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# A VERY WARM WELCOME TO AFC PORTCHESTER

A very warm welcome to AFC Portchester for tonight's game in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division.

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors Hartley Wintney – welcome to the players, officials and supporters of today's visiting team and also to the match officials.

At long last we get to see some league action at The OnSite Group Stadium tonight! The last Pitching In Isthmian League South Central fixture we had at home was on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25 – some 43 days ago!

Since the 4-0 win over Moneyfields that day we have played four games here at home – an Emirates FA Cup replay and three Isuzu FA Trophy ties.

Over that six week period we have only played two league games on the road, such has been the dominance of cup games on the club's fixture list.

October will see our league season move forward much more quickly than in August and September as five South Central Division games are scheduled – almost as many in the next three weeks as the six which took place over the opening two months of the season.

It feels as though our Step 4 adventure on home soil hasn't really got going yet as we have only played two league games here at The OnSite Group Stadium.

However, that is well and truly about to change

as, including tonight's game, we are at home for all of the Tuesday nights in October.

We are still finding our feet on the road in the league but with so many home games coming up close together this is a good opportunity to make our strong home cup form count and start adding some points to our tally, which will help us to start climbing up the table.

We may be third from bottom currently in the league table but that is something of a false position as only one other side (Westfield) has played as few games as we have so we have plenty in hand on most of the teams in the division.

Saturday's victory here over Taunton Town really was an excellent performance by the whole team.

Resolute defending and a battling performance across the board got us over the line against a Step 3 side who were in the top five of the Southern League's Premier South Division.

It showed once again that we are more than good enough for this level of non-league football but we have to transfer this superb cup form into our league programme so we can start making progress up the division.

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the annual Family Fireworks Display and Laser Lights Show on October 31 before they are all sold out.

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# CHAIRMAN'S LONG SERVICE MARKED BY SPECIAL AWARD

AFC Portchester chairman Paul Kelly has received a special award to mark his long service for the club.

He was presented with a 20 years service award from the Portsmouth Divisional Football Association (PDFA) – the first level of long service award presented to prominent members of the football community in the Portsmouth area.

Kelly has already qualified to receive their 25 year and 30 year service awards, such has been the length of time he has been with the Royals – which has now entered its fourth decade.

He has completed 14 years as AFC Portchester's chairman – covering a period of the club's history when the first team has risen from Step 6 to Step 4 football and completed an unprecedented quadruple last season.

Before his spell as chairman, Kelly had filled a number of roles in the youth section of the club, including fixtures secretary and helping to manage and run teams at youth level.

He also became one of the lease holders when the club took on the piece of land on Wicor Recreation Ground which has now become The OnSite Group Stadium.

Paul was presented with his award by Wessex League chairman Nick Taplin at the club's home game against Tavistock on September 20.

On receiving the award, Kelly said: "I'm really proud to have received this award, and would like to thank Nick for presenting it to me and for the PDFA for recognising my long service to the club and football in this way.

"I'm really proud of what we have achieved down the years at AFC Portchester and of the things that will no doubt come in the future, such is the continued development of the club.

"I often say you are only as good as the people around you so this award is as much about the hard working volunteers who give so much to the club, as well as what I have done too.

"Both myself and the club could not have achieved what we have done without the help and assistance of so many people down the years and I thank them for everything they have done.

"It's great to receive this recognition of my long service not just to AFC Portchester but in football generally too. My grateful thanks to those who put my name forward and supported the nomination. It means a lot to receive this."





# 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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THERE can't be many clubs with a better record of producing players fit for the EFL – and higher – than FC Halifax Town.

The number that have passed through the Shay down the years is quite something.

Our Chris Dunlavy, chief writer on sister title The Football League Paper, caught up with a former Shaymen last week after he called time on his career.

One of the privileges of this job is watching young footballers thrive in non-league before getting their chance and then carving out a successful career at the higher levels.

Lee Gregory certainly did that, scoring 112 EFL goals for the likes of Millwall, Stoke, Sheffield Wednesday and Mansfield Town.

The striker began his journey at Staveley Miners Welfare and Sheffield FC and Glapwell before ripping it up at FC Halifax Town – alongside a certain Jamie Vardy.

But Gregory still remembers the conversation he had with Nicky Law during a brief spell on trial at Alfreton two decades ago.

"I was 17 or 18 and Nicky was the manager at Alfreton," he recalled. "He said to me one day, 'You don't have to be a professional. You can have a good career in non-league."

"Get a job, do this on the side, put the extra money towards a house and you'll pay it off in 15 or 20 years'.

"I remember thinking 'You know, he's right'. That was my mentality when I was playing for Staveley Miners Welfare and Sheffield FC and Glapwell.

"By the time I got to 23, when I joined Halifax, I was like 'OK, this is my life – let's buy that house and stop dreaming'."

Thankfully for Gregory, now 37, an intervention from Kim Holloway – wife of Ian – changed the course of his life.

Gregory scored 29 National League goals for Halifax in the 2013-14 campaign. Holloway, then in charge of Millwall, was



considering making an offer but feared the forward would struggle with the jump to the Championship.

"You could be the best player in the world but if you've not got the right opinion behind you, you're not going to go anywhere," said Gregory.

"It only takes one person to believe in you and in my case it was Ian's wife. She was the one who said 'Go on, why don't you take a chance on the lad from non-league?' That one opinion changed my life.

"I did have other clubs in the pipeline. I was always going to end up in the EFL that summer. But none of them were in the Championship.

"I know you make your own luck, but you need help along the way. I was very lucky that she said that to him, and that he listened to her."

Gregory is just another example of how different players will take different routes into the Football League from the non-league level of the game.

We're lucky we get to see a lot of them at that level before they really make it.



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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

# ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS

## MARTIN LEAVES MANAGER ROLE

Welling United have announced the departure of manager Lee Martin (pictured right).

Lee took over in the summer and left with United in 19th place in the Pitching In Isthmian Premier. He signed 18 players prior to the start of the season, but things have not gone as planned.

This was his first managerial job. He moved to Welling after success as a player at Ramsgate and higher levels.

He played youth football for AFC Wimbledon and Manchester United, before graduating to the first team squad. While at Old Trafford he had loan spells at Royal Antwerp, Glasgow Rangers, Stoke City, Plymouth Argyle and Nottingham Forest, before putting down more permanent roots at Ipswich Town, under manager Roy Keane.

He spent four years as a Tractor Boy before making Millwall his next stop for three years. Spells at Gillingham, where he was captain, and Exeter City came next, before a move to Ebsfleet United.

Former Dulwich Hamlet and Hastings United boss Paul Barnes has taken interim charge.

## LEAGUE CUP DRAW IS MADE

The draw for the Third Round of the Velocity Cup has been made. Ties are due to be played by mid-November.

Ascot United v AFC Portchester/Egham Town  
Aveley v Brightlingsea Regent/Witham Town  
Bowers & Pitsea/Newmarket Tn v Brentwood Tn  
Burgess Hill Tn v AFC Croydon/AFC Whyteleafe  
Carshalton Athletic v Binfield  
Chatham Town v Erith Town  
Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough/Hendon  
Hashtag United v Billericay Town  
Kingstonian/Three Bridges v Broadbridge Heath  
Potters Bar Town v Hayes & Yeading United  
Ramsgate v Ashford United  
Redbridge/Grays Ath v Stanway Rvrs C/Takeley  
Sheppey Utd v Crowborough Ath/Sittingbourne  
St Albans v Cheshunt  
Walthamstow v Wingate & Finchley  
Welling United v Folkestone Invicta

## OLDFIELD BACK AT BECKENHAM

Beckenham Town have announced that their new manager is their old manager, with Del Oldfield stepping out of retirement to



return to the top job at Eden Park Avenue.

Del left in the summer after almost steering Becks to a Pitching In Isthmian South East Division play-off spot. He replaces Danny Waldren, who replaced him.

Prior to his time at Becks, Del managed Kent United, Erith and Belvedere and Stansfeld, and earlier in his career managed the under-18s and reserve sides at Phoenix Sports.

As a player, he played at almost every level of the non-league pyramid.

## DUO JOIN BEDFONT SPORTS

Bedfont Sports have had a couple of new arrivals, with Paweł Kowalkowski and Tyler Tobin joining the club.

Striker Paweł Kowalkowski helped Windsor and Eton to promotion last season, and also won the Players' Player, Supporters' Player and top goalscorer awards.

He was previously with Harrow Borough and has also turned out for Wealdstone, and in Poland for MKS Ciechanów and Czarni Jasło – as well as having a spell with League 2 club Crawley Town.

Tyler Tobin, a goalkeeper, has a great deal of experience at South Central level, playing for a number of seasons at Ashford Town and also turning out for Uxbridge.

He has also been at Harrow Borough and last season helped Egham Town to promotion, playing 33 times.





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# FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR IS FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Things are starting to feel a bit autumnal and that can mean only one thing at AFC Portchester – the annual family fireworks display and laser show is on the way!

The popular event, which always sells out in advance, is being held at The OnSite Group Stadium on Friday, October 31, from 6pm and it promises to be an evening of traditional fireworks and Hallowe'en fun for all the family.

The event is particularly enjoyed by families with young children as there are plenty of activities on the night aimed at them and it gives youngsters the opportunity to enjoy a traditional fireworks display in a safe environment.

The introduction of a laser lights show has been a spectacular addition to the event in the last few years and the display will be back to wow the crowds again.

Also returning after its successful introduction last year is a special Hallowe'en spook room – do you dare to walk through the spooky and scary displays on what will be

Hallowe'en night?

There will also be children's entertainment on the night and prizes will be awarded to the best Hallowe'en-themed fancy dress costumes worn to the event by youngsters.

There's plenty to keep the adults entertained too – all three indoor bar areas will be open and there will also be an outdoor bar in the large, covered outdoor function area too.

There will also be plenty of hot and cold food and drink options available too, so no one will be going thirsty or hungry on the night.

New for this year's event is the VIP ticket option which includes an exclusive viewing area to watch the spectacular display from and light refreshments.

If you are thinking of attending this event organisers are advising people to purchase their tickets as soon as possible as this event is always sold out ahead of the night each year.

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# FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

## APPEARANCES

PLAYER	GAMES
ARCHIE WILLCOX	16
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	15
ALFIE STANLEY	14 (2)
CONOR BAILEY	14 (1)
CALVIN DAVIES	14
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	14
JACK LEE	13
LEE WORT	10 (6)
MARLEY RIDGE	9 (7)
ROB TAW	9 (6)
JAMES COWAN	8 (6)
ZACK WILLETT	6 (4)
RYAN WILKINS	6
CONNOR DUFFIN	5 (10)
RYAN PENNERY	5
TOMMY SCUTT	5
MAX SMITH	2 (6)
OLLY SEARLE	2 (5)
BRETT PITMAN	2 (2)
CAMERON SCOTT	2
ASH HOWES	1 (4)
CADE DYER	1 (3)
HARRISON BROOK	1 (2)
JOSH CLACK	1 (2)
OWEN PELHAM	1 (1)
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)



## GOALS

PLAYER	GOALS
ALFIE STANLEY	6
CONNOR DUFFIN	5
LEE WORT	5
ZACK WILLETT	4
BRETT PITMAN	3
RYAN PENNERY	2
JACK LEE	1
MARLEY RIDGE	1
RYAN WILKINS	1
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	1



# TONIGHT'S FIXTURES/TABLE

Here are the league fixtures being played in the Pitching In Isthmian League this evening.

There are a total of eight games scheduled across the league's Step 4 divisions.

## North Division

Brantham Athletic v Tilbury  
Brightlingsea Regent v Grays Athletic  
Lowestoft Town v Witham Town  
Mildenhall Town v Maldon & Tiptree

## South Central Division

AFC Portchester v Hartley Wintney  
Egham Town v Bedfont Sports

## South East Division

Crowborough Athletic v Erith Town  
Deal Town v Eastbourne Town

## PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Leatherhead	9	7	1	1	22	+13
Raynes Prk Vale	11	5	4	2	19	+7
Hanworth Villa	10	5	2	3	17	+11
Hayes & Yeading	8	5	1	2	16	+5
Ascot United	9	5	0	4	15	+7
Met Police	8	4	3	1	15	+1
Hartley Wintney	8	4	2	2	14	+6
Littlehampton Tn	9	4	2	3	14	-3
Kingstonian	8	4	1	3	13	+2
Westfield	6	4	0	2	12	+3
Harrow Borough	8	4	0	4	12	-6
Egham Town	7	3	2	2	11	0
Moneyfields	8	3	2	3	11	-3
Hendon	8	2	4	2	10	+3
Bedfont Sports	7	2	3	2	9	0
Sth Park Reigate	9	3	0	6	9	-3
Fareham Town	8	2	2	4	8	-7
Binfield	11	2	2	7	8	-12
Bognor Regis Tn	9	2	1	6	7	-6
THE ROYALS	6	2	0	4	6	-1
Southall	8	1	2	5	5	-7
Horndean	9	1	2	6	5	-10

## THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

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# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS HARTLEY WINTNEY



## HOW IT BEGAN FOR HARTLEY

Hartley Wintney Football Club was founded in 1897, with the club's nickname 'The Row' coming from Hartley Row, a former hamlet of Hartley Wintney.

In the 1940s and 1950s, the club played at Causeway Farm adjacent to the cricket club, in the Basingstoke League.

The minutes of meetings covering 15 seasons from 1948 includes the change of club colours from blue squares to tangerine in 1956.

The club moved to the Memorial Ground on Green Lane in 1953 and later joined the Aldershot League.

In 1973, Glynn Howells was appointed as manager and in his six-year reign, the team won the Aldershot Senior League three times in succession, and the Aldershot Senior Cup.

A founder member of the Combined Counties League in 1978, Hartley later appointed Ian Bedford as manager. An influx of senior players during the 1980s included several ex-pros: Mick Travers (ex-Reading and Portsmouth), Richard Walden (ex-Sheffield Wednesday), and Steve Finnieston (ex-Chelsea and Sheffield United).

Under Ian Bedford's management, the club won the Aldershot Senior Cup in 1980-81, the George Allen Cup in 1981-82 and the Combined Counties League in 1982-83.

A new clubhouse was also opened with David Willoughby, secretary and treasurer, and chairman Bill Mitchell devoting exceptional hours to this venture.

The club gained promotion to the Combined Counties Premier Division under the management of Mike Scott in 2007-08 but the following season ended in relegation.

The team rallied following the appointments of Pete Gray and John Condon in 2009-10 and Louis King in 2010-11.

Neville Roach then took charge for season 2011-12, assisted by Mick Wollen and Scott Tarr, and the club finished third in Division 1, which was good enough for a return to the Premier Division.

But the euphoria of promotion was dampened when the coaching staff and nearly the entire squad left at the end of the season.

Ex-Millwall defender Dave Tuttle was given the summer to prepare a squad for 2012-13. However, a string of poor results led to a second change in management within four months and 24-year-old ex-Hartley striker Ben Dillon was given his first managerial role.

Alongside Jason Minton and Joe Lawler, Dillon set about re-building, with Hartley well adrift at the bottom of the table.

The introduction of a talented group of players restored the spirit around the club and, in what became known as the club's 'Great Escape', the Row's place in the Premier Division was secured against all the odds.

The highlight of the 2013-14 season was the run to the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time, losing to Daventry Town in front of a home crowd of over 1,000.

The new club crest was commissioned during that season - designer Philippa Bell incorporated elements from the 13th century when the village of Hertleye Wynteneye drew its name from 'the clearing in the forest where the deer graze by Winta's island', hence the tree and stag motifs.

The 2014-15 season saw the club finish ninth in



the Premier Division, after which Dillon stepped down. Dan Brownlie and Anthony Millerick were appointed as joint managers, with Luke Tuffs as first team coach.

Season 2015-16 was very eventful. After a memorable FA Cup win at Merthyr Town, Hartley came back from two goals down, only to concede an injury time goal at Conference South side Eastbourne Borough.

In the FA Vase, a long standing club record was broken by reaching the Fifth Round Proper. In front of a sell-out 1,300 at Green Lane, eventual finalists Hereford proved too strong, but the Row went on to claim the Premier Division title. However, promotion was denied due to ground grading.

The 2016-17 season under Brownlie and Millerick was extraordinary. Propelled by the goals of strike duo Sam Argent and Ross Cook, the Row topped the Premier Division for the entire season, reached the semi finals of the Hampshire Senior Cup and the final of the Aldershot Senior Cup.

Guided by chairman Luke Mullen, the club secured the required ground grading to take their place in the Southern League at Step 4 for the first time.

Season 2017-18 was as successful as the previous season. The club embarked on their first FA Trophy campaign, going out in the First Round Proper to eventual finalists Bromley.

In Southern League South East Division, the Row sat within the top four for much of the season. A play-off place was secured, with the Row winning their semi final against AFC Dunstable.

In front of a crowd of over 700 at Green Lane, a tense game against Cambridge City was decided by a Nic Ciardini goal to gain promotion to Southern Premier South at Step 3.

That season's closing highlight was lifting the Aldershot Senior Cup.

With Dan Turkington now alongside Millerick in the dugout, 2018-19 started well at Step 3 with a late run seeing Hartley finish eighth in the table.

To remain at that level required another round of ground improvements, stretching the club and its volunteers to the limit.

The 2019-20 campaign clicked into gear for the Row shortly before the season was abandoned due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The return of familiar faces to the squad in the New Year had promised an exciting run-in but it became a battle off the pitch for the club's financial survival.

This battle was to continue when 2020-21 was again cut short, though not before Hartley

reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, going out at National League side Dagenham and Redbridge by a solitary goal.

In the Hampshire Senior Invitational Cup, a competition staged as Covid restrictions were eased, Hartley lifted the trophy in the final against Folland Sports.

There was deep sadness in 2021 when club president Bill Mitchell passed away. He had been a huge influence on the club and a true gentleman who continued his family's tradition of being Hartley Wintney through and through.

Season 2021-22 proved to be a tough one, with the club's resources severely depleted.

The huge task of surviving at Step 3 was achieved with another good run-in, while silverware arrived by way of the Aldershot Senior Cup, with the Row beating Fleet Town in the final.

After his hugely successful spell as manager, 'Millers' stepped down at the end of the season, becoming the club's director of football.

Development team manager Ross Weatherstone and first team coach Ty Newton were appointed as joint managers for 2022-23. Pre-season results were encouraging, but the team struggled in the league and the pair resigned in October.

Ex-Arsenal pro Ian Selley and his assistant, Mick Bennett, took charge but after a reasonable start results again failed to meet expectations.

With the club in the relegation zone, the Row turned to two former players, Rowan Vine and Shane Hollamby.

The pair steadied the ship, returned belief to the fans and the playing group, and worked the team back to being competitive in every game they played.

But the lack of financial headroom finally hit home. Without the cutting edge of a proven goalscorer to turn the draws and narrow losses into wins, the Row were relegated.

After so much recent success, 2023-24 saw Hartley in transition and looking to re-build as the club took its place in the Isthmian League South Central Division under manager Danny Ackland. Hartley finished the campaign in a mid-table tenth position.

Season 2024-25 brought another change of management and almost an entire new squad. Joint managers Jamie Daltry and John Cooke looked to steer The Row to success after their own successful season at Knaphill where they took the Knappers to the play-off semi finals in the Combined Counties League.

They finished the campaign in tenth Position in the league.



# INTRODUCING THE VISITORS HARTLEY WINTNEY

## **SAM BARTLETT – STRIKER**

Sam is a product of Hartley Wintney's youth structure and made his first team debut as a substitute at Southall on December 16, 2023. He made a total of 11 appearances in the first team over the second half of 2023-24 and scored his first senior goal at Guernsey on April 24, 2024.

## **ALEX BODY – STRIKER**

Signed from Walton and Hersham, Alex has plenty of experience at this level and a goalscoring record to match. A striker who poses many different problems for defenders.

## **AARON BURCHETT – DEFENDER**

A Summer 2024 signing from Knaphill. Will be looking to build on his two Supporters Player awards he received in his two seasons with his previous club. 'Burchy' proved his worth at Step 4 in 2024-25 and is back for more this season.

## **CALVIN CAMARA – DEFENDER**

A versatile player, Calvin (pictured above right) is a left back but can also operate as a left winger or a number 10. A very forward thinking and attack minded player.

## **HARVEY CHOGUGUDZA – STRIKER**

A development team prospect who gained first team experience on a dual registration basis with Blackfield and Langley of the Wessex League. Harvey was called up to the first team for the final four league games of last season, making his full debut in the 4-0 defeat away to Horndean.

## **JOSH EWING – MIDFIELDER**

Spent time in 2024-25 on a dual registration with Camberley Town. A young man with lots of talent who will be keen to impress this season.

## **MAC FORD – MIDFIELDER**

The former Badshot Lea captain joined Hartley ahead of the 2024-25 season. After an impressive first season with The Row, Mac remains with the club for 2025-26.

## **JOE GATER – DEFENDER**

Joe has returned to Hartley after four years



away. A physically commanding defender with experience and leadership skills, will throw his body on the line and throw in a bit of banter too!

## **LIAM GAVIN – DEFENDER**

Captain and leader on and off the pitch, was named Manager's Player of the Season for the 2023-24 season. He was captain last season and once again walked away with an award - this time the Players' Player of the Season prize.

## **NEBAY HAILE – STRIKER**

Nebay is a striker with plenty of experience and goals at Steps 3 and 4. An honest, hardworking forward with a great winning mentality.

## **ZAC HORKAN – DEFENDER**

Defender who followed the new managers from Knaphill in June 2024. Reached the play-off final with his former club in 2023-24 but unfortunately injuries hampered his progress in 2024-25. Zac signed on again ahead of the 2025-26 campaign, with the hope that his injury woes are firmly behind him.

## **NICK JUPP – GOALKEEPER**

Nick is a commanding goalkeeper who joined on a dual registration from Chertsey Town in November 2024. After making the number one



spot his own following injury to Henry Poole, Nick is back with Hartley for 2025-26.

### **REECE MATHER – MIDFIELDER**

Reece (pictured right) is a hard-working midfielder who impressed in pre-season and joined Hartley for the new campaign.

### **NICK MEDCRAFT – DEFENDER**

Nick joined from Fleet Town, where he won the Players' Player of the Year award in 2024-25. He is an energetic full back who offers so much more than just defensive capabilities. He will link up with some familiar faces having featured alongside some of the current Hartley squad while at Badshot Lea.

### **KANYE MOYO – STRIKER**

Kanye made the step up from the development team to the first team squad during the summer. He is an energetic and hard-working young forward with a keen eye for goal.

### **KYEN NICHOLAS – STRIKER**

Kyen returned to The Row at the end of February after spells with Hanworth Villa and Raynes Park Vale in the Isthmian League South Central Division. He scored six goals in 16 appearances for Vale before his return to The Row. Kyen only managed two appearances for Hartley before injury ended his participation in 2024-25.

### **JAKE RUMBLE – DEFENDER**

Jake is no stranger to Hartley fans having had two previous stints with the club. After leaving in 2023 to explore football opportunities in



Australia, he returned to the UK towards the end of the 2024-25 season. A full back who possesses great technical ability.

### **SAM TANNER – STRIKER**

Sam (pictured below left) signed for The Row at the start of March from Thatcham Town. He scored 11 goals in 76 appearances in just under two seasons for the Berkshire club.

### **GEORGE TURNER – MIDFIELDER**

George treads the club's proven pathway from the under-18s Allied Counties League team to the development team and now into the first team. A young wide man with pace and energy.

### **CALLUM WILTSHIRE – DEFENDER**

Joined from Badshot Lea and despite his age he has already amassed over 75 games at Step 4 level. A calm and composed defender with a tough tackling side to him.

### **GEORGE WINSER – DEFENDER**

After taking a break from football mid-way through the 2024-25 season, George is back on a dual registration with Uxbridge.

### **GEORGE WALLACE – DEFENDER**

Versatile defender who is fast becoming a fans' favourite, making 40 appearances in 2023-24 and 43 appearances across all competitions last season.

### **HARRY GRANT – MIDFIELDER**

Harry joined Hartley from fellow Isthmian League South Central Division side Southall and brings a wealth of experience.





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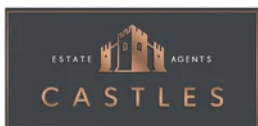
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# REPORT: ROYALS MARK FA TROPHY DEBUT WITH A WIN

AFC Portchester enjoyed a winning start to life in the FA Trophy with victory in their first ever game in the national cup competition.

Connor Duffin's penalty on 15 minutes proved to be the only goal of the game, which suggests this was a tight encounter with few chances but both sides regularly created openings.

The Royals had the better of the first half action but they had to dig in and battle hard in the second half to keep their clean sheet intact and prevent Flackwell Heath from finding a way back into this tie.

The home side had the first chance of the game on four minutes when a ball in from the right found James Cowan 15 yards out. His shot was heading narrowly wide and Duffin had the opportunity to slide in and try and divert it inside the post but he just failed to get a strong enough touch on the ball.

Five minutes later the visitors got forward down the left hand side of the box and Charlie Williamson's attempted back pass lacked the pace to reach his keeper Steven Mowthorpe. Jamie Ayres seized on the under-hit pass but his shot was blocked by Mowthorpe's foot.

A minute later Flackwell had a corner and the home side couldn't fully clear their lines. An attempted clearance went straight at Connor Young and his shot from just inside the box went narrowly wide of the post.

The only goal of the game stemmed from a move which put Alfie Stanley through in the penalty area and as he tried to flick the ball past his marker the visiting player blocked the ball but the referee deemed he had used his arm to do so and pointed to the spot.

Duffin sent keeper Jack Brooker diving the wrong way with his well struck penalty.

While that goal was a match-winning moment at one end, Jack Lee produced another one at the other end of the pitch on 17 minutes.

Lewis Patrick got clear down the left and put the ball low across the six yard box and just as Young was about to pull the trigger and fire his shot home from close range, Lee slid in and took the ball off his foot and diverted it behind for a corner.

On 21 minutes Jack Shakespeare latched

on to a ball played through the middle of the home defence and although he got into the penalty area he skied his shot under pressure from a defender.

On 28 minutes at the other end of the pitch a long ball down the right put Stanley clear but after he cut inside the box his powerful shot flew just over the crossbar.

Stanley had two more good chances to score late in the first half, with the first coming on 43 minutes. Williamson's cross to the far post found Duffin and after his header was blocked, Marley Ridge set the ball back inside to Stanley.

When he tried to place his shot into the net Brooker got his outstretched arm to the ball and managed to scoop it away from goal.

In stoppage time a ball over the top of the defence found Stanley but his shot from ten yards out lacked the power to trouble Brooker.

Both sides continued to create openings in the second half but it was the visitors who had more of them as the game wore on. On 63 minutes a ball down the left found Stanley and he was able to play it on to Lee Wort. He took the ball into the box but his shot was blocked by Brooker.

Flackwell went close to equalising twice on 69 minutes. The ball was slipped through to Ben Stallard inside the box and his first time shot had to be blocked at his near post by Mowthorpe.

An in-swinging corner veered its way towards goal and had the home keeper scrambling but it hit the crossbar and bounced away to safety.

With nine minutes remaining the visitors had a corner partially cleared but when the ball was played back into the penalty area Matty Ayres beat Mowthorpe to it and flicked it past the keeper but the ball went straight out of play.

On 83 minutes Eli Grant got in down the right for Flackwell and delivered a dangerous cross which was met by an attacker and substitute Ollie Searle at the same time but the home defender did enough to knock the ball away for a corner.

In injury time Flackwell almost gifted Portchester a second goal when they gave the ball away to Max Smith and his shot from 25 yards out was heading in before Brooker got down quickly enough to dive and push the ball away from goal.







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# LADIES FIRST TEAM — FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	SCORERS
Aug 31	H	Winchester City Flyers	League	3-2W	Butterworth, Bradbury, Barron-Clark
Sept 7	A	Badshot Lea	League	3-0W	Aitken (2), Hillier
Sept 14	H	Beaconsfield Town	League	1-2L	Adaway
Sept 21	A	Havant & Waterlooville	FA Cup	3-2W	True (2), Bradbury
Oct 5	H	Weymouth	FA Cup	19-0W	
Oct 12	H	Oxford City	League		
Oct 19	A	Southampton Women	League		
Oct 26	H	Gloucester City	FA Cup		
Nov 2	A	Badshot Lea	LC		
Nov 9	H	Sholing	League		

## LEAGUE TABLE

### SOUTHERN REGION WOMEN'S LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Wycombe Wnds	4	4	0	0	12	+22
Beaconsfield Tn	4	3	0	1	9	0
Win City Flyers	3	2	0	1	6	+8
Reading Cm Trust	3	2	0	1	6	+4
THE ROYALS	3	2	0	1	6	+3
Fleet Town	5	2	0	3	6	-10
Sthampton Wom	3	1	1	1	4	0
Oxford City	3	1	1	1	4	-2
Sholing	4	1	0	3	3	-1
Woodley United	2	0	0	2	0	-11
Badshot Lea	4	0	0	4	0	-13

## GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
LAUREN AITKEN	2
MILLIE BRADBURY	2
CHARMAINE TRUE	2
MIA ADAWAY	1
BETTY BARRON-CLARK	1
SARAH BUTTERWORTH	1
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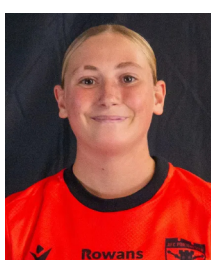
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