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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

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

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

It has been a big week for the club with the announcement that our project to install a 3G pitch inside The OnSite Group Stadium has won planning permission.

There is still a lot of work needed to get the project over the line in terms of the planning and funding stage before construction work can get under way.

In the months ahead we will continue to work closely with the Football Foundation and Hampshire FA to secure the necessary funding and complete the next steps needed for the project to move towards work starting on it.

There are one or two more key decisions needed as we move through the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026 but the hope is work will begin on the 3G pitch as soon as this season is concluded and that would mean the first matches would be played on the new facility early in the 2026-27 season.

To get the project past this significant stage is the culmination of over a decade of planning and hard work.

Steve Woods began the first talks about the

club's future plans with Fareham Borough Council around a decade ago and work on the project really started to gather pace following the Covid-19 pandemic.

The club was identified in the Borough of Fareham as a site where a 3G pitch should be installed as part of a Football Foundation report which looked at each part of the country to determine where there was the most need for an all-weather playing surface.

Some will no doubt lament the loss of a grass surface inside the stadium but the 3G pitch will play an absolutely crucial part in the future development of the football club.

Financially it not only brings more sustainability to the structure already in place but the new pitch will allow us to expand into areas we haven't been able to support before as a grass pitch wouldn't be able to take the amount of usage these new areas would generate.

The 3G pitch will allow us to reach out to more sections of the community and extend our philosophy of 'football for all' in Portchester.

Read more about the planning application news inside today's programme.

Today marks the start of another busy and key seven day period for the club. Tuesday night brings another league home game, this time against Hendon, and then we travel to Wimborne Town in the FA Trophy next Saturday.

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REPORT: ROYALS BREEZE PAST TAVISTOCK TO WIN TROPHY TIE

AFC Portchester breezed their way through to the next round of the Isuzu FA Trophy during what became an increasingly breezy afternoon at The OnSite Group Stadium.

The Royals stormed to a 2-0 lead inside the opening ten minutes as they blew away visitors Tavistock with their fast start to the game.

The visitors managed to weather that early storm as the home side threatened to open up an even bigger lead and although they caused Portchester more problems during the second half – with a little help from the blustery conditions – the returning Brett Pitman came off the bench to score a late third goal and secure his side's place in the Third Qualifying Round of the competition.

Portchester almost took the lead on three minutes when Lee Wort was sent racing clear, he cut inside a defender and hit a shot which keeper Dan Holman managed to block.

He then had another chance to score when the home side won back possession and worked the ball into the penalty area but his shot lacked the power to trouble Holman.

The Royals were in front two minutes later when Zack Willett received the ball wide on the right and he took advantage of the acres of space he was allowed to exploit, took the ball into the box and then guided his shot past Holman and into the far corner of the net.

Tavistock had their first chance of the game on eight minutes when a free kick from the right picked out Charlie Madden and his header from ten yards out was grabbed by keeper Steven Mowthorpe underneath his own crossbar.

Portchester then doubled their lead a minute later when more quick passing through midfield saw the ball eventually get to Tommy Scutt, who rolled the perfect pass in behind the defence for Wort to latch on to and after taking it inside the penalty area he guided a low shot past Holman and into the net.

The Royals then continued their relentless push towards the Tavistock goal. On 18 minutes Alfie Stanley crossed the ball towards the far post and Wort ran in on it and smashed his shot

threw his hands up towards the ball and managed to divert it up and over the crossbar.

From the corner the ball found Wort again and his powerful shot through a crowd of players looked to be heading in until a defender managed to kick it away off the line.

When they did manage to get forward Tavistock still posed a threat and on 36 minutes Jacon Bowker picked up the ball on the right hand side of the penalty area and his shot had to be pushed behind for a corner by Mowthorpe.

On 39 minutes Alfie Stanley had the ball in the net but it was ruled out for offside and on the stroke of half time Willett received the ball on the edge of the box and slipped a pass through towards Wort but it just ran away from him before he could get a shot off on goal.

Tavistock enjoyed more of the possession in the second half and the swirling wind which was increasing in strength caused the home defence some issues when it caught any balls played up towards the penalty area.

On 56 minutes the Royals struggled to clear their lines and an attempted clearance that went backwards thanks to the wind eventually found Jack Crago, whose shot on goal was partially blocked by a defender and that was enough to take the ball over the crossbar.

The closest the visitors came to scoring was on 77 minutes when a corner from the right saw Madden outjump everyone at the far post and his header hit the top of the crossbar.

Portchester closed the game out with four minutes remaining thanks to the work of two substitutes.

Pitman knocked on a long ball forward from Mowthorpe, which sent Connor Duffin scampering away to win possession and then take play up into the penalty area.

Pitman kept pace with his strike partner's move forwards and when Duffin squared the ball across goal the striker was able to slide it home from eight yards out to net his 57th goal for AFC Portchester.

Scutt went close to adding a fourth goal in stoppage time when the ball was played into him from the left but Holman was able to push his effort away from goal.



towards goal from only a few yards out but somehow from point blank range Holman



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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I can't have been the only one to notice a distinct change in the temperature over the last few weeks as the summer months passed and autumn set in.

With t-shirts and shorts now long packed away in the bottom of the wardrobe, woolly jumpers and thick coats are now the order of the day for bracing a cold afternoon or evening on the terraces.

The autumn and winter months can be difficult periods for non-league clubs up and down the country. Storm Amy battered our shores and played havoc with the fixture scheduled a fortnight ago, while the likes of Bram, Chandra, Dave and Eddie brewing for the next instalment.

Indeed, echoes of past storms and multiple postponements that wiped out week after week of fixtures sprung to mind as I ventured to a Friday night fixture between Northern League Division 1 rivals Newcastle Blue Star and Horden Community Welfare a couple of weeks back.

Now, I can't have been the only one who expected to arrive at Blue Star's KD Stadium to be told the fixture had fallen foul of the strong winds and heavy rainfall that had battered the north-east and beyond for large parts of the previous 24 hours.

Yet, to my surprise, it was very much business as usual as the two sides made their way out on to a playing surface which looked in pristine condition despite being battered in the hours leading up to the game. Somehow, amidst howling wind and driving rain, an intriguing contest ensued with the points shared in a 1-1 draw.

Indeed, on reflection, a share of the spoils was quite fitting on a day where the real winners were the team of Blue Star volunteers who worked tirelessly, without any individual reward, to get the game on in testing conditions.

But it wasn't just the ground staff at Scotswood who deserve credit.



Off the pitch, turnstiles were in use, pints were being pulled in the clubhouse, bins were being emptied, half time draw tickets sold and the club shop manned.

Then, once the full time whistle had been blown, the clean-up operation began, both in and outside of the stadium – tasks that the 243 in attendance wouldn't have given a second thought to as they made their way home.

This, of course, is indicative of everyday life at a non-league club, whatever the level, and got me thinking just how invaluable volunteers are to the day-to-day running of our clubs and how they provide the foundations of their very existence.

Without them, there would be no football clubs, or if we did, they would be unrecognisable from what we can consider ourselves fortunate to have.

From the tea lady to the kitman, the bar staff, to those manning the turnstiles and sweeping up post-match – all are as essential as each other and they deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

Their work may go unnoticed, and they may well toil away with unseen hours of graft, but they remain as essential as those representing our clubs on the pitch and the management teams that guide them.

The winter months, as always, will be significant challenges as the bad weather descends – and that is when our volunteers come to the fore and go beyond the call of duty.

Their work is invaluable, whatever the weather.

BY SAM EMERY



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS

FOLKESTONE RETURNING HOME

Folkestone Invicta don't really seem to have been handicapped by being unable to play at their own Alcaline Stadium this season.

The Stripes, who currently sit third in the Pitching In Isthmian Premier Division, will return home after numerous ground improvements, including a new pitch, when they take on Dulwich Hamlet today.

They are six points behind leaders Brentwood Town but have three games in hand, while their visitors are fifth, so this looks like a rather important match on a day when four of the top five play each other.

MANAGEMENT TEAM LEAVING TILBURY

Tilbury have announced the impending departure of management duo Marc Harrison and Liam Wallace.

The duo have had two spells in charge at Chadfields. The first lasted for nearly three years, and saw them steer their side into a play-off place at the time the 2019-20 campaign ended, and to the top of the table when 2020-21 crashed to a premature end.

The latest spell began in the Spring of 2023, when they were unable to save the Dockers from relegation but brought them straight back up again.

They were play-off candidates for almost all of last season, eventually finishing sixth, but have had a mixed start to this campaign and currently sit in 19th.

Marc wrote on social media: "Toughest decision I have had to make but would always put this club first. Won't ever love a place like it.

"Thank you to everyone involved. One last go Saturday."

BILLERICAY BRING IN DUO

Billericay Town announced the dual-registration arrival of midfielder Hamza Semakula earlier this week. Hamza comes in from Hemel Hempstead Town.

He played international football for England Colleges, youth football with Boreham Wood, and went on to play for Chalfont St Peter, Enfield Borough and St Panteleimon.

He joined Hendon in 2021 and was an immediate success, playing 39 times and helping out with five goals, before suffering

a serious injury that saw him miss almost all of the 2022-23 season.

During the 2023-24 season he made another 46 appearances and scored nine times, and last season moved to Aveley and had another spell at Hendon on loan.

The Blues have also brought in striker Teddy Collis from Farnborough.

You will undoubtedly remember Teddy from his time at Brightlingsea Regent where he had a magnificent 2024-25 campaign, scoring 12 goals in 23 matches as his side reached the Pitching In Isthmian North promotion play-off final.

Teddy started last season at Maldon and Tiptree, where he scored once in 11 appearances. He finished the 2023-24 season at Regent and was previously at Clacton, where he had already scored 22 times before heading to the Taydal.

WELLING'S THREE NEW FACES

Welling United had three new faces in their squad as they defeated Ramsgate earlier this week.

Luke Allen started the campaign at Cray Wanderers and had made nine appearances.

Luke played ten times for Folkestone Invicta in the closing stages of last season. He started the campaign playing for Aveley in National League South, joining the Millers after five years at Dartford.

He came through the ranks at Tottenham Hotspur, playing for the under-18s side before heading to Cambridge United. He had loan spells at Cambridge City and Hemel Hempstead Town, before joining the latter permanently.

He then played for St Albans City, Tonbridge Angels and Braintree Town before becoming a Dart in the summer of 2019.

Marcel McIntosh was with Lewes last season, playing nine times before suffering a dreadful injury. He was previously with AFC Totton, joining the club initially on loan and then permanently from Norwich City.

He came through the ranks at Forest Green Rovers and made a first team debut aged 17, before being snapped up by the Canaries.

Striker Josh Redfearn has played for United previously. He started his career in his native New Zealand, before heading to Welling last year, and scored seven times in 28 matches.

He moved to Maidstone United in the summer, and played eight times for them, scoring once.



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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.





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FIRST TEAM STATS 25-26

APPEARANCES

PLAYER	GAMES
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	18
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	17
ARCHIE WILLCOX	17
ALFIE STANLEY	16 (3)
CONOR BAILEY	16 (1)
JACK LEE	16
CALVIN DAVIES	15
LEE WORT	12 (7)
MARLEY RIDGE	11 (8)
ROB TAW	11 (7)
JAMES COWAN	9 (8)
TOMMY SCUTT	8
CONNOR DUFFIN	6 (12)
ZACK WILLETT	6 (4)
RYAN WILKINS	6
RYAN PENNERY	5
OLLY SEARLE	4 (5)
BRETT PITMAN	4 (3)
MAX SMITH	2 (6)
HARRISON BROOK	2 (4)
JOSH CLACK	2 (4)
CAMERON SCOTT	2
ASH HOWES	1 (4)
CADE DYER	1 (3)
OWEN PELHAM	1 (1)
SPENCER SPURWAY	1
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)



GOALS

PLAYER	GOALS
LEE WORT	8
ALFIE STANLEY	7
CONNOR DUFFIN	6
BRETT PITMAN	4
ZACK WILLETT	4
RYAN PENNERY	2
JACK LEE	1
MARLEY RIDGE	1
SPENCER SPURWAY	1
RYAN WILKINS	1
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	1



TODAY'S FIXTURES/TABLE

PREMIER DIVISION

Aveley v Lewes
Brentwood Town v Ramsgate
Burgess Hill Town v Whitehawk
Carshalton Athletic v Hashtag United
Chatham Town v Cray Wanderers
Cheshunt v Wingate & Finchley
Chichester City v Billericay Town
Cray Valley PM v Canvey Island
Dartford v Potters Bar Town
Folkestone Invicta v Dulwich Hamlet
St Albans City v Welling United

Crowborough Athletic v VCD Athletic
Deal Town v Margate
East Grinstead Town v Ashford United
Eastbourne Town v AFC Croydon Athletic
Erith Town v Hassocks
Herne Bay v Three Bridges
Jersey Bulls v AFC Whyteleafe
Merstham v Hastings United
Sittingbourne v Faversham Town

NORTH DIVISION

Bowers & Pitsea v Brantham Athletic
Brightlingsea Regent v Walthamstow
Concord Rangers v Stanway Rovers
Downham Town v Lowestoft Town
Felixstowe & Walton United v Maldon & Tiptree
Heybridge Swifts v Grays Athletic
Newmarket Town v Takeley
Tilbury v Wroxham
Waltham Abbey v Gorleston
Witham Town v Cambridge City

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

AFC Portchester v Ascot United
Binfield v Fareham Town
Harrow Borough v Bedfont Sports
Hartley Wintney v Egham Town
Hendon v Horndean
Kingstonian v Littlehampton Town
Leatherhead v Hanworth Villa
Moneyfields v Raynes Park Vale
South Park (Reigate) v Metropolitan Police
Southall v Bognor Regis Town
Westfield v Hayes & Yeading United

SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Broadbridge Heath v Sheppey United

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Leatherhead	11	8	2	1	26	+14
Raynes Prk Vale	13	7	4	2	25	+12
Hanworth Villa	11	6	2	3	20	+14
Hayes & Yeading	9	6	1	2	19	+10
Hartley Wintney	11	5	3	3	18	+2
Met Police	10	5	3	2	18	0
Moneyfields	10	5	2	3	17	+2
Ascot United	10	5	0	5	15	+6
Westfield	8	5	0	3	15	+3
Egham Town	10	4	3	3	15	-1
Kingstonian	9	4	2	3	14	+2
Sth Park Reigate	12	4	2	6	14	-2
Littlehampton T	11	4	2	5	14	-7
Bedfont Sports	9	3	4	2	13	+1
Harrow Borough	9	4	0	5	12	-7
Hendon	9	2	4	3	10	0
Bognor Regis Tn	11	3	1	7	10	-7
THE ROYALS	9	3	0	6	9	0
Southall	10	2	3	5	9	-4
Fareham Town	10	2	2	6	8	-9
Horndean	11	2	2	7	8	-10
Binfield	13	2	2	9	8	-19

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE RESPECT STATEMENT

"The Isthmian Football League strongly supports the Football Association's statement that there should be a zero-tolerance approach against all forms of discrimination. Any inappropriate conduct towards others, including but not limited to that based on an individual's sex, race, colour, weight, size, religion and belief, national origin, age, marital or domestic-partnership status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender

identity or expression, will not be tolerated and will be reported to the relevant authorities. The Isthmian League and our Member Clubs are committed to promoting equity and equality by treating all people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of our communities."



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

ASCOT UNITED



CLUB IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST

Ascot United has grown to become one of the largest football clubs in the country.

They currently have over 1,000 registered players across their adult and youth teams, embracing all ages from age five upwards and all levels of ability.

Ascot United fields over 90 teams every weekend, predominantly at youth level from under-sevens level upwards, with a pathway developed into their senior teams, with provision also available for vets and disability football.

The club is supported by over 50 businesses who provide various forms of sponsorship, and the club is run by over 200 volunteers, over 100 of whom have formal FA coaching qualifications.

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

Both men and ladies senior sides are competing at the highest levels in the club's history, with the ladies in the national league and the men at Step 4.

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

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

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

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

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

From that point the 'new' Ascot United started to take shape. In 1990 a new club house was erected at the Racecourse Ground and during the following year a new 11-a-side pitch and training area were constructed on what are now the 3G and top mini pitch.

In 2003 a partnership with Charters School was established and for the first time all of the club's players could train in the evenings under floodlights on an astroturf pitch. The first club website went live.

In 2004 Ascot United was awarded FA Charter Community Club status, one of the first clubs in the UK to receive the award.

By now the club had grown to 43 teams, including three girls teams, a veterans side and four adult mens teams.

In 2006 the first team became champions of the Reading Senior League, gaining promotion to the Hellenic League Division 1 East and they also won the Reading Evening Post Cup at the Madejeski Stadium in Reading.

The club had outgrown their facilities at the racecourse by 2010 and after a complex project



a new clubhouse and other facilities were built with the help of funding from the Football Foundation and RBWM.

The senior team were runners-up in Hellenic Division 1 East and were promoted to the Hellenic Premier Division.

In August 2011 Ascot United made their first appearance in the FA Cup at home to Wembley. It was a night of many firsts as the trophy came to Ascot and the match was the first game to be screened live by Facebook. The result was a 2-1 defeat and the attendance was 1,150.

By 2018 Ascot teams were regularly winning leagues and cups. The girls led the way by winning county cups in Surrey and Berks and Bucks. The boys soon followed with several county cup successes.

The men's first team got in on the act by winning the Hellenic League Cup in 2016 and 2018.

Meanwhile the pitches and facilities were struggling to keep up with the amount of football being played and a second major project was started to install a 3G pitch at The Racecourse.

In October 2019, the new 3G pitch was opened by Greg Clark, chairman of the FA. Then after six months of the whole club using the 3G pitch the Covid-19 pandemic struck, affecting football throughout the country.

The men's first team were run away leaders in their first season in the Combined Counties League but the FA nullified all the non-league results and the promotion dream was not to be.

In 2022 the men's first team made history as they knocked League 1 Wycombe Wanderers out of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup at The Racecourse on penalties in front of a record crowd of 1,267.

They would go on to lose the final 4-0 against Reading under-23s at Arbour Park.

A Girl's Development Centre was set up to accommodate the growing demand for girl's football in the community with sessions available from ages five to 16.

Ascot United were also approached with the idea of setting up a disability team and registering the squad with the Great Britain Special Olympics.

The provision is able to offer regular training with a qualified FA coach to those with a variety of disabilities in Ascot and the surrounding area.

In 2023 the girl's section was the fastest growing at the club and as a result Donna Graham was appointed as director of women and girl's football.

Their section now had three senior teams, including the first team competing in the



Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's Football League, the Phoenix squad in Division 1 of the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League and the Girl's under-18s Youth debuting in the Warriors Division of the Junior Premier League.

More than 50 girls were attending the Girl's Development Centre every week.

The club hosted its first ever inter-sport event as they welcomed Royal Ascot Golf Club to The Racecourse in a golfers v coaches and managers match in February of that year, and Ascot United won 4-2.

The reverse tie, a round of golf, was played at the golf club in June that year and Royal Ascot beat Ascot United by 17.5 to 10.5.

The men's first team had a very exciting 2023 when they won the Combined Counties League Premier Division North on 102 points – securing Step 4 football for the first time in the club's history.

They also won the Isuzu FA Vase trophy against Newport Pagnell Town in the final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, May 21.

The women's first team secured the SRWFL Cup in a 2-0 win over Eastleigh and the Women's Phoenix secured back-to-back promotions by winning Division 1 of the TVCWFL.

The Girl's under-18 Youth won the Warriors Junior Premier League U17/18 Division in their debut season, facing teams including Millwall, Fulham, Nottingham Forest and Notts County.



INTRODUCING THE VISITORS

ASCOT UNITED

KIE PLUMLEY - GOALKEEPER

Commanding number one with excellent distribution. Boasts Manchester United on his CV, alongside Oxford United, Weston Super Mare, Beaconsfield, Hartley Wintney and Herne Bay.

SAM HAYES - GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper who came through the junior ranks at Ascot United and has already featured several times for the first team. Will be a reliable back-up to Kie Plumley for the 2025-26 campaign.

SAM SWYER - GOALKEEPER

A young player with huge potential who has already gained valuable first team experience with local Step 5 and 6 sides.

RAYON ATKINSON - DEFENDER

Promising defender who recently featured for Harrow Borough.

IBRAHIIM SANKOH - DEFENDER

Signed for the 2025-26 campaign after his most recent spell with Beaconsfield Town.

GEORGE LOCK - DEFENDER

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

SEAN FRASER - DEFENDER

A hugely experienced player having played over 350 games for Slough Town. A cool head at the back, his presence is invaluable and he was voted both the Players' and Supporters' player of the season in 2024-25.

JOSH EDWARDS - DEFENDER

Signed for the 2023-24 season from Thatcham Town where he was their player of the season in 2022-23. A strong, powerful defender and appointed club captain for this season. Previously with Basingstoke Town.



BAILEY LAMB - DEFENDER

Commanding left-sided centre back who signed for the 2025-26 campaign. Previous clubs include Southall and Harrow Borough.

TROY MURRAY - DEFENDER

Another addition for the 2025-26 campaign having signed from Uxbridge.

CAMERON ROHART-BROWN - DEFENDER

Another acquisition for 2025-26 having been a fans' favourite at Badshot Lea. Previous clubs include Hanwell Town, Burnham, Hartley Wintney, Ashford Town, Westfield and Binfield. He was at Portsmouth as a junior.

TYRESE OSBOURNE - MIDFIELDER

Signed for the 2025-26 campaign having recently been with Harrow Borough.

LUIS LE-PAIH - MIDFIELDER

Frenchman who joined the club for the 2025-26



campaign from Badshot Lea. Has a tireless work rate and an eye for goal. Previously with Basingstoke Town.

KAI ALLSOPP - MIDFIELDER

Another signing for the 2025-26 campaign having been with Badshot Lea last season. Featured four times for Ascot in the 2023-24 season.

DAVID GARLINGE - MIDFIELDER

Talented youngster who played under Gavin Smith at Badshot Lea and joined Ascot for the 2025-26 season.

BABACK DEGHANI - MIDFIELDER

Versatile midfielder who joined for the 2025-26 campaign.

LAMIN CEESAY - MIDFIELDER

A creative wide player who joined from Badshot Lea for the 2025-26 campaign. Scored 17 goals for The Baggies in their first season at Step 4.

JODEN TRICKETT - STRIKER

Young striker who signed for the 2025-26 campaign on a dual registration from Woking.

JAHEIM KAMARA - STRIKER

Tricky winger who joined for the 2025-26 campaign. Also previously with Badshot Lea.

HARVEY HARRY - STRIKER

Exciting player (pictured above right) who joined from Badshot Lea in November 2024. Has also featured for Southall, Binfield, Thatcham Town and Bracknell Town. Formerly a student at Reading's John Madejski Academy.



KHALID SIMMO - STRIKER

Arrived in October 2024 having played most recently at Step 2 side St Albans City. Exceptionally skilful winger with quick feet, he has also played for Marlow, Badshot Lea and Uxbridge. He was also with Reading at youth level.

CASS FRIED-JONES - MIDFIELDER

Signed from Farnborough on a short-term loan in mid-August. A promising, attacking midfielder who is a product of the Farnborough FC Academy. He made his first team debut for Farnborough during the 2024-25 campaign.

ASCOT'S COACHING STAFF

GAVIN SMITH - MANAGER

Appointed first team manager for the 2025-26 season having previously managed Badshot Lea, where he was joint-manager when they were promoted to Step 4 for the 2024-25 campaign.

Renowned for developing young talent and playing an exciting, attacking brand of football.

VIC OCANSEY - JOINT ASSISTANT MANAGER

Popular figure who enjoyed a successful

playing career before linking up with Gavin Smith as his assistant.

DAN BAILEY - JOINT ASSISTANT MANAGER

Assistant to Gavin Smith, with whom he worked alongside at Badshot Lea.

NATHAN RILEY - PHYSIO

Joined Ascot United in 2022-23 and became the club's main physio in 2023-24. Another important member of the double-winning team.



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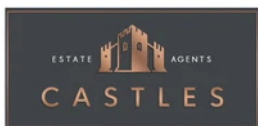
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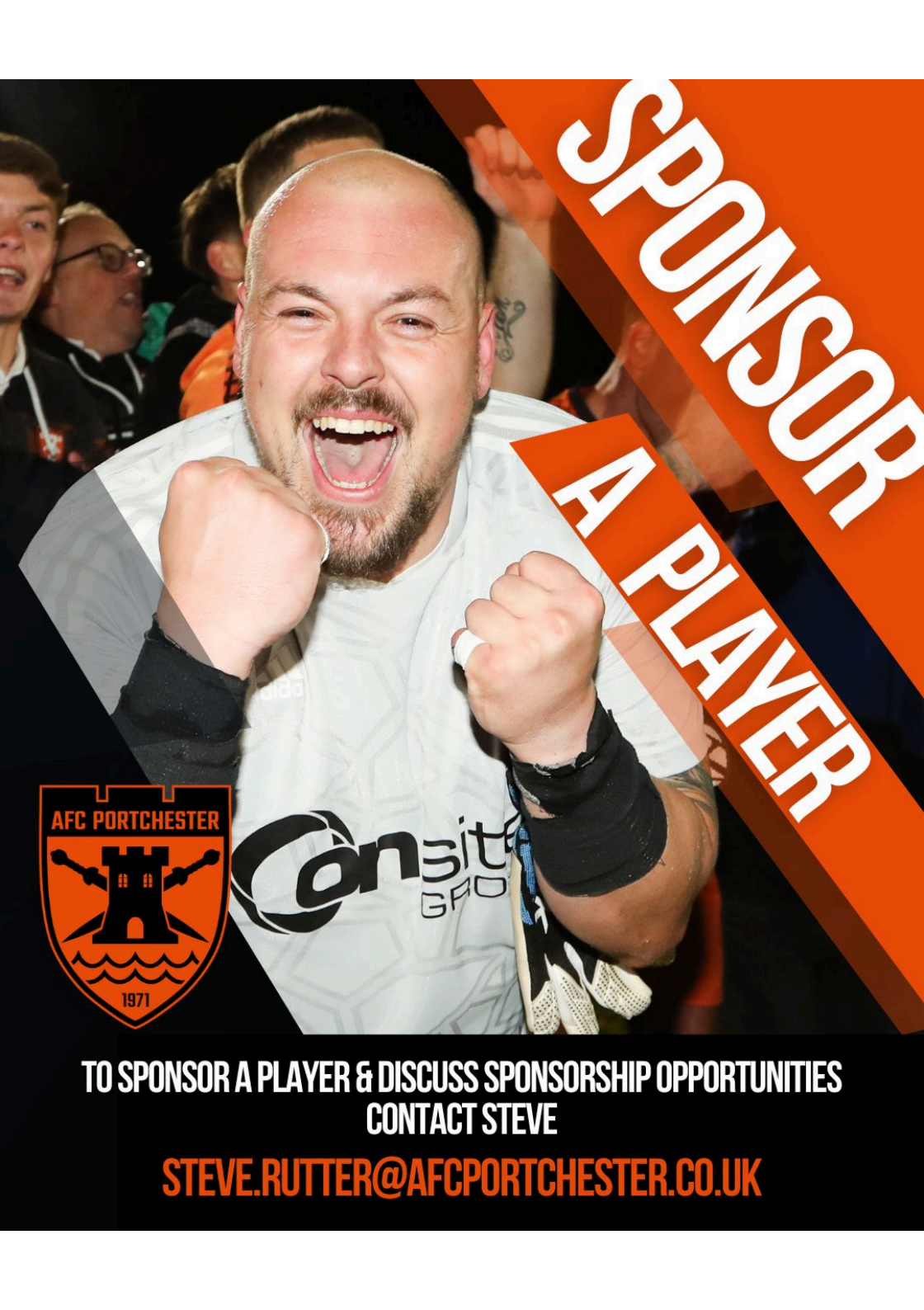


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3G PITCH DREAM TAKES HUGE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY

AFC Portchester's dream of having their own 3G pitch in The OnSite Group Stadium has just taken a massive step closer to reality.

Planning permission has now been received for the project which will see a state-of-the-art all-weather pitch installed as the stadium's new pitch.

Club officials are now working towards starting construction of the key new facility once the current season has been completed.

Works would then be carried out next summer with the hope being the first matches would be played on the new 3G pitch sometime at the beginning of the 2026-27 season.

Chairman Paul Kelly welcomed the planning decision which was the culmination of almost a decade's work behind the scenes at the club.

He explained: "The idea of getting a 3G pitch for the club is something that was first

raised nearly ten years ago. It was something Steve Woods was involved in and that was when we first started talking about our future ideas with Fareham Borough Council.

"Since the Covid-19 pandemic the 3G pitch plan has really gathered pace and after being identified as a site where a 3G facility was needed in a Football Foundation report, we have been working closely with the foundation and Hampshire FA to develop our dream into firm plans.

"After a busy 12 months of meetings and assessments of the stadium site we were able to submit a formal planning application.

"I'm delighted the 3G pitch plan has now been given the green light by planners and we can now work towards this scheme getting under way in the summer so hopefully the first matches will be played on it early next season.



"A 3G pitch has been in the pipeline for our club for a long time – it has taken a lot of hard work to get this over the line but the impact it will have on all areas of AFC Portchester will be massive.

"On and off the pitch these are exciting times for our club and the 3G pitch is the next vital piece in place for our plans for the future."

The installation of the 3G pitch will mean many of the club's teams will now be able to come 'home' again for their training and matches.

Such is the demand for training slots on all-weather pitches across the local area, some of Portchester's teams are having to use 3G pitch facilities in Fareham and Havant for mid-week training.

Not only will the majority of the training sessions be moved to The OnSite Group Stadium for the club's teams once the 3G pitch has been installed, more teams will be able to play their matches inside the stadium too.

AFC Portchester's finance director, Trevor Deacon, believes the introduction of a 3G pitch inside the stadium will have a huge, positive impact on the club.

He said: "Everyone is hugely excited by the news that the 3G pitch has won planning permission. We set out a vision for the future of

the club a few years ago and the 3G pitch project was a huge part of those plans for the development of the club.

"The all-weather pitch means our youth and adult teams will be able to train in the stadium during the week and at weekends more youngsters will get the opportunity to play their matches where our men's and ladies first teams are playing too.

"Our academy will be based at the stadium and this will allow us to grow our education and player development offerings too.

"The 3G pitch will also allow us to grow into areas which haven't been possible before – offering more girls and ladies football, sessions for disabled players, working with local schools and community groups. The new possibilities the 3G pitch will bring are almost endless.

"This project will also produce new opportunities for further enhancements in and around the stadium and we will be assessing these and looking at ways we can take these forward too.

"The introduction of a 3G pitch at The OnSite Group Stadium is a crucial piece of infrastructure that not only underpins the sustainability of the club but it will play a huge part in our future growth and development too."



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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	Bath (6), Butterworth (4), Adaway (2), Hillier (2), True (2), Bradbury, Potvin
Oct 12	H	Oxford City	League	2-2D	Adaway, Bradbury
Oct 19	A	Southampton Women	League		
Oct 22	A	Horley Town	CC Cup		
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
Win City Flyers	4	3	0	1	9	+10
Beaconsfield 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	0	-11
Badshot Lea	5	0	0	5	0	-17

GOALSCORERS

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



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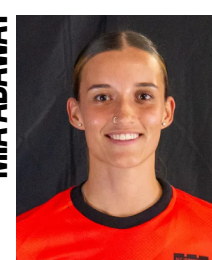
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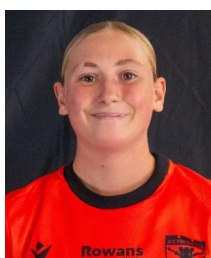
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