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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

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We hope you all enjoy your visit to The OnSite Group Stadium this afternoon.

Well our FA Cup run came to an end on Tuesday night when we lost our replay against Gloucester City 2-0.

We may not have got the rub of the green with some of the big decisions in the game and we couldn't quite find that finishing touch when chances came our way but the way played and largely matched an established Step 3 club over 180 minutes is testament to how well the players performed and the progress we have made as a club on and off the pitch in recent times.

Today we get the chance to experience the FA Trophy for the first time and the opportunity to try and put together a run in this competition.

It won't be easy – Flackwell Heath were one game away from winning promotion to Step 3 last season and they have made a strong start to the current campaign as well.

But here at The OnSite Group Stadium we have a strong record and your support always make it difficult for away sides coming here such is the passion and noise you bring to these games.

A lot of matches coming up through September now, with games scheduled for every Saturday and almost every Tuesday night in the month to come.

We head to familiar territory on Tuesday night with a Hampshire Senior Cup at Baffins Milton Rovers and next Saturday we are at Southall.

Busy times where your support will be crucial.



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Rowans Hospice's iconic walk is less than a month away now – a fun, family-friendly walk in support of your local hospice.

The Shining Stars Walk is a sponsored walk of either four or eight miles, taking place on Saturday, September 20, from 7pm starting at HMS Temeraire in Portsmouth.

Adults and children will have the opportunity to see the Spinnaker Tower and HMS Warrior by night while remembering a loved one and supporting the hospice.

The evening promises a whole host of entertainment, both before and during the walk, and every participant will be presented with a special Shining Stars medal upon crossing the finish line. The Historic Dockyard will also be opening its doors, inviting all participants to visit HMS Warrior and to light a candle and take a few moments of reflection, and remember loved ones.

All participants are encouraged to come wearing something fun such as tutus, onesies or glowsticks. Children are strongly encouraged to wear fancy dress.

"We are very excited for this year's highly anticipated Shining Stars Walk, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to share this unforgettable evening with families from our local community," said Yvonne Penny-Filewod, the charity's Head of Fundraising and Marketing.

"But to make this event a success we need even more people to sign up. Every new walker

really does make a difference."

Everyone is welcome to head down and enjoy a wonderful evening of making memories, whether they have a personal experience with the hospice, or simply want to support the charity.

Participants can book their tickets priced at £25 per adult (17+) and £10 per child (aged 4-16), children aged three and under go free.

Tickets will include a t-shirt, refreshments after the walk and a finishers medal. Tickets can be booked online until September 16 at 11.59pm.

Tickets can also be purchased at the event on the night.

Rowans are looking to raise £70,000 via participants sponsorship and fundraising activities on the night. All contributions play a vital role in enabling Rowans to continue providing crucial support to people affected by life-limiting illnesses in Portsmouth, Gosport, Fareham, Havant, Petersfield, Waterlooville and the surrounding areas.

Yvonne added: "Rowans offers an invaluable service to the local community, helping people with life-limiting illnesses live as well as possible.

"By taking part in the Shining Stars Walk, you will have a fantastic evening but you will also be contributing to the sustainability of the hospice.

"Please don't wait – book your place today and walk with us to light up the night and keep the hospice shining for our community."

For more details and to book your place visit the website www.rowanshospice.co.uk



AFC PORTCHESTER HONOURS

FIRST TEAM

Hampshire Senior Cup Winners
– 2023-24
Runners-up – 2024-25

Wessex League Premier
Division Winners – 2024-25

Wessex League Premier
Division Promotion Play Off
Semi Finalists – 2023-24

Wessex League Division 1
Runners-up – 2011-12

Wessex League Cup Winners –
2014-15, 2017-18, 2024-25.
Runners-up – 2023-24

Wessex League Charity Cup
Winners – 2023-24, 2025-26

Russell Cotes Cup Winners –
2013-14, 2016-17, 2024-25

Portsmouth Senior Cup
Winners – 2024-25. Runners-
up – 2017-18

Hampshire League Division 2
Runners-up – 1999-2000

Division 1 Winners – 2001-02

Portsmouth and District League
Runners-up – 1997-98

RESERVES

Hampshire Intermediate Cup
Winners – 2011-12

Wyvern League Premier
Division Winners – 2014-15,
2015-16

Wyvern League East Division
Runners-up – 2011-12

LADIES

Southern Region Women's
League Division 1 South
Winners – 2023-24

Hampshire County Women's
League Division 3 Winners –

2015-16, 2020-21

Division 2 Runners-up –
2016-17, 2021-22

Division 1 Winners – 2022-23

Hampshire County Women's
League Invitation Cup Winners
– 2021-22

Hampshire FA Women's Junior
Cup Winners – 2015-16

Hampshire FA Women's Trophy
Winners – 2021-22

PDFA Women's Senior Cup
Runners-up – 2023-24

Reserves – Hampshire County
Women's League Division 2
Winners – 2024-25

Development – Hampshire
County Women's League
Division 6 Winners –
2024-25



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Last year's FA Cup concluded with one of the biggest final shocks in modern history after Crystal Palace stunned Manchester City at Wembley.

And this year's episode has started in much the same vein with cup shocks aplenty already whetting the appetite for the campaign ahead.

Take last Saturday's round. Atherton Laburnum Rovers were handed the dream tie against higher-ranked town rivals Atherton Collieries in what was the first-ever competitive Flat Cap derby.

Michael Clegg's Collieries, from Northern Premier League Division 1 West were strong favourites to show their superiority but it was Step 5 LR who turned on the style in front of a near 1,000 crowd to come through 5-1 to complete one of the most famous days in the club's history.

Victory earned Dave Jones' North West Counties League side a potentially lucrative Second Qualifying Round trip to Clegg's former club Macclesfield.

"Winning the league [last season] will take some topping, but this is a close second," Jones said afterwards. "These lads have played in so many big games now, and they just weren't fazed."

But you can't talk cup upsets without mentioning Tadley Calleva. The Combined Counties League side hosted a Weymouth team who were playing National League South football last season and welcoming Steve Claridge back in their dugout for the first time in 21 years.

But, in a lunchtime kick-off in front of the BBC cameras, Joe Lawlor's Calleva rallied to a 4-2 victory to reach the Second Qualifying Round for the first time in their history.

Whitstable Town know all about performing on the big occasion - they lifted the FA Vase at Wembley last season with an extra time success over AFC Whyteleafe.

And the Oystermen were at it

again when travelling a Dulwich Hamlet side who have started their Isthmian Premier season strongly under boss Mark Dacey and came away with an impressive 3-2 victory at Champion Hill.

Next up for them is a home tie against another club from the same Step 3 division, Chichester City. While Whitstable will fancy their chances of pulling off another upset, there are a number of other clubs with one eye on a Third Qualifying Round berth.

Stalybridge Celtic, already conquerors of Bury and Workington, host Chester, while Step 5 Chadderton have been rewarded for seeing off Bishop Auckland with a glamour trip to NPL Premier leaders FC United of Manchester.

Ben Herd's Hertford Town will relish a trip to full-timers Chelmsford City, while Jersey Bulls manager Elliott Powell describes his side's visit of Worthing as "absolutely massive" and "the biggest fixture we have ever had".

Two Step 5 sides are gearing towards huge ties against Step 2 opponents. In the south west, Torpoint Athletic have reached this stage for the first time in their history and make the trip to Southern Premier Central champions Merthyr Town, while Wessex League Laverstock and Ford head to Salisbury.

Arguably the stand out tie of the round sees Step 2 Enfield FC host their rivals from Step 2, Enfield Town in an intriguing match-up.

This will be the first competitive match between the two sides for over 14 years, although the pair were drawn to each other in 2021 before Enfield Town lost their replay to Hadley.

Alex Salmon's FC underdogs need only look to Atherton LR for inspiration in a competition which just keeps producing the unexpected.

Who will be next to step up to the plate?

BY JON COUCH



SPECTATORS URGED TO HELP CLUB STOP PARKING ISSUES

Remember our neighbours – that's the key message to spectators ahead of a busy period of fixtures at The OnSite Group Stadium.

People attending matches at AFC Portchester are being reminded to use roads close to the stadium respectfully and responsibly and not to park where they are blocking access to junctions and drive ways.

The club have received an increase in reports from local residents during recent matches highlighting parking problems, and local people and club stewards have even received verbal abuse while trying to marshal match day traffic on nearby residential roads.

Much work has been done by the club in recent years to reduce parking and traffic problems and club officials have been working closely with local residents on ways to reduce any issues experienced.

Chairman Paul Kelly urged people attending matches at The OnSite Group Stadium to not block local roads and to follow any instructions given by stewards on match days.

He said: "It has been disappointing to receive an increase in reports of vehicles being parked irresponsibly on match days and it is completely out of order for people volunteering their time to act as stewards to be receiving verbal abuse when they are trying to help improve the parking and traffic situation – which will help residents and spectators alike.

"We have put a lot of work into forming a

close working relationship with local residents and we are not prepared to let the actions of a tiny minority of drivers wreck that.

"Bad parking on residential roads not only blocks access for people living there but it will also prevent the emergency services reaching call outs when they can't navigate along those roads.

"We urge anyone attending matches at AFC Portchester to drive to the end of Cranleigh Road where there are a lot of parking spaces available at Wicor Recreation Ground.

"Also allow yourself some extra time to find an appropriate parking space on match days. There is plenty of parking available within close walking distance of the stadium – allowing a little extra time to find a space will help to prevent vehicles being left where they will cause issues.

"Motorists should be aware that if your parking is blocking access on a local road the vehicle could be removed and towed away by the local authorities and emergency services – which is something you don't want to have to deal with after watching a game.

"Please help us and residents by travelling and parking on the local roads responsibly and following any instructions given from our friendly team of stewards."

The club are on the look out for additional stewards to help out on matchdays. For more information and to volunteer your services please email Paul.kelly@afcportchester.co.uk





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LADIES OPEN THEIR NEW SEASON WITH HOME VICTORY

AFC Portchester Women recorded a 3-2 victory against Winchester Flyers in their first game of the season, played at The OnSite Group Stadium.

From the first whistle, Portchester asserted their dominance, controlling possession and dictating the tempo.

Winchester struggled to find rhythm as the home side played with confidence and composure.

The breakthrough came courtesy of a pinpoint ball from Gemma Hillier, lofted perfectly over the Flyers' back line to debutant Sarah Butterworth, who coolly slotted home to make it 1-0.

Portchester doubled their lead soon after through relentless high pressing. Sophie Bell chipped a clever pass into the path

of Millie Bradbury, whose finish found its way past the keeper to give the hosts a deserved 2-0 lead at the break.

The second half saw a shift in momentum as Winchester came out fighting. Their persistence paid off with two quick goals, bringing the score level at 2-2 and setting up a tense finale.

With both sides pushing for a winner, the match became a frantic end-to-end battle but it was Portchester who found the decisive moment.

In the dying minutes, Mia Adaway held up play superbly in the final third before threading a perfect ball through to Betty Barron-Clark, who made no mistake with the finish.

The final whistle confirmed a 3-2 win for Portchester – an excellent team performance and the ideal start to the new season.



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FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

APPEARANCES

PLAYER	GAMES
CONOR BAILEY	9
JACK LEE	9
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	9
ARCHIE WILLCOX	9
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	9
ALFIE STANLEY	8 (1)
CALVIN DAVIES	8
MARLEY RIDGE	6 (3)
LEE WORT	6 (3)
ROB TAW	5 (3)
JAMES COWAN	5 (2)
RYAN PENNERY	5
ZACK WILLETT	4 (4)
RYAN WILKINS	4
CONNOR DUFFIN	2 (7)
MAX SMITH	1 (5)
ASH HOWES	0 (3)
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)
CADE DYER	0 (2)
OLLY SEARLE	0 (2)
OWEN PELHAM	0 (1)



GOALS

PLAYER	GOALS
ALFIE STANLEY	5
LEE WORT	4
ZACK WILLETT	3
CONNOR DUFFIN	2
RYAN PENNERY	2
JACK LEE	1
MARLEY RIDGE	1
RYAN WILKINS	1



FA TROPHY FIXTURES

AFC Portchester v Flackwell Heath
Avro v Clitheroe
Bedfont Sports v Horndean
Bedworth United v Darlaston Town
Belper Town v Newcastle Town
Bideford v Mousehole
Biggleswade Town v Hitchin Town
Bourne Town v AFC Rushden and Diamonds
Bowers and Pitsea v Cambridge City
Bradford Park Avenue v Redcar Athletic
Bridlington Town v Mossley
Brightlingsea Regent v Leighton Town
Bristol Manor Farm v Shaftesbury Town
Brixham v Falmouth Town
Bury v Wythenshawe Town
Coleshill Town v Sporting Khalsa
Concord Rangers v Biggleswade
Congleton Town v Vauxhall Motors
Consett v Hallam
Coventry Sphinx v Lincoln United
Dunston UTS v Brighouse Town
East Grinstead Town v Binfield
Erith Town v Deal Town
Exmouth Town v Swindon Supermarine
Fareham Town v Beaconsfield Town
Grays Athletic v Milton Keynes Irish
Harrow Borough v Eastbourne Town
Hartpury University v Didcot Town
Hassocks v Crowborough Athletic
Hayes & Yeading United v Metropolitan Police
Herne Bay v Ashford United
Hertford Town v Felixstowe & Walton Utd
Jersey Bulls v Hastings United
Kingstonian v Merstham
Leatherhead v Raynes Park Vale
Lichfield City v Corby Town

London Lions v Tilbury
Long Eaton United v Carlton Town
Lowestoft Town v Leverstock Green
Maldon & Tiptree v Dunstable
Malvern Town v Loughborough Students
Matlock Town v Grimsby Borough
Mickleover v Basford United
Moneyfields v Thame United
Newton Aycliffe v Blyth Town
North Ferriby v Blyth Spartans
Northwood v Beckenham Town
Ossett United v Nantwich Town
Portishead Town v Melksham Town
Redbridge v Waltham Abbey
Rugby Town v Racing Club Warwick
Runcorn Linnets v Garforth Town
Shepshed Dynamo v Anstey Nomads
Shifnal Town v Chasetown
Silsden v Atherton Collieries
Sittingbourne v Faversham Town
South Park v Broadbridge Heath
Sporting Club Inkberrow v St Neots Town
Stafford Rangers v Boldmere St. Michaels
Stalybridge Celtic v Trafford
Stanway Rovers v Aylesbury United
Stotfold v Mildenhall Town
Sutton Coldfield Town v Kidsgrove Athletic
Takeley v Welwyn Garden City
Tavistock v Larkhall Athletic
VCD Athletic v Rayners Lane
Walthamstow v Downham Town
Ware v Hadley
Westfield v Margate
Willand Rovers v Bishop's Cleeve
Winchester City v Frome Town
Witham Town v Newmarket Town

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

FLACKWELL HEATH

Flackwell Heath FC was founded in 1907 and the club joined the High Wycombe and District League for its inaugural season.

The Heathens proved to be a major force in local football, winning 12 Wycombe League championship titles and 14 High Wycombe Senior Challenge Cup finals.

In the 1950s Flackwell joined the Great Western Combination League, winning this league twice before returning to the Wycombe League. In 1956 the club moved to its current home, the new ground being donated by the Wilks family.

Through the 1960s and 1970s the club continued their success on and off the field and the new clubhouse was built in 1974 as the first stage of their rise into senior football.

In 1975 The Heathens won the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup and the Reading Senior Cup. In 1977 the club achieved Senior status and moved up into the Hellenic League Division 1.

Promotion to the Premier Division was achieved at the first attempt. After five seasons in this league, during which time floodlights were installed at Wilks Park, Flackwell were elected into the Athenian League.

In 1984 they joined the expanding Isthmian League. The club's first season in this competition saw them playing in Division 2 North and against some tough opposition they finished in a respectable eighth position.

The following season Flackwell was switched to Division 2 South where life turned out to be even tougher. At the end of season 1990-91, after finishing below mid-table, The Heathens found themselves placed in the newly formed Ryman League Division 3.

At this stage the club installed a 150-seater stand to stay in senior football, and new home changing rooms were built to comply with new ground gradings.

For the next ten years the club carried out further ground improvements and they established themselves in senior football.

In 2002-03, for the first time in their history Flackwell reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, losing 4-1 at home against Crawley and they finished third in the newly



formed Ryman League Division 2, the highest league finishing position achieved to date.

In season 2004-05 The Heathens reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the second time in three years, this time losing 3-0 at Ryman Premier Division Billericay Town and they were runners-up in the Ryman League Associate Members Cup, losing 2-1 after extra time to Division 2 champions Ilford.

Flackwell finished fourth in Ryman League Division 2 in 2005-06, narrowly missing out on promotion. After the end of the 2006-07 season the FA re-organised the non-league pyramid system and Flackwell were due to be relegated into the South Midlands Spartan League.

However, Barking and East Ham United went out of business, and the club were given the opportunity to take their place in the Ryman Division 1 North.

Unfortunately Flackwell finished bottom of the league and were relegated into the Hellenic Premier Division for season 2008-09.

The 2014-15 season saw the club gain promotion into the Southern League Division 1. However, a late move by the Southern League from the Central Division into the South West Division meant Flackwell were unable to accept promotion and they stayed in the Hellenic League Premier Division for season 2015-16.

Season 2014-15 also brought the club places in



the final of the Berks and Bucks Trophy – losing to Windsor, and the High Wycombe Senior Challenge Cup – winning against Penn and Tylers.

Earlier that season the club also reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, losing to Conference side Weston-Super-Mare 4-1.

For the first time in the club's history they also reached the last 16 of the FA Vase before losing 3-2 to Shaw Lane Aquaforce.

In 2015-16 under the continued management of Graham Malcolm, who was assisted by Paul Shone, Flackwell finished third in the Hellenic League and they also won three cup finals – the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy against Newport Pagnell, the UHlsport Challenge Cup against Brackley Town Saints, and the Wycombe Senior Cup against Pitstone and Ivinghoe.

After Graham Malcolm's decision to move to Spain, Paul Shone took over the managerial role, assisted by Sean Kelleher.

Unfortunately this combination did not work out and in November 2017 they were replaced by Marcus Richardson, formerly of Highmoor Ibis, who was assisted by Fabian Coultriss.

Marcus had to start re-building the team from scratch, bringing in lots of young players and former youth team players.

That season the team finished a respectable fifth place, followed with eighth position in 2018-19.

The next two seasons were limited by Covid-19 restrictions, with the 2019-20 season finish of

ninth, with games in hand, being declared null and void.

The following season was similarly curtailed, leaving Flackwell top of the Hellenic League having only lost one game.

However, FA promotions and restructuring using a points per game system saw the club finishing fourth over the previous two seasons, thereby missing out on promotion for 2021-22.

The restructuring saw the club take a place in the Spartan South Midlands League's Premier Division. This disappointment was tempered by a very successful run in the 2020-21 FA Vase.

Flackwell reached the quarter finals for the first time in their history before losing to US Portsmouth 2-0.

Chris Ayres took over the first team management mid-way through the 2021-22 season, finishing in sixth place.

The following season saw Flackwell moved league yet again, this time to their preferred league – The Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League, North Premier Division.

They won the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup in 2022-23 and then 2023-24 was one of the most successful seasons in the club's history.

The first team won the Combined Counties Premier League and gained promotion to Step 4, joining the Southern League Division 1 Central.

The development team, The Allied Counties team and the Vets all won their respective league titles too.



INTRODUCING THE VISITORS

FLACKWELL HEATH

Jack Brooker – Goalkeeper

Jack is now in his third season with Flackwell and he was instrumental in getting them promoted to Step 4. Unfortunately missed last season through injury but back to give real stability in defence.

Lindrit Beqiri – Goalkeeper

Lindrit joined the club last year from Chertsey. Having performed well in some big league games, Flackwell are pleased 'Linds' is staying with them this season.

Lewis Pegg – Defender

'Peggy' has been great since joining Flackwell two years ago. Was immense in their promotion year. Recently appointed club captain, a great example to the other players of how to perform week in, week out.

Lewis Patrick – Defender

Lewis had an outstanding season last year which unfortunately ended with an injury. Back fresh in pre-season and offers the team width and dangerous crosses from wide areas.

Ryan Avery – Defender

Ryan is into his fifth season with Flackwell Heath. Ever reliable at full back or wing back and again is excellent on delivering crosses.

Louis Bouwers – Defender

Towering centre half, Louis unfortunately missed important games last season through injury. Flackwell are hoping to get Louis back on the pitch soon as his experience and quality is really important to the team.

Sean McGuinness – Defender

A towering centre back, Sean has put in some excellent performances for Flackwell. He is still young and has plenty to offer the team going forward. Very dominating in both boxes.

Mark Nisbet – Defender

Has been instrumental in helping to get the club to where it is now. Great leader at the back and knows the game so well. Pivotal in helping young players.



Callum Mapley – Defender

Vice captain Callum had a good season last year. Really dominates in the air and is great at setting up attacks from deep.

Rory Merrick – Defender

Rory joined the club this summer after spells at Burnham and Binfield. Versatile defender who is composed on the ball and brings experience to the team.

Josh Bellamy – Defender

Josh has recently returned from playing in America. An athletic full back who loves to get forward.

Daniel Lodovica – Defender

Daniel is a fast, athletic wing back who will bring balance to the side. He brings Step 4 experience with him as well.

Matthew Ayres – Midfielder

Matty had a good first season at Step 4, weighing in with some important goals. He is a real threat from his forward runs and delivers quality set pieces.

Jack Shakespeare – Midfielder

Jack (pictured above) had another excellent season last year, scoring the most goals from midfield. Jack is pivotal to the team playing well, a complete midfielder.



Elias Grant – Midfielder

Elias recently joined Flackwell from Beaconsfield. Another exciting, talented attacking player. Comfortable off both feet and very creative in the final third.

Harry Mepham – Midfielder

‘Meps’ started last season brilliantly but again was a player who picked up injuries and missed the play-off games. Flackwell are hopefully Harry will be fully back this season and dominating the midfield with his intelligence and brilliant passing.

Jamie Ayres – Midfielder

Jamie is a talented attacking player who had a really good first season at Step 4 last year. Weighing in with important goals and helping to create goals as well, Jamie is a clever player for the team who they look to to create chances.

Jack Taylor – Midfielder

Jack has recovered from an horrific injury sustained over two years ago. After so long working on his rehab, Jack is now starting to be involved on match days. Flackwell are looking forward to getting Jack back hitting long range passes and the leadership he offers to the group.

Ben Stallard – Midfielder

Ben joined the club last year after spells at Kings Langley and Aylesbury United. All round midfielder who brings steel and quality to the midfield.

Josh Light – Midfielder

Josh made a couple of substitute appearances

last season. An athletic centre midfielder who did really well in pre-season.

Ayoub Ingozuln – Midfielder

Talented midfielder recently signed from Egham, where he won the league. Ayoub is great at breaking up the play and making great forward passes to start attacks. Can play in various positions in midfield.

Corey Hart – Midfielder

Corey is a technically gifted midfielder who can pick a pass short and long. Corey is comfortable at playing in various positions across midfield.

Connor Young – Striker

Connor is a proven goalscorer at Step 4 level. Works tirelessly across the front line and he is a great finisher with either foot.

Jabir Laraba – Striker

‘Jabz’ joined from Burnham where he was a regular and always ended up top goalscorer. A real live wire in the penalty box and will bring quality and great energy to the team.

Harlem Hale – Striker

Harlem joined Flackwell from recently promoted Egham. An exciting forward with great talent, who can play anywhere across the front three.

Charlie Bacon – Striker

Charlie has joined Flackwell on duel registration from Oxford City. Talented forward who can play anywhere across the front line. Charlie already has experience of playing Step 4.

FLACKWELL’S COACHING STAFF

Chris Ayres – Manager

Chris remains as manager for a fifth season. He loves working with young players and helping with their development. A dedicated and enthusiastic Flackwell local, he brings the interest of the community to the club.

Paul Shone – Assistant Manager

Assists Chris on and off the pitch, an ex-player and manager who has had great success with the club. Paul brings a wealth of knowledge.

Darren Keeley – Coach

Brought in last year to help with the coaching at

Flackwell. Darren is an excellent coach and loves working with the players on the training pitch.

Matty Pollard – Goalkeeper Coach

Matty works with the Flackwell keepers on a weekly basis. An ex-player who brings quality coaching and great knowledge and enthusiasm to the group.

Claire Benton – Physio

Claire joined Flackwell Heath during the close season after working at Hanwell Town last season.



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ROYALS FAIL TO TAKE FLIGHT DURING TRIP TO BEDFONT

AFC Portchester had to endure a frustrating afternoon as they fell to a 2-0 defeat at Bedfont Sports.

Unlike the A380s and other aircraft that thundered their way into the London sky from nearby Heathrow Airport, the Royals' performance failed to take flight in this game and they were left grounded by a goal in each half from the home side.

The result brought to an end an unbeaten run of 20 matches in league games away from home too.

Portchester had the first chance of the game on five minutes when Charlie Williamson sent a cross into the six yard box from the right but Lee Wort couldn't find the finishing touch from close range.

Two minutes later the visitors got a warning sign of what Bedfont were capable of when Jude Jakes-McKay was put clear down the left.

He cut inside the penalty area and unleashed a shot which keeper Steven Mowthorpe had to beat away.

The home side took the lead on 12 minutes thanks to the visiting defence putting the ball into their own net.

A free kick from the right hand corner of the pitch was delivered to near the penalty spot and a defender's attempted clearance went back towards the goal and a couple of deflections on its way into the net helped the ball in.

Three minutes later things almost got a lot worse for Portchester when George Frise tried his luck with a shot from inside the centre circle, which had Mowthorpe scrambling back towards his goal but the ball dropped on to the roof of the net.

On 23 minutes Jake Woods' free kick from just outside the box was only inches wide of the target and at the other end a cross from the left found Marley Ridge inside the box but his first time shot flew well over.

The Royals almost snatched an equaliser five minutes before the interval when James Cowan's free kick from the left picked out Conor Bailey's run to the near post but he glanced his header just over the bar.

The second half was much the same as the



first with the home side's solid defensive set up soaking up the majority of the pressure Portchester could assert on them, while they looked dangerous on the break.

The Royals' best chance of getting an equaliser came on 58 minutes when the ball was slipped through to Alfie Stanley and his low shot from 15 yards out was blocked by the outstretched leg of keeper Gary Ross.

Three minutes later Wort brought down a long ball towards the edge of the penalty area but he screwed his shot wide and Bedfont made sure they would be picking up all three points with their second goal on 79 minutes.

A corner from the right was flicked on towards the six yard box and Thomas O'Neill beat Mowthorpe to the ball to knock it past him and into the net.

The game fizzled out after this as the home side comfortably saw out the remaining time that was played.





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