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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 Westfield - welcome to the players, officials and supporters of today's visiting team and also to the match officials.

The leaves are starting to fall from the trees and there is a chill in the night air - there is definitely an autumnal feel to things and that means one of the most important events on the club calendar is about to come around again.

The annual family fireworks display and laser light show is being held at The OnSite Group Stadium on Friday, October 31, and it promises to yet again be a great evening out for all the family.

The event is ideal for those wanting to enjoy a traditional fireworks display in a safe environment and it always attracts families with young children whose parents are keen to introduce them to one of the key elements of Bonfire Night.

The laser lights show was a recent addition to the event and it has become a stunning accompaniment to the fireworks display – lighting up the night sky in conjunction with its own soundtrack.

The spook room made its debut at last year's event and it is back again this year with an even more spooky display – who will be brave enough to walk through the room on what will be

Hallowe'en night?

There will also be other children's entertainments on the night and prizes for the best fancy dress costumes so youngsters attending the event will have plenty to keep them entertained.

It's a great night out for adults too with three indoor bars and one outdoor bar open and plenty of different food stalls to choose from when it comes to looking for some refreshments

This event always sells out so if you are planning to attend we urge you to buy your tickets as soon as possible before they are all gone.

For more details on the event and how to buy your tickets please see the story and poster in tonight's programme.

The games are coming thick and fast now and we won't have another midweek break from action until early December.

Tonight's game is the first of three home league games in a row over the next seven days – Westfield this evening, Ascot United on Saturday and Hendon next Tuesday, October 21.

It gives us the opportunity to quickly get Saturday's disappointing result out of our system and with our strong home form, if we were able to collect maximum points from this trio of matches it would help to propel us up the league table and put some more valuable points on the board.

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REPORT: NO RUN TO THE FINAL THIS SEASON FOR ROYALS

AFC Portchester bowed out of the Hampshire Senior Cup at the Second Round stage after losing on penalties to Baffins Milton Rovers.

There will be no repeat of the long runs enjoyed in the competition over the last two seasons where the Royals reached the final two years running – winning in 2024.

Portchester created plenty of chances but they paid the price for not taking any of them. With the game goalless after 90 minutes the visitors had to rely on the lottery of being successful in the penalty shoot-out and this time they did not have that winning ticket.

On four minutes Portchester had their first chance of the game when a cross from the right picked out Alfie Stanley at the far post but he quided his downward header wide of the target

Three minutes later the Royals won possession back in midfield and Max Smith slipped the ball through to Lee Wort, who tried to curl his shot past Dylan Kramer but the keeper dived to his left to push the ball away from goal.

A good passing move through midfield saw the ball whipped in towards the six yard box and Wort was inches away from applying the finishing touch from close range and Cade Dyer then got clear down the left before slipping the ball inside to Ryan Wilkins, who saw his shot from around eight yards out blocked by the keeper's legs.

On 20 minutes a ball from the left wing was played inside to Smith and he tried to curl his shot from the edge of the box into the far corner of the net but Kramer anticipated it well and got down to his left to make an easy save.

Four minutes later Wort laid the ball off to Stanley on the edge of the penalty area before he turned two defenders, burst clear into the box and put his shot narrowly over the bar.

On 32 minutes Dyer looked to finish off a good move down the middle of the pitch when he took the ball into the box but he put his shot just over the target and five minutes later Wort was allowed to get clear of the home defence after strong Portchester pressure in midfield won the ball back.

Wort tried to steer his shot down the keeper's near side but Kramer's outstretched leg deflected the shot wide.

The Royals closed the half with a chance for Ash Howes to let fly with a shot from 25 yards out but it went just over the crossbar.

Baffins Milton Rovers came closest to breaking the deadlock with their first real chance of the game on 47 minutes.

Lewis Beale won possession in midfield and drove forwards with the ball towards the penalty area before laying it off to Jamie Truckle. He slipped his shot past keeper Cameron Scott but it ran narrowly past the post.

On 52 minutes the Royals swept forward down the left and Wort played the ball inside the box to Wilkins. He smashed his shot past the keeper but it rattled the crossbar rather than finding the back of the net.

A minute later a long ball forwards dropped in the box to Howes, who worked the ball back to Wort but he put his shot straight at the keeper

The home side were starting to come more into the game as it entered the final quarter and on 73 minutes a cross from the left found Danny Burrows in front of goal but he put his header straight at Scott.

Burrows had another good chance to score with eight minutes remaining after he was put clear down the left. He cut inside and hit a shot across Scott, who had to claw the ball away from the target for a corner.

It was all Baffins in the final five minutes and they had good chances to snatch the win in normal time. Substitute Jason Parish hit his shot straight at Scott and in the next attack Beale did beat the visiting keeper with his effort but the ball ran wide of the far post.

In added on time a ball in from the right picked out Parish's run into the box but he put his shot just over the top and he then met a cross from the right in front of goal but he put his header over from five yards out.

In the penalty shoot-out, Baffins scored all four of their spot kicks. For Portchester, Conor Bailey missed the first penalty before James Cowan and Rob Taw put away their spot kicks.

Wort had to score the fourth penalty to keep Portchester alive but Kramer managed to push his shot over the bar and the Wessex League side went through, winning the shoot-out 4-2.



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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ISTHMIAN SIDES HAVE MIXED FORTUNES IN FA CUP TIES

It was time for the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round at the weekend and the Pitching In Isthmian League had six clubs in action but each of them faced a tough task to win their way through to the First Round Proper.

Five Premier Division sides had reached this stage of the competition - Aveley, St Albans City, Folkestone Invicta, Billericay Town and Chatham Town.

Chatham Town travelled to Tonbridge Angels for a Kentish derby. National League South Angels knocked out Cray Valley PM in the last round and were seven matches unbeaten, but the Chats travelled with confidence after winning their previous eight matches in league, cup and FA Trophy.

That run saw them concede only four goals and record four clean sheets but they were behind early on in this one, with an own goal giving the hosts the lead.

The Chats levelled a minute into the second half, Tope Fadahunsi with the equaliser, and on 66 minutes Stan Oldfield put them ahead.

Just before the end Adam Leathers added a third to confirm the victory and put his side into the First Round for the first time in 97 years.

Their reward in the First Round draw is a trip to Buxton.

Aveley were the only one of that quintet to enjoy home advantage and they faced a side who had rather a long trip down the A1, along the M11 and around the M25 as Gateshead made the trip to Parkside.

Sadly the visitors proved too strong, with a goal in the first half and two in the second giving them a 3-0 victory.

St Albans City, who defeated Aveley in the FA Trophy last weekend, were away to Banbury United

The Saints were eight unbeaten in league, cup and FA Trophy matches, and looking for a fourth successive victory and a fourth successive clean sheet.

They went ahead on 21 minutes, with Leo Sery getting the opener. United were soon level, and the scoring stopped there, so the sides will meet again this midweek in a replay to settle the tie and see who goes through.

The winners will be away to Burton Albion in the First Round.

Folkestone Invicta looked to have perhaps the toughest task of all as they travelled to take on Southend United - and so it proved.

The Stripes are in superb form, still unbeaten in all competitions going into this match despite being yet to play in their own ground so far this season

They were three down at the break, and despite a second half goal from Joe Pigott went down 4-1 in the end.

As Gateshead travelled to Aveley, Billericay Town were doing an almost identical journey in reverse, as they headed north to Spennymoor Town.

Spenny are having a fine season, and sit in fourth place in National League North. They'd won their last five matches, each of them to nil, and they made that six, as they scored the only goal of the game midway through the second half to end the Blues' hopes.

There was one Pitching In Isthmian North side hoping for a First Round spot, and perhaps out of all the league's cup fighters, Maldon and Tiptree were the favourites to grab that coveted place among the big boys in the First Round Proper.

The Jammers had been in superb form, top of Pitching In Isthmian North and unbeaten in the league, and they welcomed Pitching In Southern League Division 1 outfit Flackwell Heath

The visitors sit in mid-table but were also unbeaten in the league, and had already knocked out two Step 3 sides in the shape of Lewes and Bracknell Town, so were unlikely to be pushovers.

So it proved, but the Jammers did manage to squeeze through nonetheless.

Freddie Sears got the only goal of the match 11 minutes before the break, and the hosts held on despite a red card for Zack Littlejohn soon afterwards.

Maldon and Tiptree will face one of the big boys in the First Round Proper of the competition. They were drawn away to League 1 side Port Vale.



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS

MUNDELE MOVES TO RAMSGATE

Prior to the weekend's fixtures, Ramsgate announced the arrival of Ben Mundele, who made the move from National League South side Tonbridge Angels.

The defender spent last season as a Rook, having a second spell with Lewes where he played 19 times.

He had previously been a Rook, joining the club alongside former boss Tony Russell before being hit by serious injury.

In earlier years he was a massive part of Cray Wanderers' promotion to the Premier Division as well as being named in multiple Teams of the Year for the South and then South East Divisions

He spent a little time with Beckenham Town during the 2023-24 season, playing four times, and the rest of that campaign with Glebe.

WHITEHAWK UNVEIL FUTURE PLANS

Pitching In Isthmian Premier side Whitehawk are planning a major overhaul of their Enclosed Ground.

The Hawks have unveiled plans and in a statement they explained: "We're now ready to take the next big step in our journey. Plans are under way for a brand-new stadium and improved pitch - a transformational redevelopment that will secure the club's future and strengthen our role at the heart of the community."

Phase one will see the south west corner of the site re-developed to include a small gymnasium suitable for a local boxing club and fitness programmes, a multi-use suite offering initiatives such as mental health counselling and community wellbeing sessions, and a refurbished clubhouse and bar, complete with a commercial-grade kitchen, creating a vibrant social hub for match days and local events.

The statement added: "At the other end of the ground our new fanzone, 'The Hawks Social', a joint venture with Brighton's Bison Beer, is already under way.

"A vibrant, inclusive space for both match and non-match day – bringing fans closer to the action and showcasing our commitment to enhancing the match day experience."

FAVERSHAM SIGN DEFENDER

Faversham Town have announced the signing of Herne Bay defender Frankie Smith.

Frankie first came to prominence with Kings Hill, before playing for Hythe Town, Hollands and Blair and he moved to Herne Bay in the summer of 2023.

The 2023-24 season saw him play 41 times and score three goals, and he managed another 23 appearances last season, with injury getting in the way a little. The full back has played 13 times so far this season.

BODY BLOW FOR HARTLEY

Leatherhead have announced the signing of Hartley Wintney forward Alex Body.

Alex has previously had spells with Met Police and Hanworth Villa.

He scored nine goals in 31 matches for Met Police during 2023-24, and last season scored four in 16 matches for the Villains.

He moved on to Walton and Hersham for the closing stages of last season, and previously played youth football for Kingstonian.

He moved to Hartley in the summer, and had scored five goals in 12 matches this season.

CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE TO SUPPORTER

Pitching In Isthmian Premier side Ramsgate have suffered heartbreak with the loss of dedicated supporter Ronnie Megrath.

The Rams have announced that not only will they be holding a walk in honour of Ronnie, but they will be wearing a new shirt which he helped to design, and which will also raise funds for MNDA. A club statement said: "It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of Ronnie Megrath. Ronnie passed peacefully with his family by his side after a 20 month battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

"On behalf of the club we want to send our love and condolences to his wife Claire, Les, Rachel, Anthony, Debbie and Graham, as well as all of the friends and family of Ronnie.

"Ronnie was an inspiration to us all, he was a driving force behind every point home and away in last season's title-winning campaign. He will be missed by us all."

A few weeks ago the club announced they had designed a new 'third kit' in conjunction with Ronnie, and which supporters could pre-order

This has already raised £2,000 for the charity and will be worn by the first team in two of their matches. Supporters who have already donated will see their names stitched into the fabric of the shirt.



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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.

To purchase your tickets scan the QR code included on the event poster on the facing page.



FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

APPEARANCES

PLAYER	GAMES
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	17
CONOR BAILEY	16 (1)
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	16
ARCHIE WILLCOX	16
ALFIE STANLEY	15 (3)
CALVIN DAVIES	15
JACK LEE	15
MARLEY RIDGE	11 (7)
LEE WORT	11 (7)
ROBTAW	10 (7)
JAMES COWAN	9 (7)
TOMMY SCUTT	7
CONNOR DUFFIN	6 (11)
ZACK WILLETT	6 (4)
RYAN WILKINS	6
RYAN PENNERY	5
OLLYSEARLE	4 (5)
BRETT PITMAN	3 (3)
MAXSMITH	2 (6)
JOSH CLACK	2 (3)
CAMERON SCOTT	2
HARRISON BROOK	1 (4)
ASH HOWES	1 (4)
CADE DYER	1 (3)
OWEN PELHAM	1 (1)
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)



GOALS

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PLAYER	GOALS
ALFIE STANLEY	7
LEE WORT	7
CONNOR DUFFIN	6
BRETT PITMAN	4
ZACK WILLETT	4
RYAN PENNERY	2
JACK LEE	1
MARLEY RIDGE	1
RYAN WILKINS	1
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	1



TONIGHT'S FIXTURES/TABLE

Emirates FA Cup - Fourth Qualifying Rnd Rep St Albans City v Banbury United Isthmian League - Premier Division Billericay Town v Cheshunt Canvey Island v Brentwood Town Cray Valley (PM) v Chatham Town Dartford v Whitehawk Hashtag United v Wingate & Finchley Ramsgate v Welling United North Division Bowers & Pitsea v Stanway Rovers Community Concord Rangers v Heybridge Swifts Maldon & Tiptree v Cambridge City Mildenhall Town v Wroxham Waltham Abbey v Tilbury South Central Division Hartley Wintney v Leatherhead AFC Portchester v Westfield Binfield v Metropolitan Police Egham Town v Raynes Park Vale Horndean v Fareham Town Littlehampton Town v South Park Reigate South East Division Beckenham Town v AFC Whyteleafe Broadbridge Heath v Eastbourne Town Crowborough Athletic v AFC Croydon Athletic Deal Town v Ashford United Erith Town v Sheppey United Hastings United v Sittingbourne Margate v Faversham Town Merstham v Sevenoaks Town Three Bridges v Jersey Bulls VCD Athletic v Herne Bay

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Hanworth Villa	11	6	2	3	20	+14		
Hayes & Yeading	9	6	1	2	19	+10		
Hartley Wintney	10	5	2	3	17	+2		
Ascot United	10	5	0	5	15	+6		
Egham Town	9	4	3	2	15	+1		
Met Police	9	4	3	2	15	-2		
Kingstonian	9	4	2	3	14	+2		
Moneyfields	9	4	2	3	14	-2		
Littlehampton Tn	10	4	2	4	14	-6		
Bedfont Sports	9	3	4	2	13	+1		
Westfield	7	4	0	3	12	+2		
Harrow Borough	9	4	0	5	12	-7		
Sth Park Reigate	11	3	2	6	11	-3		
Hendon	9	2	4	3	10	0		
Bognor Regis Tn	10	3	1	6	10	-3		
THE ROYALS	8	3	0	5	9	+1		
Southall	10	2	3	5	9	-4		
Fareham Town	9	2	2	5	8	-8		
Binfield	12	2	2	8	8	-17		

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

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WESTFIELD



CONTRACT IS A FIRST FOR CLUB

Finn Evans put pen to paper earlier this month as he became the first ever player to sign a contract at Woking Park.

In a statement on their website, Westfield Football Club said they were delighted to announce that star striker Finn Evans had put pen to paper on a contract - a first for the club.

Evans, who has impressed in his first campaign so far at Woking Park, has notched seven goals in 13 appearances for Westfield, becoming a fans' favourite and a nuisance to opposition defences.



Westfield Football Club was formed in 1953 as Westfield Boys Club, playing in the Woking and District League and also running a youth team

Among the trophies won in the early years were the Surrey Youth Invitation Cup in 1953-54, the Surrey Junior Charity Cup in 1954-55 and 1955-56, the Surrey Junior Cup - at the first attempt - in 1955-56 and the Surrey Youth Cup in 1956-57.

Following several seasons in local league football, the club made the break into Surrey Intermediate football using the present ground at Woking Park, Kingfield.

Success soon came and, after becoming league champions and cup winners on several occasions in the subsequent seasons, Westfield decided to apply for senior status.

The application was accepted in 1964 and after one season in the Parthenon League, Westfield met the necessary ground grading requirements and joined the Surrey Senior League.

Westfield's future success in senior football sprang from their ability to attract the best local youngsters, ably coached by manager John Martin and assistant Kenny Moody, with Les Butcher in a scouting role.

They were successful in winning the Surrey Youth Cup again in 1966-67 and 1969-70, and the Surrey Youth Shield in 1969-70 and 1970-71.

This talent matured and there followed three tremendous seasons for the senior side, when they won the Surrey Senior League Cup in 1971-72, followed by the league and cup double in 1972-73, and the league championship again in 1973-74.

The Surrey Senior League was disbanded and reformed as the Combined Counties Football League in 1978, and Westfield became founder members and retained membership until 2018

Success, however, was more difficult to achieve and the closest the senior team came to honours was in 1989-90, when they lost the final of the Combined Counties League Cup to Hartley Wintney in extra time.

During the early 2000s, with former Woking player John Cassidy as manager, the senior side improved their league position, finishing sixth in 2000-01.

That season saw the club enter the FA Vase again, having only previously entered from 1974 for three seasons, and they performed beyond expectations before losing in the Fourth Round to Ryman League side Arlesey Town.

Season 2002-03 saw Westfield enter the FA Cup for the first time, losing at home to Dorking in the Preliminary Round.

Westfield won the Combined Counties Youth League Cup in 1991-92, as well as being runners-up in the league. Following the installation of floodlights in 1999, the under-18s team joined the Southern Youth Floodlight League as members of the Western Division.

Following the end of the 2003-04 season, Westfield lost both first and reserve team managers. John Cassidy moved to Frimley Green, and thereafter back to Farnham Town, and Graham Pope moved to Godalming and Guildford to manage their reserve team in the Suburban League.

Westfield recruited Paul Donaghy from Guildford-based Merrow as first team manager, and Dave Robson, long-time Westfield player, took over the reserves.

At the end of 2005-06 Westfield were relegated to the first division due to new ground grading regulations. After a mid-table finish manager Paul Donaghy decided to resign to join Godalming and reserve team manager Dave Robson also quit.

Ex-player Martin Powell, former Tottenham Hotspur stalwart David Howells and coach John Comer took over the running of the senior teams for the start of the 2007-08 season.

In the close season, following a highly credible fourth place finish, Powell resigned as manager due to personal circumstances and his departure signalled the exits of both Howells and Comer.

In 2010 new joint managers were appointed in Craig Moore and John Comer. Off the pitch there was good news, as the building of the new facilities commenced in 2010-11.

During the summer of 2011, Craig Moore decided to step down to concentrate on playing, leaving John Comer as sole manager. He promoted Kevin Bailey from the reserves to be his assistant.

In May 2011 the old pitch was dug up and raised a metre and in June that year the old clubhouse was demolished.

The club moved into new facilities in August 2011 with a thrilling opening match in the FA Cup against Peacehaven and Telscombe.

The following month a new record attendance for a league fixture at Woking Park was set when 325 watched the game against Guernsey.



The following season the club gained promotion in third place and played Walton Casuals Reserves in the final of the Surrey Premier Cup, losing 2-1.

For the 2016-17 season, Tony Reid was appointed manager and the team finished second in the league behind Hartley Wintney and they won the League Cup.

The following season the club continued to play exciting, attacking football, scoring 145 goals, and they became deserved champions with a final points tally of 106.

As the 2018-19 season began, Westfield said farewell to the Combined Counties League after 40 years and started an exciting journey into Step 4 of non-league football.

Having lost some key players from the previous campaign, it took several months to find a settled side but after Christmas a run of 13 wins, four draws and four defeats saw Westfield finish in fifth place.

They then went on to lose in the play-off semi finals to Bracknell Town.

Into the fray for season 2020-21 stepped new manager Simon Lane, who had the not inconsiderable task of building a team almost from scratch.

Season 2021-22 saw the Field play out their first full season since the 2018-19 season, finishing in 16th place.

Season 2022-23 saw a big shake-up happen in mid-season as Simon Lane left the club in February 2023 and he was replaced by former Arsenal and Woking midfielder lan Selley, who guided Westfield to 12th place and the Aldershot Senior Cup final.

The 2023-24 season was a successful one, as Westfield marked their best ever finish at this level by finishing fifth before being beaten by eventual play-off winners Marlow.

The club did win the Aldershot Senior Cup against Badshot Lea thanks to a penalty shootout win.

Ahead of the start of last season, Andy Crossley was named as the successor to lan Selley, but in the role of player-manager.



INTRODUCING THE VISITORS

WESTFIELD

LEWIS GALLIFENT - GOALKEEPER

Previously with Chertsey Town and Egham, Lewis has stepped up after coming into the team and has excelled in recent months.

NICOLAS BASTON - DEFENDER

Young, powerful defender who joined Westfield at the start of the 2025-26 campaign.

DYLAN MERCHANT - DEFENDER

A towering and experienced defender who was previously with Horsham and Whyteleafe.

BILLY NUTBEAM - DEFENDER

Reliable left back (pictured right) who has transitioned up from Step 5 with ease after joining from Guildford City back in 2023.

ELLIS OSBORN - DEFENDER

A solid defensive option who can fill in slots at both centre back and right back. Spent last season at Hartley Wintney.

TOM SMITH - DEFENDER

An experienced full back who was part of Farnham Town's invincible season as they won promotion to Step 4. Spent last season at Fleet Town where they reached the play-offs.

DEVONTE WEBSTER SWACK - DEFENDER

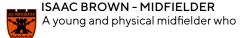
Versatile full back/wing back who can bomb up the pitch with his explosive pace. Joined Westfield at the beginning of the 2025-26 campaign.

MASON WELCH-TURNER - DEFENDER

The latest in a line of ex-Chertsey players turning out for the Field, Mason joined the club this season after a long spell with the Curfews, most notably being part of the team that won the FA Vase at Wembley in 2018.

JOHN ADEBIYI - MIDFIELDER

In his second spell with the club after re-joining from Kingstonian.





impressed during pre-season.

ANDREW CROSSLEY - MIDFIELDER

Appointed player-manager last summer, Andrew is now in his fourth season with Westfield after joining from Chertsey Town.

MANOLIS GOGONAS - MIDFIELDER

Last season's Manager's Player of the Year award winner and top goalscorer. Previously at Chertsey Town.

JACK KNIGHT - MIDFIELDER

Having previously been with the club, Knight returns to the game following a knee injury which kept him out for a prolonged period. Previously had a spell with Guildford City.

KIYE MARTIN - MIDFIELDER

Kiye returned to the club having previously had a spell at Westfield during their inaugural Isthmian League season. Spent last season captaining Phoenix Sports.

MICHAEL O'CONNOR - MIDFIELDER

Local lad joined the club having been a stand out player for Berkshire-based side Wokingham Town

QUINCY PATTERSON - MIDFIELDER

Quincy is a dynamic and powerful midfielder with a keen eye for goal. Joined the club on loan from Woking's under-23s squad having spent last season on loan at Hanworth Villa.

NATHAN ROGERS - MIDFIELDER

This exciting midfielder joins off the back of signing a pro contract with National League Eastleigh last season. Also previously had a loan spell at Shaftesbury.

CALEB WRIGHT - MIDFIELDER

In his second spell after re-joining the club in 2023. Can play both in the middle and the back.

ADAM AZIZ - STRIKER

This energetic and technical player, who can be deployed in midfield and across the forward line, will help to bolster an already fantastic attack. Previously had spells with fellow Isthmian League clubs South Park, as well as Knaphill, Chipstead, Whyteleafe and Southampton's academy.

ADERI DEDE - STRIKER

Pacy and direct forward who knows how to find the back of the net. Spent last season at Hartley Wintney.

TOM DRYER - STRIKER

Young forward who impressed last season on loan from Woking's under-23s squad and he returns for the 2025-26 campaign.



FINN EVANS - STRIKER

An energetic and pacy forward who can play anywhere across the front line, causing nightmares for opposition defenders. Previously had spells at Bognor Regis Town, Badshot Lea and Aldershot Town.

SEKOU TOURE - STRIKER

Joined last summer from Horsham YMCA, where he was their top scorer.

WESTFIELD'S COACHING STAFF

ANDY CROSSLEY - PLAYER-MANAGER

Appointed last summer following Ian Selley's departure and guided Westfield to a solid 12th placed finish last term (pictured above).

DAVE POWELL - ASSISTANT MANAGER Club stalwart and experienced coach.

JAKE BAXTER - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Non-League scoring sensation now part of the backroom team.

MARC GORMAN - COACH

An experienced coach who was part of the backroom team which guided Bedfont Sports to play-off success last season.

BEN KNIGHT - COACH

Former under-18s manager, Ben came back into the backroom team last summer.

LEE SAWKINS - COACH

Another former under-18s manager, Lee links up with the first team after working for the club both on and off the pitch.

GARY DODD - GOALKEEPER COACH

'Doddsy' joins as a goalkeeping coach, having previously been involved with the likes of Molesey, Walton and Hersham and Knaphill.

KATIE WILLIAMS - PHYSIO

Katie joined the club during the summer as part of the new-look backroom team.



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REPORT: NO CAPITAL GAINS AGAIN AS ROYALS DEFEATED

AFC Portchester crashed to defeat on the road in London again - this time losing 2-1 at Southall.

This result followed on from the 2-0 setback at Bedfont on their last league away day during the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Royals could have few complaints about the outcome at the SKYEx Community Stadium – they were fortunate to reach the interval still at 0–0 before two goals for the home side early in the second half ensured they would be claiming all three points.

Southall produced a number of dangerous attacks during the first half. On nine minutes a quickly taken free kick put Makael Scott clear down the left before he cut inside but he blazed his shot over the goal.

Two minutes later Scott got clear of the Portchester defence again – this time down the right – and his shot smashed against the crossbar. Daniel Roberts brought the re-bound down and hit a fierce shot towards goal but keeper Steven Mowthorpe beat the ball away.

The visitors then had a couple of chances of their own. Zack Willett's first time pass on the half way line to Lee Wort put him clear of the home defence but he put his shot wide.

Wort then turned provider on 21 minutes when his cross from the left picked out Willett, who set the ball back to Tommy Scutt but his shot went high and wide of the target.

Scott was proving to be a thorn in Portchester's side and on the half hour mark Roberts played the ball up to him and after cutting inside again he unleashed a shot which Mowthorpe had to dive to his right to push away from goal.

Four minutes before half time Roberts received the ball in space but he blazed his shot over from a good position to score from.

The home side got their noses in front five minutes into the second half following some good passing play through the midfield.

Anthony O'Connor received the ball on the right hand side of the box and Mowthorpe managed to parry his cross away but it dropped to Roberts and at the second attempt he guided the ball into the net.

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Southall doubled their advantage on the hour mark when Kevin Diomande was put

clear down the right and his low cross pulled back from the byline picked out Scott and he side footed the ball under Mowthorpe and into the net

However, Portchester gave themselves a lifeline on 69 minutes when a penalty was awarded after Charlie Williamson was sent tumbling under a challenge in the box and Connor Duffin blasted his spot kick into the roof of the net.

The Royals went close to finding an equaliser on 76 minutes when a free kick was played into the penalty area. Archie Willcox flicked the ball on and Willett's header flashed just wide of the post.

With seven minutes remaining and the visitors chasing the game, quick passing and movement from Southall saw Ryan Hope break into the box and Mowthorpe had to push his shot around the post. The resulting corner dropped to Cerny Ando but he blasted his shot over.

Portchester had a half chance to snatch a point deep into injury time when the ball was played high up into the box.

Willcox headed it back across the penalty area but no one in light blue was able to apply a firm enough contact on the ball to turn it towards the goal and keeper Hugo Sobte smothered the danger.





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DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	СОМР	RES	SCORERS
Aug 31	Н	Winchester City Flyers	League	3-2W	Butterworth, Bradbury, Barron-Clark
Sept 7	Α	Badshot Lea	League	3-0W	Aitken (2), Hillier
Sept 14	Н	Beaconsfield Town	League	1-2L	Adaway
Sept 21	Α	Havant & Waterlooville	FA Cup	3-2W	True (2), Bradbury
Oct 5	Н	Weymouth	FA Cup	19-0W	Bath (6), Butterworth (4), Adaway (2), Hillier (2), True (2), Bradbury, Potvin
Oct 12	Н	Oxford City	League	2-2D	Adaway, Bradbury
Oct 19	Α	Southampton Women	League		
Oct 22	Α	Horley Town	CC Cup		
Oct 26	Н	Gloucester City	FA Cup		
Nov 2	Α	Badshot Lea	LC		
Nov 9	Н	Sholing	League		

LEAGUE TABLE

SOUTHERN REGION WOMEN'S LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION

PREMIER DIVISION							
	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD	
Wy combe Wnds	4	4	0	0	12	+22	
Win City Flyers	4	3	0	1	9	+10	
Be a consfield Tn	5	3	0	2	9	-2	
Fleet Town	6	3	0	3	9	-6	
THE ROYALS	4	2	1	1	7	+3	
Sthampton Wom	4	2	1	1	7	+2	
Reading Com Tst	3	2	0	1	6	+4	
Oxford City	4	1	2	1	5	-2	
Sholing	5	1	0	4	3	-3	
Woodley United	2	0	0	2	Ο	-11	
Badshot Lea	5	0	0	5	0	-17	

GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
BECKI BATH	6
SARAH BUTTERWORTH	5
MIA ADAWAY	4
MILLIE BRADBURY	4
CHARMAINETRUE	4
GEMMA HILLIER	3
LAUREN AITKEN	2
BETTY BARRON-CLARK	1
LAURIE POTVIN	1

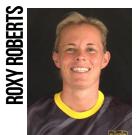


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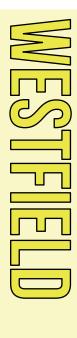




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