom Annetts (Full Back/Midfielder): A mechanical engineering student at Southampton University. Has also played for Chipstead Town.

Owen Fee (Midfielder/Forward): Has recently rejoined AFC Stoneham having also been at Downton, Lymington Town and Backfiekd & Langley.

Nigel Antagana (Midfielder): Exoerienced olayer who has competed in the English Football League for Exeter City, Cheltenham Town, Leyton Orient and Portsmouth.

Arty Kerton (Utility/Midfielder): Reyoined AFC Stonrham, where he started his career, from Bjffins Milton Rovers.

Ryan Carroll (Midfielder): Was at AFC Bournemouth and Eastleigh during his youth career. Also had spells at Winchester City and Horndean.

James Johnson (Central Defender): Experienced player previously at Hamble, Bashley, Folland Sports and AFC Portchester.

Harrison Hide (Defender): Signed at the end of October from Andover New Street. Has also played for Petersfield Town and Midhurst & Easebourne.

Kyle Tooze (Forward): Prolific goal scorer who signed from Shaftesbury at the end of last month.

James Phillips (Manager): Took charge of AFC

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How many Non-League clubs will beat EFL clubs in the FA Cup this weekend?

Whether it will rival the ten we had back in 2020-21 – in that empty stadium era post covid – remains to be seen but one thing is almost certain, there will be somebody.

It's the first round proper this weekend with so many stories to be written – starting with Oxford City hosting Leicester City on Friday night.

From Step 4 duo AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Stafford Rangers taking on Burton Albion and Grimsby Town, respectively, to Marine taking seven coach loads of fans to Bradford City, there can't be a more special weekend in the whole of the football calendar.

It's one of the most frantic Saturday shifts we have each season at NLP HQ. But it's always one of the most satisfying when the paper is put to bed and sent to the printers.

We love covering all the glory moments of the day – and the build-up.

But, of course, the financial side can't be overlooked. This is a time for clubs to cash in wherever they can. Those selected for TV will proudly bank £50,000 as a live fee on top of everything else.

It's why the live picks come with so much emotion for those who miss out.

But there is also the long-term legacy a good cup run can bring.

As Marine know only so well following their incredible run to the third round to take on Tottenham Hotspur back in that 2020-21 season.

"We generated £650,000 and we used that money to put in a new 3G pitch and to completely renovate all of our bars in the front of the stadium," CEO James Leary told The NLP. "The investment increased, the support grew and as a result of that we had a really successful period on the pitch where we got promoted twice and made the FA Trophy semi-final last year and three times out of the last six years, we've made the FA Cup first round.

"After the Tottenham game, we hit a perfect storm where a lot of people would turn away from Premier League football with how much they were paying at Everton and Liverpool, it opened up a lot of people's eyes to what they had on their doorstep.

"As a result of that, our support went up from around 300 average attendance to now, which is around 1,400 average."

For Step 4 Diamonds, their fourth round qualifying victory over Morecambe has already made a tangible difference even before they take on the League One Brewers. "It was our best day since forming, bar none," chairman Rob Usher told us.

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THE TEAMS

Saturday 7th November

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)		AFC STONEHAM
Tangerine		Purple
MARCIN BRZOZOWSKI	1	CALLUM LEE
GASSEM BENELGHAZI	2	RYAN CLUETT
GEORGE LOCK	3	TOM ANNETTS
ARIF BALA	4	OWEN FEE
BAILEY LAMB	5	NIGEL ATANGANA
BEN MULLEY	6	CADE DYER
LEWIS HILLARY	7	ARTY KERTON
KIYE MARTIN	8	RYAN CARROLL
JACK ARNOLD	9	JAMES JOHNSON
ELLIOTT POLEY	10	HARRISON NcHIDE
ALEX PAINE	11	KYLE TOOZE
	SUBS	
ANTHONY CHESHIRE	12	LEWIS NAGEL
JAMIE HANLON	14	MAT BAINBRIDGE
CALLUM LEE	15	TYRRELL SAMPSON
ABDI AHMED	16	DUARTE MARTINS
ZIDAN AKERS	17	BRAD JOHNSON
Manager		**Manager**
Luke Morgan-Tuffs		James Phillips

Referee: Derrick Laing
Assistants: xBen Knights, Paul Agboola

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