



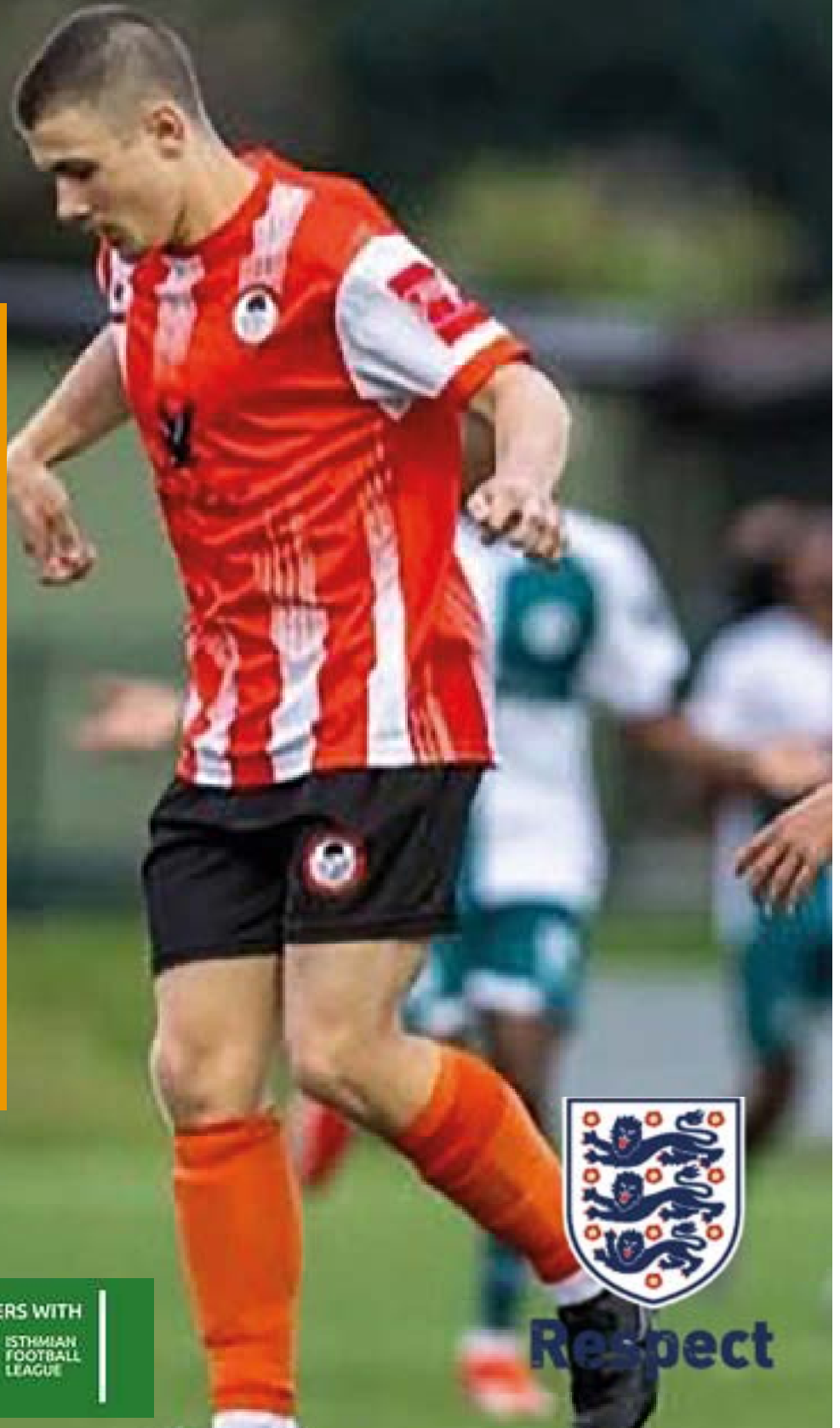
**Pitching In
Isthmian League
South Central**

**ASCOT
UNITED**

**Saturday
11th January**

**at Cobham's
Reg Madgwick
Stadium**

**3pm
Kick-Off**



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WELCOME NOTES

A warm welcome to Ascot United for this Pitching In Isthmian League South Central match at Cobham along with the referee Barry Lamb and his assistants Marc Rister and Tony Lathey.

Our paths have already crossed earlier this season, back on 24th August, when we lost 4-3 on kicks from the penalty-spot in the Isuzu FA Trophy following a 1-1 draw, our goal coming from Brad Sweeney. while Ascot United netted through Taylor Morgan.

Since then, and in line with the somewhat tumultuous season we have endured, eight of the players who took the field for Ashford in that match are no longer with us.

Although that number includes one or two of the so called 'stars' originally recruited for this season, most of us who have watched Ashford recently would have little doubt that the current squad is stronger and that has been shown by recent results, including home wins over both Binfield and Harrow Borough.

That would have been three home wins had Hanworth Villa not grabbed a very late equaliser to get a draw in our most recent home game.

There have been numerous matches in a very short period of time and it was perhaps not too surprising that we ran out of puff last Saturday, losing 5-1 at Moneyfields, after an even first half.

The squad has now had the rare luxury of seven days without a game and will hopefully be fully refreshed for today.

That is good, as our opponents this afternoon are enjoying a fruitful season being unbeaten in their most recent 11 league matches, their last defeat going back to Saturday 2nd November, when they lost 2-1 away to Southall. That run has taken them up to third place in the table.

On paper at least, our next three matches, on paper at least, look a little less demanding, the first one coming next Saturday, when we travel to Badshot Lea, followed by further home games on Tuesday 21st January, against Guernsey and on Saturday 26th January, against Horndean.

Further pictures from Short Lane have shown that the work on the 3G pitch is proceeding well. The actual 'green stuff' will be laid in February we understand, and, much as we are enjoying our time at Cobham who have been the best possible hosts, we cannot wait to get back to Ashford, with the wolves clamouring at the door.

We are trying to hold them off until we can actually start to bring some money in. If any of our supporters can manage a few bob to help us get through this season with little or no money, please come forward and talk to us about it. Thank you.



Enjoy the game

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Any inappropriate conduct towards others, including but not limited to that based on individual's sex, race, colour, weight, size, religion and belief, national, origin, age, marital, domestic-partnership status, disability, sexual

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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

Badshot Lea - 18th January



**Westfield Lane,
Wrecclesham,
Farnham
GU10 4PF**

Directions: From Short Lane, aim for the M25 via A30. As you approach the M25, stay on A30 following signs for A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor. Then take the M25 slip road on the right and merge on to the M25.

At Junction 12, exit on to the M3 towards Southampton.

At Junction 4, take the A331 exit to Guildford/Farnham/Farnborough.

At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to A331.

After 6.5 miles approx, at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to the A31 slip road to Winchester/Farnham.

Merge on to Guildford Road/A31. Slight left and merge on to Farnham By-Pass/A31. At Coxbridge Roundabout take the first exit on to Wrecclesham Road/A325. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to The St/A325. Then turn right for destination.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which six clubs did Ipswich Town beat to win the 1980-81 UEFA Cup?
2. Who are the five players bought by Arsenal for the highest transfer fees?
3. Who were England's 11 goalscorers under Lee Carsley?
4. Which nine players made the most all-time appearances for Manchester United?
5. Who is the player pictured?



WHO IS THE PLAYER PICTURED?

Answers on Page 9



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THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

WESTFIELD have announced the return of defender Kyle Bailey, who has already spent time in Pitching In Isthmian South Central this season, with Horndean. He has made 15 appearances for the Deans, scoring once, and has actually played against his new club twice this season.

Kyle also made four appearances for Horndean last season after joining them from Enfield Town, where he made 12 appearances and scored once.

Prior to his time as a Towner he was turning out in National League South for Hungerford Town. Earlier in his career he played at Step Five for Sheerwater and for (at that point) soon to be Isthmian side Westfield, before

deciding to try his luck abroad. San Ġwann in Malta was his first stop, and after a return to the UK and a few months at Metropolitan Police he headed to Norway, where he played for Nybergsund. Upon returning to the UK he had a spell in Scotland with Peterhead, before joining Hungerford just after the start of the 2021-22 campaign.

HORNDEAN have added two new faces to the club. Lamin Jatta has already played South Central football this season, for Moneyfields, playing 14 times and scoring once.

Sam Pearce joins the management team having been a defender at a much higher level, with the likes of Salisbury, Farnborough and, Havant & Waterlooville.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

LEAGUE TABLE

LEAGUE FIXTURES

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Farnham Town.....	23	18	3	2	49	57
Kingstonian.....	21	15	2	4	26	47
Ascot United.....	24	14	5	5	15	47
Uxbridge.....	23	14	4	5	17	46
Hayes & Yeading Utd...	24	11	8	5	13	41
Hartley Wintney.....	22	13	1	8	15	40
Harrow Borough.....	24	11	4	9	2	37
Hanworth Villa.....	23	11	4	8	1	37
Raynes Park Vale.....	21	11	3	7	13	36
Rayners Lane.....	24	8	8	8	-2	32
Moneyfields.....	22	9	5	9	-3	32
Leatherhead.....	21	8	6	7	12	30
Southall.....	24	8	6	10	2	30
Westfield.....	23	8	6	9	-8	30
Horndean.....	20	7	4	9	-15	25
Binfield.....	22	7	4	11	-15	25
Metropolitan Police.....	21	6	3	12	-10	21
South Park.....	24	5	6	13	-22	21
Sutton Common Rov...	24	5	4	15	-16	19
Ashford Town (Mx)	24	4	6	14	-20	18
Guernsey.....	21	4	5	12	-15	17
Badshot Lea.....	22	1	5	16	-39	8

As at 9th January

Saturday 11th January

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

Sunday 12th January

Guernsey v Badshot Lea

Tuesday 14th January

Hanworth Villa v Badshot Lea
 Hartley Wintney v Binfield
 Moneyfields v Uxbridge
 Raynes Park Vale v Metropolitan Police

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2024-25 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/ RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Aug 03	Northwood	FAC	2-0	179	--	Fisher	R-Solanki	Larkham	King	Kandolo!
M2	Aug 10	Harrow Borough	IL	0-1	154	-	Fisher	Larkham^	Hope	King*	Kandolo!
M3	Aug 17	Uxbridge	FAC	1-1	79	-	Fisher	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo!
M4	Aug 20	Uxbridge	FAC	2-1	140	-	Fisher	Larkham*	Hope ¹ =	King	Kandolo!
M5	Aug 24	Ascot United	FAT	1-1	90	-	Fisher	Blakeborough^	Hope	Humphreys+	Kandolo*
M6	Aug 26	Hanworth Villa	IL	1-4	230	-	Chisolm	Larkham	Hope	King+	Kandolo
M7	Aug 31	Herne Bay	FAC	0-2	97	-	Chisolm	Blakeborough	Larkham	Hope	McKay*
M8	Sep 18	Southall	IL	1-1	109	-	Brzozowski	Blakeborough+	Larkham	King ¹	McKay
M9	Sep 21	Farnham Town	IL	1-2	473	-	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	Cullen*	Hope
M10	Sep 24	Hartley Wintney	IL	1-0	185	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King^	Kandolo
M11	Sep 28	Uxbridge	IL	1-2	135	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Blakeborough^	King^	Kandolo
M12	Oct 04	Raynes Park Vale	IL	0-5	201		Brzozowski	Larkham	Hope	King	Kandolo
M13	Oct 08	Kingstonian	IL	7-4	146		Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope	King	McKay
M14	Oct 12	South Park	IL	0-3	163	20	Brzozowski	Barsa	Hope*	King	McKay
M15	Oct 20	Metropolitan Police	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	Farnham Town	IL	0-2	134	20	Jupp	Larkham	R-Solanki	Atkinson	Hope
M19	Nov 01	Sutton Common Rov	IL	1-1	77	20	Jupp	Larkham	Hope	King	Poley
M20	Nov 09	Leatherhead	IL	2-2	232	21	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Larkham	King+	Vernal
M21	Nov 12	Balham	SSC	2-1	27	-	Brzozowski	Larkham*	Vernal	King	Paul
M22	Nov 16	Kingstonian	IL	0-1	217	21	Brzozowski	R-Solanki	Paine	Humphreys	Kandolo
M23	Nov 19	Hendon	MSC	1-3	52	-	Brzozowski	R-Solanki+	Kandolo	Day^	Poley
M24	Nov 23	Uxbridge	IL	1-2	96	21	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo^	Moore=	Poley
M25	Nov 26	Hartley Wintney	ASC	0-0*		-	Brzozowski	Poley	Kandolo	Larkham	Vernal
M26	Nov 30	Horndean	IL	0-0	133	20	Brzozowski	Kandolo	Larkham	Moore^	Paul
M27	Dec 14	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	1-2	176	21	Brzozowski	Larkham	Day	Moore+	Poley
M28	Dec 20	Binfield	IL	3-1	92	20	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore	Poley
M29	Dec 26	Westfield	IL	3-3	174	20	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore ¹	Poley
M30	Dec 28	Harrow Borough	IL	3-0	143	20	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore	Poley
M31	Jan 01	Hanworth Villa	IL	2-2	104	20	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore	Poley
M32	Jan 04	Moneyfields	IL	1-5	171	20	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kandolo	Moore	Poley
M	Jan 11	Ascot United	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 18	Badshot Lea	IL	3.00							
M	Jan 21	Guernsey	IL	7.45							
M	Jan 26	Horndean	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 01	Guernsey	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 08	Raynes Park Vale	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 15	South Park	IL	3.00							
M	Feb 22	Metropolitan Police	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 01	Rayners Lane	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 07	Sutton Common Rov	IL	7.45							
M	Mar 15	Hayes & Yeading Utd	IL	3.00							
M	Mar 21	Binfield	IL	7.45							
M	Mar 29	Badshot Lea	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 05	Ascot United	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 12	Moneyfields	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 19	Hartley Wintney	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 21	Westfield	IL	3.00							
M	Apr 26	Southall	IL	3.00							

TANGERINES NEWS

Promising youngsters Liam Moore and George Vorster will stay with Ashford Town (Middx) until the end of the season following an agreement with their parent club Sutton United

Key

IL: Isthmian South Central Division

FAC: Emirates FA Cup

FAT: Isuzu FA Trophy

MSC: Middlesex Senior Cup

SSC: Surrey Senior Cup

ASC: Aldershot Senior Cup

* Decided on Kicks From The Penalty Spot

BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES

(1,2) - GOALS SCORED

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

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX
Hope	Sweeney ²	Holder*	Mcleish [^]	McAllister	Kelly+	Khallouqi*, Arnold+Day [^]			M1
McKay	Sweeney	Holder+	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Humphreys*, Kelly+Khallouqi [^]			M2
McKay	Sweeney ¹	Holder+	Arnold	McAllister	Kelly*	R-Solanki*, Humphreys+Day ^j			M3
McKay	Sweeney	Humphreys+	Arnold!	McAllister	Kelly [^]	Blakebor*Mcleish+Holder [^] RSol!Day= ¹			M4
McKay	Sweeney ¹	Holder	Mcleish	Day	R-Solanki	Kelly*=McAllister+Larkham [^] Khallouqi!			M5
McKay	Day	Holder	Arnold ¹	McAllister	Khallouqi*	Mcleish*Blakeborough+			M6
Kandolo	Sweeney+	Holder	Mcleish	McAllister	Arnold	Day* R-Solanki+			M7
Hope	Basim*	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister	Cullen	Day* R-Solanki+			M8
McKay	Basim ¹	Day	Mcleish	Humphreys	King	Blakebrough*			M9
McKay	Basim ¹	Day*	Mcleish	Humphreys	Cullen+	McAllister*Barsa+R-Solanki [^]			M10
McKay+	Basim!	Humphreys	Mcleish	McAllister*	Cullen	Barsa*R-Solanki+Day [^] SSweeney! ¹			M11
Day*	Sweeney	Humphreys	Richards	Cullen	Basim+	Nwokebuife*R-Solanki+			M12
Day ¹ [^]	Sweeney	Humphreys ¹	Richards*	Cullen ⁴	Basim ¹ +	R-Solanki*Larkham+Nwokebuife [^]			M13
Day	Blakeborough+	Humphreys	Kandolo	Cullen	Basim ¹	Larkham*Nwokebuife+			M14
Kandolo	Basim ¹	Barsa	Day	Cullen	R-Solanki	Aryan*			M15
Kandolo	Basim	Dillon*	Day	Cullen	R-Solanki	Aryan* Blakebrough+			M16
McKay	Humphreys	R-Solanki	Cullen ¹	Day*	Basim+	Noyan*Nwokebuife+Blakebrough [^]			M17
Kandolo	Basim*	Day	N.Tajbakhsh	Humphreys	Blakeborough+	Arnold*Dillon+			M18
R-Solanki	Basim ¹	Humphreys	Cullen	Day*	Atkinson	Arnold*			M19
Poley	Basim [^]	Moore ¹	Arnold*	Humphreys!	Atkinson ¹	Vorster*Holder+N.Tajbak [^] Manning!			M20
Aryantaj	Basim	Humphrey+	Arnold ¹	Noyan	Atkinson	Manning*Day+ ¹			M21
Vernal	Arnold	Moore	Nyarko	King*	Atkinson+	Paul*Day+			M22
Paul	Arnold ¹	Moore	Nyarko*	Paine	Vorster!	Noyan*King+Vernal [^] Humphreys!			M23
Vernal ¹	Arnold*	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys!	Vorster+	Atkinson*Noyan+Paul [^] King!Day=			M24
Moore	Paine	Day	Atkinson	Noyan	Basim	Arnold, Vorster, Humphreys,King,Nyarko			M25
Poley	Vorster+	Paine	Nyarko	Humphreys	Atkinson*	Arnold*Basim+Day [^]			M26
Paul	Arnold*	Humphreys	Basim	Nyarko	Paine ¹	P-Atkinson*King+			M27
Paul	Basim ¹	Paine	Day	Arnold ² +	P-Atkinson*	Vorster*Nyarko+			M28
Vernal*	Basim+	Paine	Day [^]	Arnold	Vorster ¹	King*P-Atkinson+ ¹ Humphreys [^]			M29
Humphreys ¹	Nyarko*	Paine	King	Arnold ²	Vorster	Basim*			M30
Humphreys	Nyarko	Basim ¹	King	Arnold ¹	Vorster*	Barsa*			M31
Humphreys	Nyarko	Basim*	Barsa	Vorster	Arnold ¹	Paul*			M32

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. Aris (Round 1 Greece 6-4), Bohemians Prague (Round 2 Czechoslovakia 3-2), Widzew Łódź (Round 3 Poland 5-1), Saint-Étienne (Quarter Finals France 7-2), 1. FC Köln (Semi Finals West Germany 2-0) and AZ Alkmaar (Final Netherlands 5-4).

2. Declan Rice (£100m West Ham United), Nicolas Pépé (£72m Lille), Kai Havertz (£65m Chelsea), Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (£56m Borussia Dortmund) and Ben White (£50m Brighton & Hove Albion).

3. Harry Kane (3), Jack Grealish (2), Declan

Rice (2), Trent Alexander-Arnold, Jude Bellingham, Jarrod Bowen, Conor Gallagher, Anthony Gordon, Taylor Harwood-Bellis, Curtis Jones and Ollie Watkins.

4. Ryan Giggs (963), Bobby Charlton (758), Paul Scholes (718), Bill Foulkes (688), Gary Neville (602), Wayne Rooney (559), David de Gea (545), Alex Stepney (539) and Tony Dunne (535).

5. Michael Owen

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	8	5		3	3		11	8	
Archie Larkham	21	2		6	1		27	3	
James King	17	3	1	4	2		21	5	1
Prince Kandolo	18			7			25		
Callum Hope	12			5		1	17		1
Rhys Paul	4	2		2			6	241	
Ben Holder	2	1		4	1		6	2	
Aaron Mcleish	5	1		3	1		8	2	
Bradley Manning		1			1			2	
Chris Kelly				1			1		
Jack Arnold	11	3	7	5	2	2	16	5	9
Faris Khallouqi	1	1			2		1	3	
Scott Day	14	5	1	3	5	2	17	10	3
David Nyarko	7	1		1	1		8	2	
Sam Humphreys	18	2	2	3	3		21	5	2
Vishna Kelly		1		2	1		2	2	
Josh Blakebrough	5	4		2	1		7	5	
Mac Chisholm	1			1			2		
Marcin Brzozowski	18			3			21		
Basim Mirthamasebi	18	2	8	2			20	2	8
Alexander Paine	7		1	2			9		1
Barsa Mirthamasebi	4	3					4	3	
Adam Richards	2						2		
Emmanuel Nwoke		3						3	
Aryantaj Tajbakhsh		2		1			1	2	
Nick Jupp	4						4		
Gordon Dillon	1	1					1	1	
Noyan Tajbakhsh	1	3		2	1		3	4	
Jayden P-Atkinson	6	3	2	2			8	3	2
Elliott Poley	10			2			12		
Tristan Vernal	4		1	2	1		6	1	1
Liam Moore	10		2	2			12		2
George Vorster	6	2	1	1	1		7	3	1

Callum McAllister 8 (2); Brad Sweeney 8 (1) **5**; Connor Cullen 11, **5**; Kyron H-McKay 15;

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>



ASCOT UNITED HISTORY

The first record of Ascot United was chronicled in 1928 and it seems that over the years teams by that name formed and re-formed until 1965 a men's team, who played their games at Sunninghill, were established with 'after-match meetings' in The Wells public house in Cheapside village.

Soon after the club gained permission from Ascot Racecourse to convert the land West of Coach Park 10 into a football pitch where the club is still located today.

A wooden clubhouse was built and around this time this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed.

A small number of various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, but from 1989 there was an increase in demand for youth football.

In 1992 there came a turning point when small-sided football was introduced for seven and eight-year-olds by Keith Wickes the club's chairman who established The East Berks Youth League to enable local clubs to play competitive matches against each other.

The Club has grown to become one of the

largest football clubs in the UK. Currently there are over 1000 registered players, embracing all ages from age five and all levels of ability.

Ascot United fields 90+ teams every weekend, predominantly at youth level from Under-sevens and upwards, with a proven pathway into our senior teams with provisions also available for Vets & disability football.

It is supported by over 50 businesses who provide various forms of sponsorship, it is run by over 200 volunteers 100+ of whom have formal FA coaching qualifications.

The club's status was underlined in August 2004 when it became an FA Charter Community club, at the time only the second club in Berkshire to receive this award.

Despite all the changes, Ascot United will always remain as a sustainable football club at the heart of the community proving everyone from age four to veterans, boys and girls and men and women with the opportunity to play and enjoy football in a fantastic location with modern facilities.

A highlight in Ascot United's history was lifting the Isuzu FA Vase in 2023.



ASCOT UNITED

ASCOT UNITED PEN PIX

Mark Scott – Goalkeeper: A commanding, experienced goalkeeper who signed in January 2024 having played for a string of higher level clubs including Step 2 football with Hungerford Town. Previous clubs also include Bracknell Town, Slough Town, Oxford City, Beaconsfield and Basingstoke Town. .

Sean Fraser - Defence/Midfield: A hugely experienced player having played over 350 games for Slough Town. His presence within the squad will be invaluable throughout the season.

Josh Edwards – Defender: Signed for the 2023-24 season from Thatcham Town where he was player of the season in 2022-23. A strong, powerful defender and excellent in 1 v 1 scenarios. Previously with Basingstoke Town.

Harry Grant – Midfield: A Rolls Royce of a player and an excellent addition to the club in 2022-23. Ex-professional at Gillingham, winning EFL League Two and the FA Vase with Thatcham Town in 2017-18 before repeating the feat with Ascot United in 2022-23.

Ben Harris - Forward: Experienced striker who won the New Zealand championship with Team Wellington sandwiched between spells at Hampton & Richmond Borough, Windsor, Slough Town and Bracknell Town. Rejoined Ascot in January 2024 after featuring in 17/18 following his return to the UK. Excellent in the air and a proven goalscorer who has consistently played at a higher level.

Aiden Payne-James -Forward: A product of Woking FC Academy, Aiden has a bright future as a skilful wide-man. An intelligent and direct player with great finishing.

Joe Gater – Defender: Highly respected defender on the local scene having previously played Step 4 football with Bracknell Town and

Binfield. Tall and physical with a strong aerial presence.

Khalid Simmo - Forward. Arrived in October 2024 having played most recently at Step Two side St. Albans City. Exceptionally skilful winger with quick feet, he has also played for Marlow, Badshot Lea and Uxbridge having been with Reading FC at youth level.

Nathan Jones - Midfielder: Joined Ascot United from Marlow in September. Was previously at Thatcham Town.

Chad Goulter - Defender/Midfielder: Experienced player whose previous clubs include Chertsey Town, Chipstead, Egham Town and Sheerwater.

George Lock – Defender: Club stalwart who holds the record for the most appearances. A fearless right back previously with Binfield and Bracknell. Technically strong and a consistently high performer who likes to get forward and has weighed in with important goals. Lifted the FA Vase with Ascot in 2022-23.

Ollie Mason - Midfield: Ollie, a dynamic midfielder, is an Ascot United youth product having first joined the club at our soccer school aged five years and has since played for every age group for the club. Joined Woking FC Academy, before returning in 2023-24 to gain first team experience.

Anas Igozouln - Forward: Signed from Burnham FC after a few seasons with The Blues. An attacker who adds superb quality in the final third with many goals and assists to his name.

George Butler – Defender: Signed shortly after the start of the 24/25 season from Farnham Town, having previously played for Burnham and Farnborough Town.

FOCUS ON ASCOT UNITED

After a steady start to the season in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central, Ascot United are in the middle of an excellent run of results.

They are unbeaten in 11 matches in the League and this has propelled them to

third place in the table.

Their last League defeat was on 2nd November when they suffered a 2-1 setback at Southall.

Since then in South Central matches, they have won nine and drawn two of the 11

games in the unbeaten run.

However, in their last two games, they had to battle to 1-0 victories over Binfield and South Park (Reigate).

Ascot United are a progressive club that is keen to move up the leagues.



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Ryan Cole used to sneak into Newmarket Town's ground to practice his free-kicks – now the EFL-bound starlet will be trying to break in at Wycombe Wanderers.

The 19-year-old midfielder has been snapped up by the League One high-flyers after impressing on a recent trial.

And with Big Ben's New Year chime also signaling the opening of the transfer window for League clubs, you can bet he's not the only one who will be on the move this month.

Gateshead have seen talented midfielder Callum Whelan lured away by Carlisle United – while striker Owen Oseni has been snapped up by SPL outfit St Mirren – and fellow north-east outfit, Spennymoor Town, have seen Isaac Fletcher make the switch to Barrow.

Non-league isn't exactly an untapped resource for talented players but any clubs not operating a strong scouting network throughout the pyramid are certain to be missing out on some gems.

Peterborough United have long been held as the poster club for the model of giving non-league's finest a chance, but Wycombe are enjoying success of their own.

Top scorer Richard Kone was unearthed at Athletic Newham, Jasper Pattenden one of many success stories from Worthing.

Cole will join the club's development squad initially but his Newmarket Town manager Michael Shinn believes, in time, he can make the grade.

He's certainly a determined and resourceful player. As a youngster, Cole used to jump the fence – and remove panels – to slip inside the Jockeys's ground along with fellow youth

product Jacob Mingay.

"It's a funny story – as a kid him and Mingay used to break into the football club," Shinn told The NLP.

"I used to find it quite funny because I'd get a phonecall on a Sunday night, 'Coley's broken into the club, can you speak to him?'

"I'd have to say, 'If you want to go in just ask me and I'll give you the code! Stop breaking into the football club'.

"But they'd be in there practicing free-kicks. Last season and this season he's scored so many free-kicks I always made the joke it was worth breaking into the football club and me getting grief because it's turning out alright."

Cole was an important part in the Suffolk club's promotion through the Thurlow Nunn Premier play-offs last season and a key figure in the side playing at Step Four football for the first time.

Blessed with a gorgeous left foot, Shinn says his ability made it easy to deploy him in a number of roles from left back, wing-back, the No.10, a front two and his natural central midfield position.

"When I first came to the club seven-ish years ago, I had a bit more time on my hands and I used to watch all the EJA (Eastern Junior Alliance) games – U13s, 14s, 15s, 16s – and he was somebody who stood out," Shinn said.

"The further he went on – U15s, U16s – you just knew that when got to 16 you were going to put him in because he can do everything really. At 16 he was obviously going to make mistakes but we let him make mistakes and grow. He's got better and better."

Matt Badcock

THE TEAMS

Saturday 11th January



**ASHFORD
TOWN (MIDDX)**

Tangerine

MARCIN BRZOZOWSKI	1
ARCHIE LARKHAM	2
PRINCE KANDOLO	3
LIAM MOORE	4
ELLIOTT POLEY	5
SAM HUMPHREYS	6
DAVID NYARKO	7
BASIM MIRTAHMASEBI	8
BARSA MIRTAHMASEBI	9
GEORGE VORSTER	10
JACK ARNOLD	11

SUBS

JAMES KING	12
DANIEL BONE	14
RHYS PAUL	15
SCOTT DAY	16
BEN HOLDER	17

Manager

Luke Tuffs

Referee: Barry Lamb
Assistants: Marc Rister, Tony Lathey

OUR NEXT HOME GAME

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
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Guernsey
Tuesday 21st January



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