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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

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It's another big week of matches ahead for Your Royals with the chance of climbing the league table and progressing in two cup competitions in the three matches we have coming up in the next seven days.

If we are able to claim the three points available this evening that could push us up into the mid-table zone to somewhere like 11th or 12th place in the division.

As we saw in Saturday's set of results it is a funny old division at the moment with everyone taking points off of each other.

Anyone who can find some consistency and string a run of wins together will see themselves move up into the play-off positions and starting to chase down those who have set the pace at the top.

On Saturday we are back in Isuzu FA Trophy action when we head to Wimborne Town for our First Round tie in the competition.

This will be a really tough assignment as Wimborne are flying at the moment – they are currently fourth in the Southern League's Premier South Division table.



But get through that tie and then get a home draw again in the Second Round and then who knows what is possible in terms of looking to go through more rounds in the competition.

The next seven days is then rounded off with the visit of Egham Town to The OnSite Group Stadium in the League Cup next Tuesday night, with a trip to Ascot United for the winners in the Third Round.

The matches keep coming thick and fast, with no let up in the run of midweek-Saturday fixtures until we reach December, but the next week provides us with the opportunity to make more forward progress on a number of fronts.

Your support on Saturday was excellent – please keep that going for the matches we have coming up in the next week.

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REPORT: ROYALS EASE PAST FAREHAM IN THE LEAGUE CUP

AFC Portchester booked their place in the next round of the League Cup on a night of positives for the Royals.

They recorded a 2-1 win over local rivals Fareham Town, Harrison Brook started his first game of the season, and Josh Clack made his first appearance of the 2025-26 campaign as a second half substitute.

There was further good news from the treatment room with defender Kane O'Keefe and striker Ryan Pennery both making further progress on their returns to full fitness too.

Portchester made a very positive start to this game at Cams Alders by taking the lead on seven minutes.

The ball was put across the penalty area from the left and it found its way to Charlie Williamson on the right side of the box. He went past a defender before driving the ball low across goal and although keeper Declan McCarthy got a hand to it, the shot ran on into the net.

Five minutes later a corner from the right was headed down into the six yard box from the far post but none of the Royals nearby could react quickly enough and McCarthy gathered up the ball.

The visitors doubled their lead on 21 minutes. A long ball forwards picked out Connor Duffin and he used his first touch to play the ball on for Brett Pitman to run on to and he stooped to head the ball into the net.

It was almost 3-0 on 23 minutes when a cross into the box found Duffin and his header hit the outside of the post.

However, Fareham got on the scoresheet a minute later when they got forward down the right and a ball played inside saw Ethan Quinlan shoot from 25 yards out and his low shot flew past keeper Cameron Scott and into the net.

The visitors kept creating chances after that setback though. Tommy Scutt's shot was deflected wide and a pass inside from the left found Duffin but he put his shot straight at McCarthy.

Before half time Fareham created another opening with a quick break down the right and the ball played inside found Charlie Cooper but his shot from just inside the box was



charged down.

At the other end Williamson's cross from the right was cleared by the home defence only as far as Duffin on the edge of the box but he blasted his shot over.

Portchester created a couple of decent half chances during the opening exchanges of the second half.

On 51 minutes the ball was worked forward to Alfie Stanley and although his cross was cleared the ball fell to Scutt and his low shot went just wide of the post.

Three minutes later another forward ball found Scutt, this time on the left. He cut inside into the penalty area but put his low shot straight at McCarthy.

The home side managed to put more pressure on the visiting defence and created some chances of their own in the final third period of the match.

On 66 minutes Fareham won possession of the ball on the right and a low cross into the box allowed them to shoot from eight yards out but the effort was deflected wide.

With 90 minutes up and the game about to enter stoppage time, Fareham broke down the right and the ball was played to Matty Pates.

He fired his shot towards goal but a defender managed to block his effort at point blank range.

The visitors safely saw out the injury time and the Royals will now face Egham Town at home in the next round.





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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REPORT: FRUSTRATION AGAIN IN THE CAPITAL FOR ROYALS

There was more frustration on the road in London for AFC Portchester with a 3-1 defeat at Hayes and Yeading United.

This setback was the third straight defeat in the capital for the Royals since they began their Isthmian League South Central Division campaign.

The visitors created some good chances which made the game closer than the scoreline suggests, but when the big moments arrived during the 90 minutes it was a story of the home side taking theirs and Portchester being so close but yet so far on a number of key occasions.

Hayes and Yeading United took the lead on 15 minutes after they won a free kick on the edge of the box. Kaylen Hinds put his shot low past the defensive wall and the ball beat keeper Steven Mowthorpe into the corner of the net.

Lee Wort had two opportunities on the half hour mark – first he fired his low shot straight at keeper Aaron Watkins after being set up by Tommy Scutt, and then Conor Bailey's cross-field pass found him in the right hand side of the penalty area and his attempt to lift the ball over Watkins was partially deflected and it dropped into the side netting.

Brett Pitman went even closer to equalising on 35 minutes when he met a cross from the right but although his header beat Watkins, it thumped back off the crossbar.

Pitman went close again shortly afterwards when his free kick from just outside the box curled around the defensive wall but Watkins got down well to his left to make the save.

Just when it looked like the Royals were going to get themselves back into this game they conceded a second goal three minutes before half time.

A quick break saw Hinds beat the offside trap and race clear, and after drawing Mowthorpe off his line he slipped the ball inside to Sam Ashton who had the simplest of side foots into the empty net.

Portchester had the first chance of the second half on 50 minutes when a throw in from the right found Archie Willcox but his shot was deflected wide.

The game was put beyond the Royals on 57



minutes when the home side netted their third goal. Mowthorpe's attempt to play the ball out quickly was intercepted and Ryan Ewhare lofted the ball back over him and into the empty net.

The outcome of this game could have been very different if the visitors had taken the chances which fell their way in the closing stages.

With nine minutes to go substitute Josh Clack delivered an inviting cross from the right into the box but Pitman missed the ball when well placed to score.

He did pull a goal back for the visitors on 84 minutes when substitute Connor Duffin won possession of the ball on the right hand side of the box and played the perfect ball inside to Pitman, who side footed his shot home.

On 90 minutes another Clack cross from the right was only partially cleared by the defence but Pitman blasted his shot over from the edge of the penalty area.

In injury time a corner from the left was headed just over by Duffin at the near post and a free kick played up deep into the box was headed back across goal to Pitman but his flick went just over.



ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NEWS

MANAGEMENT TEAM ARE REVEALED

Brantham Athletic announced that Michael Brothers and Craig Clarke are their new management duo.

As a player, Michael turned out for a number of clubs, including Sudbury, Leiston, Hornchurch, Needham Market, Maldon and Tiptree and Brightlingsea Regent. He was also manager of Brantham for four years before moving to Braintree Town, where he was first team coach.

He ended last season in charge of Ipswich Wanderers as they fought against Pitching In Isthmian North relegation.

Craig comes in from Harwich and Parkeston, where he had been assistant manager for the last 18 months. He was previously at Little Oakley.

MARTIN RETURNS TO RAMSGATE

Ramsgate have announced the return of Lee Martin, this time in a player/coach capacity.

Lee started this season as manager of Welling United but left that role earlier this month. He was with the Rams as a player for the previous two campaigns, making 32 appearances last season as they took the Pitching In Isthmian South East title, and 46 times as they finished second and reached the FA Cup Second Round during 2023-24.

Earlier in his career he played youth football for AFC Wimbledon and Manchester United, before graduating to the first team squad at the latter.

While at Old Trafford he had loan spells at Royal Antwerp, Glasgow Rangers, Stoke City, Plymouth Argyle and Nottingham Forest.

DJEMAILI SIGNS FOR CITY

Misha Djemaili has signed for Chichester City. The midfielder has been with Hashtag United for the last two-and-a-bit seasons.

He played 42 times during 2023-24, scoring 12 goals, and then 52 times last season with 21 goals scored. This season has brought another 11 Tags appearances.

Misha previously played for Leatherhead, Tilbury, Leyton Athletic, the Ebbsfleet United Academy and the Essex County under-18 side.

ROLLINSON SIGNS WITH ASCOT

Ascot United have announced the arrival of midfielder Joel Rollinson, who comes in

from Basingstoke Town.

Joel started last season at Farnham Town, where he played five times before moving on to Bracknell Town. He moved to Basingstoke in the summer.

Joel joined Farnham from Weymouth, but has played quite a bit higher up the pyramid. A former Reading youth player, he had time with Eastbourne Borough on loan and eventually joined them permanently after a spell at Stevenage.

He played 20 times for Cray Wanderers during the unfinished 2019-20 campaign, and he was previously at Hungerford Town and Beaconsfield Town too.

REDBRIDGE DUO AT TILBURY

Tilbury have announced that former Redbridge managerial duo George Christou and Jack Toghli will be taking over from Marc Harrison and Liam Wallace.

George and Jack departed the Motormen in October last year, having taken Redbridge to promotion and winning the Essex Senior Cup.

They then spent time as assistant manager and coach at Brightlingsea Regent, and in the summer they moved on to Basildon United.

Prior to his time at Redbridge, George was a coach at Aveley, playing a key role in the creation of their academy programme.

At Redbridge they particularly caught the eye in knock out competitions, reaching the Second Round of the FA Trophy before eventually falling to defeat against Hereford, and lifting the Essex County Cup for the first time in their history.

RICHARDS COMPLETES HENDON MOVE

Hendon have announced a return for Kyron Richards. Kyron makes the move from Southall, where he has made three appearances this season and 30 appearances last season.

He was at Hanworth Villa during 2023-24, playing 38 times, and with Sutton Common Rovers during 2022-23, playing 24 times.

The defender/midfielder ended the 2021-22 season at Leatherhead, after starting it at Lewes.

He was previously with Cray Wanderers, playing four times during the extremely short 2020-21 campaign.

He has also had short stays with both Glebe and Welling Town.



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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
CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	19
STEVEN MOWTHORPE	18
ARCHIE WILLCOX	18
ALFIE STANLEY	17 (3)
JACK LEE	17
CONOR BAILEY	16 (2)
CALVIN DAVIES	15
LEE WORT	13 (7)
ROB TAW	12 (7)
MARLEY RIDGE	11 (9)
JAMES COWAN	10 (8)
TOMMY SCUTT	9
CONNOR DUFFIN	6 (13)
ZACK WILLETT	6 (5)
RYAN WILKINS	6
RYAN PENNERY	5
OLLY SEARLE	4 (5)
BRETT PITMAN	4 (3)
JOSH CLACK	3 (4)
MAX SMITH	2 (6)
HARRISON BROOK	2 (5)
CAMERON SCOTT	2
SPENCER SPURWAY	2
ASH HOWES	1 (4)
CADE DYER	1 (3)
OWEN PELHAM	1 (1)
OLI DAVIES	0 (2)



GOALS

PLAYER	GOALS
LEE WORT	10
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



TONIGHT'S FIXTURES/TABLE

Premier Division

Chatham Town v Dulwich Hamlet
Cray Wanderers v St Albans City
Folkestone Invicta v Lewes

North Division

Mildenhall Town v Lowestoft Town

South Central Division

AFC Portchester v Hendon
Bedfont Sports v Metropolitan Police
Egham Town v Southall
Fareham Town v Westfield

South East Division

Beckenham Town v Sheppey United
Deal Town v Crowborough Athletic
Faversham Town v East Grinstead Town
Hastings United v Broadbridge Heath
Merstham v Ashford United
VCD Athletic v Three Bridges

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	PNT	GD
Leatherhead	12	9	2	1	29	+15
Raynes Prk Vale	14	7	4	3	25	+10
Hartley Wintney	12	6	3	3	21	+3
Hanworth Villa	12	6	2	4	20	+13
Moneyfields	11	6	2	3	20	+4
Hayes & Yeading	10	6	1	3	19	+3
Westfield	9	6	0	3	18	+10
Met Police	11	5	3	3	18	-1
Sth Park Reigate	13	5	2	6	17	-1
Littlehampton T	12	5	2	5	17	-6
Ascot United	11	5	0	6	15	+4
Egham Town	11	4	3	4	15	-2
Harrow Borough	10	5	0	5	15	-6
Kingstonian	10	4	2	4	14	+1
Hendon	10	3	4	3	13	+1
Bedfont Sports	10	3	4	3	13	0
Bognor Regis Tn	12	4	1	7	12	-4
THE ROYALS	10	4	0	6	12	+2
Binfield	14	3	2	9	11	-16
Southall	11	2	3	6	9	-7
Horndean	12	2	2	8	8	-11
Fareham Town	11	2	2	7	8	-12

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

HENDON



INTERESTING HENDON FACTS

A crowd of 100,000 people watched Hendon against northern giants Bishop Auckland in the 1955 Amateur Cup Final at Wembley.

Following an invitation from the FA to test the system, Hendon were the first club to play under floodlights at Wembley Stadium. The first team beat the reserves 1-0.

In October 1951, Hendon became the first team in Britain to win a floodlit cup-tie when they won a London Challenge Cup match against Arsenal at Highbury.

The club's original colours were blue but changed to green in the 1930s. In 1997-98 the club brought back the original blue, resulting in an outcry from supporters and the green was restored two seasons later.

England's three highest capped amateur internationals between the Second World War and May 1974 were all Hendon players - Rod Haider (65 caps), John Swannell (61) and Mike Pinner (52).

Hendon FC, who begin a new era in Step 4 of the non-league pyramid system this season, are now into their 16th season under the ownership of their supporters, following their takeover of the club in the summer of 2010.

Cyrus Cooper, who took over from Simon Lawrence in 2023, is the club chairman.

Hendon has an illustrious and proud history. The club was formed in 1908, beginning its existence as Christ Church Hampstead.

In their inaugural season, the club finished as champions of the Finchley and District League Third Division.

There was regular success in the early years, but not before the first of four name changes.

Ahead of the 1909-10 season, the club became Hampstead Town, and immediately won the Finchley and District League Second Division title, and the First Division title followed a year later.

Further successes followed as the club gained senior status in 1912, entering the FA and county cups for the first time, and competing in both the London and Middlesex Leagues.

On the back of this, the club was elected into the Athenian League in 1914, one of the best competitions in amateur football, just six years into its existence.

Hampstead Town had played only two matches in 1914-15 when the season was abandoned because of the outbreak of war. In their eventual debut season, 1919-20, the club finished a highly creditable fourth.

The club finished runners-up in 1929, 1933, 1948, 1949 and 1952, before eventually winning the title in 1953. Further titles followed in 1956 and 1961.

The second re-naming of the club came in 1926, when the suffix Town was dropped, and the club was simply called Hampstead.

Seven years later the club became Golders Green and the final change came in 1946 when the club took the name Hendon.

There had been another Hendon club - it reached the quarter finals of the FA Cup in 1883 - and in 1932 Hendon and Hampstead met in two friendlies, the second of which was to raise funds for the former club.

Sadly, Hendon – which appeared to add and drop the Town suffix in their dying years – ceased to exist a couple of years later but their continued existence meant Hampstead had been unable to take the name in 1933.

It was as Golders Green that the club made its first appearance in the FA Cup competition proper, losing in the First Round to Southend United in 1933–34.

In 1963, after more than half a dozen rejections in the previous 50 years, the club was accepted into the Isthmian League and the Greens were members for 55 seasons, and always competing in the top division.

Success continued as they finished runners-up in their first season, followed by the first of two league titles a year later.

Hendon were again champions in 1973, adding to their runners-up achievements in 1966, 1974 and 2015.

In their first 11 seasons in the Isthmian League, Hendon never finished lower than sixth. Since then, the club has had both good and bad seasons in the league, the low point coming earlier this year when the Greens were relegated.

During the amateur era, the club reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup on five occasions, winning in 1960 against Kingstonian, in 1965 against Whitley Bay, and in 1972 against Enfield.

They lost in 1955 against Bishop Auckland, and in 1966 against Wealdstone.

The club throughout its history has enjoyed FA Cup success. As well as 21 appearances in the First Round – most recently at Aldershot Town in 2012 – there have been six appearances in the Second Round, and one in the Third Round in January 1974.

The Greens drew 1–1 at Newcastle United before losing the replay 4–0 at Watford's Vicarage Road.

The club has also enjoyed much glory in the county cups, winning the Middlesex Senior Cup no less than 16 times out of 28 final appearances, as well as winning the Middlesex Charity Cup 14 times – two of which, in 1945 and 1988, were at Wembley Stadium.

The London Senior Cup has been won on six occasions, with a further 10 appearances in the final, including a 2–1 defeat in April 2024. The 16 London finals is the competition record.

Hampstead moved into its Claremont Road ground in 1926, the first game being an FA Cup tie against Berkhamsted Town on September 18 which Hendon won 4–3.

The final match was played 82 years later, almost to the day, on September 20, 2008, when local rivals Wealdstone won 4–1.

After leaving Claremont Road, Hendon spent four years ground-sharing with Wembley and, from 2013, a three-season arrangement with Harrow Borough at Earlsmead.

In February 2014 plans to return close to the London Borough of Barnet at the old Kingsbury Town ground Silver Jubilee Park – the borough boundary is around 20 metres behind the clubhouse – were announced.

Hendon moved into Silver Jubilee Park in 2016, sharing with Edgware Town and Kingsbury, but it took until January 2017 for a first home league win to be achieved.

A last-day draw, completing a run of 22 points from ten games, saw the club avoid relegation.

The 2017–18 season was nearly glorious. Led by the prolific 92-goal attack of Niko Muir (40 goals), Zak Joseph (18), Ashley Nathaniel-George (17) and Josh Walker (17), Hendon roared to third place in the Isthmian League – a second top-three finish in four seasons – and reached the play-off final.

Sadly, it was not to be as Dulwich Hamlet won the penalty shoot-out.

A new era dawned in summer 2018 as The Football Association announced that Hendon would be playing in the Southern League Premier Division South, the Greens' first league change since 1963.

An even bigger change came as manager Gary McCann, his coaching staff and every senior player moved on to pastures new.

In May 2024, the Greens got the news from the Football Association they were craving – that they were being re-assigned to the Isthmian League for the 2024–25 season.

Just before Christmas, boss Lee Allinson decided to accept the challenge of managing at a higher level and this led to almost all the squad and his staff moving to pastures new.

In charge at Silver Jubilee Park now is Ben Bukowski, a coach when Gary McCann was Hendon manager, who switched from Harrow Borough in February.

It had a disastrous effect on the team, which needed to be almost completely re-built, and a winless run of more than 20 games saw the Greens drop from the edge of the Premier Division play-offs to the relegation zone.

Two wins near the end of the season meant Hendon did not finish with their worst points record – set two seasons earlier – but their 39 points left them five from safety.

It means that in 2025–26 Hendon will play in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division after dropping down to Step 4 level after last season's outcome.



INTRODUCING THE VISITORS

HENDON

FLORIAN ADA - STRIKER

Young striker who signed in the summer of 2023 from Isthmian League side Westfield. Has also seen service with Hayes and Yeading United, Harrow Borough and Southall, from whom he re-joined Hendon in July.

TOBI ADAJE - STRIKER

Forward who signed from Westfield just before the start of this season.

TAHJAE ANDERSON - STRIKER

Young striker who signed for the club in August 2019. Was at Bromley last season and had a loan spell with Herne Bay. Re-joined the club from Ashford United in early September, having played for Merstham, Concord Rangers, Kingstonian and Hungerford Town.

FRANKIE BECKLES - GOALKEEPER

Young goalkeeper signed from Wembley just before the start of the season.

KEAGAN COLE - STRIKER

Re-joined the club as assistant manager to Ben Bukowski in January. Initially a young striker who signed first team forms in summer 2017 after impressing for the under-18s side. Previously with West Ham United Academy and left in June 2018 to join Potters Bar Town having been the youngest Hendon player to reach 100 appearances. Played for Walthamstow and Northwood, before becoming player/coach at Northwood in November 2021. He followed Ben to Harrow Borough in summer 2024.

DAVE DIEDHIU - DEFENDER

Cult hero re-signed for the club in June 2022 after four years away at St Albans City. Originally joined in the summer of 2008 from Willesden Constantine, he scored the final Hendon goal at Claremont Road in September 2008. Dave made 382 appearances and scored 43 goals in his first spell with the club.

BRAD DIXON-SMITH - DEFENDER

Young left back signed from Hitchin Town following some impressive performances in

pre-season. Has also played for Chalfont St Peter.

VICTOR FERRINI - DEFENDER

Brazilian-born defender of Italian nationality signed from Athletic Newham in early September. Also played for several other clubs at Step 5 level.

ROHDELL GORDON - MIDFIELDER

Joined the club in the summer of 2022 following a third spell with Walton Casuals. Rohdell is an entertaining and tricky winger with plenty of experience at Step 2 level, including spells with Braintree Town, Chelmsford City, Hemel Hempstead Town and St Albans City. In summer 2024 he joined Bowers and Pitsea, from whom he re-joined Hendon in February.

JORDAN UMANA GREY - MIDFIELDER

Young midfielder signed from Broadfields United in July. Previously played for Bristol Rovers and Huddersfield Town as a youngster.

ZAK JOSEPH - MIDFIELDER

Attacking talent signed in June 2017, he is the son of former Football League striker Francis Joseph, and nephew of former Football League defender Roger Joseph. Zak can play anywhere in the offensive area of the pitch and has also played for Egham Town, Uxbridge, Burnham, Beaconsfield and North Greenford United. Re-joined Hendon in September on dual registration from Chesham.

NIKOLAI KROKHIN - DEFENDER

Young defender signed from Guildford City in late January 2025. Previously played for Hastings United, Sheppey United, Tooting and Mitcham and Cheshunt.

STEPHAN LANGLEY - DEFENDER

Defender signed from Harrow Borough at the start of March 2025.

SHAUN LUCIEN - MIDFIELDER

Shaun returned to the club in November 2019 after a spell with Biggleswade Town and scored the winner in the London Senior Cup final in September 2020 against Brentford B. Originally



joined the club in October 2018 from Kingstonian. Began his career at Brentford, before going on to play for Hampton and Richmond Borough, Harrow Borough, Uxbridge, Wealdstone and St Albans City.

JAVON MARQUIS - DEFENDER

Young defender signed from Spelthorne Sports Club in July following some impressive performances in pre-season.

RICHIE MBELE - MIDFIELDER

Signed from Farnham Town in July following some impressive pre-season appearances. Has also played for AFC Wimbledon, Walton Casuals, Harrow Borough and North Greenford United.

NIKO MUIR - STRIKER

Powerful striker who returned to the club for a fourth spell in February 2023. After scoring 40 goals in 2017-18, Niko signed for Hartlepool United, going on to play for Woking, Hampton and Richmond Borough, Billericay Town and Hungerford Town. Other previous clubs include Leiston, Northwood, Grays Athletic, Wingate and Finchley and VCD Athletic.

COREY PARCHMENT - MIDFIELDER

Experienced midfielder signed from Kingstonian just before the start of the season.

PAULIE SCHUSTER - MIDFIELDER

Young Brazilian-born midfielder signed from Long Melford in Suffolk in late March 2025.

SAM SHABAN - STRIKER

Experienced forward signed from Barking in July, having scored 23 league goals in 32 games last season. Has also played for Waltham Abbey, Farnborough, Aveley and Enfield Town.

J'ARDELL STIRLING - DEFENDER

Defender signed in early March 2025 from Biggleswade Town. Has experience at a number of other clubs, including Wingate and Finchley and Haringey Borough.

TARIQ STRAKER - DEFENDER

Signed from Rayners Lane in the summer. Previously played for Bowers and Pitsea as part of their North Division promotion squad.

JOSH STRIZOVIC - GOALKEEPER

Signed in the summer from Dagenham and Redbridge. Josh has plenty of Step 3 experience.

HENDON'S COACHING STAFF

BEN BUKOWSKI - MANAGER

Appointed manager in January when he replaced interim manager Marc Charles-Smith. Originally joined the club to coach with the under-18s in 2015, before moving up to help out with the first team in the summer of 2016 under Gary McCann, who he followed to Hampton and Richmond Borough in 2018. He took the Northwood job in 2022 and led them to the Step 4 play-offs in his first full season.

RYAN WHARTON - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Defender who returned to the club in August 2015 for his fourth spell, having originally joined in 2006 from Hillingdon Borough. Played for a number of clubs, including Hemel Hempstead Town, Beaconsfield, St Albans City and Royston Town. Appointed as assistant manager in June, replacing Keegan Cole.

JOSH BOND - GOALKEEPER COACH

Confirmed in June as continuing his role as goalkeeping coach, which he began in the latter part of last season.

JOHN BURKE - COACH

Appointed as first team coach in June. A familiar face at the club having worked on football education programmes held there. Also assisted the first team in the background last season.

FINLAY FRASER - COACH

Life-long supporter who joined the first team coaching set-up in the summer to support his coaching badges.

SOPHIE HARRISON - PHYSIO

Member of a long term Hendon-supporting family who took over as physiotherapist in December 2024 following Chad Smith's departure, having worked previously as Chad's assistant.

RYAN WATTS - STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Formerly of Wealdstone, signed as a player in February and is also the club's strength and conditioning coach.



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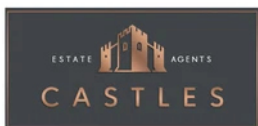
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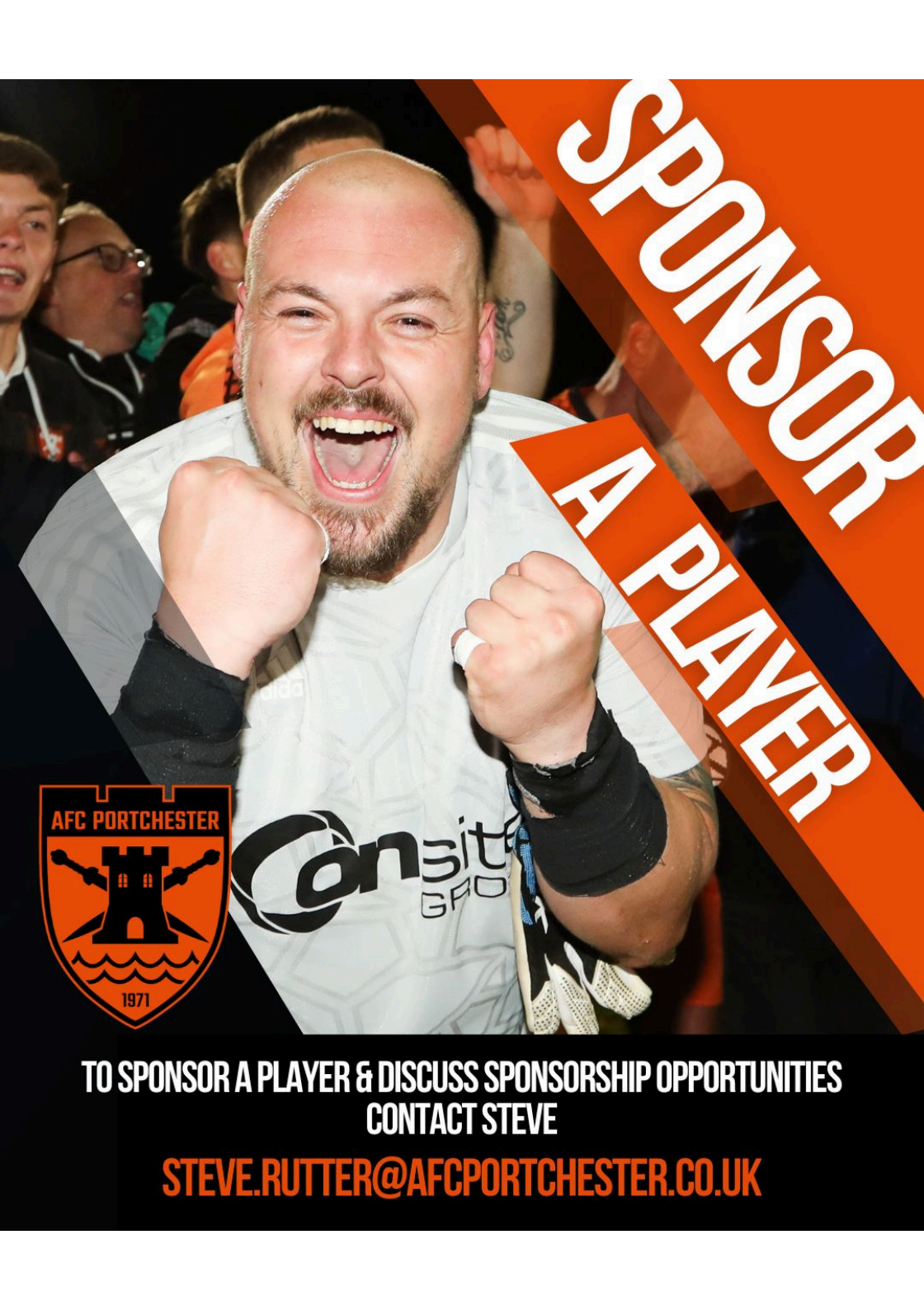


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STATS PROVE MOWMY REALLY IS OUR NUMBER ONE KEEPER

Without doubt he is AFC Portchester's greatest number one – and he has the stats to back it up.

Many goalkeepers have come before him and many more will come after him when his days with the Royals are completed, but the future keepers who come to the club are going to have to go a long way to surpass the achievements of Steven Mowthorpe.

Certainly the most decorated keeper in the club's history to date and he has played a key, central role in helping to fill the trophy cabinet in the boardroom at The OnSite Group Stadium with silverware.

And he will always have legend status at the club for being part of the 'quad squad' who delivered an unprecedented four trophies in the hugely successful 2024-25 season.

The graphic on the next page shows all of his key stats after completing 200

appearances for AFC Portchester.

He has the full set of trophies possible from Step 5 local level – Wessex Premier Division, Wessex League Cup, Portsmouth Senior Cup, Hampshire Senior Cup and Russell Cotes Cup. And two more trophies in the form of the Wessex League Charity Cup too.

A 69 per cent win rate and 38% clean sheet rate are phenomenal figures and truly reflect just how good a keeper he has been for the Royals.

There have been plenty of key saves along the way but two stick in the mind and they both had a huge impact on the club's destiny.

One was the penalty save in the shoot-out to win the Hampshire Senior Cup in May 2024 and the other was against Andover New Street in January this year when his unbelievable save stopped us going 2-0 down in a key game. Mowmy is fully deserving of his club legend status.



MOWY IN NUMBERS

STEVEN MOWTHORPE'S AFC PORTCHESTER CAREER STATS TO DATE

200

Appearances
reached for club

137

victories in total so
far – 69% win rate

75

Number of clean sheets
kept – 38% of games

17,899

Total minutes on the pitch
so far for the Royals

5

Major honours won –
Wessex Premier
Division, Wessex
League Cup, Hants
Senior Cup, Pompey
Senior Cup, Russell
Cotes Cup (& 2 Wessex
Charity Cups as well!)

3

Number of penalty
shoot-outs won out of
four contested,
including Hampshire
Senior Cup final 2024

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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	2-2D	Nightingale, Bath
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	5	2	2	1	8	+3
Sthampton Wom	5	2	2	1	8	+2
Reading Com Tst	3	2	0	1	6	+4
Sholing	6	2	0	4	6	0
Oxford City	4	1	2	1	5	-2
Woodley United	2	0	0	2	0	-11
Badshot Lea	6	0	0	6	0	-20

GOALSCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
BECKI BATH	7
SARAH BUTTERWORTH	5
MIA ADAWAY	4
MILLIE BRADBURY	4
CHARMAINE TRUE	4
GEMMA HILLIER	3
LAUREN AITKEN	2
BETTY BARRON-CLARK	1
LUCY NIGHTINGALE	1
LAURIE POTVIN	1



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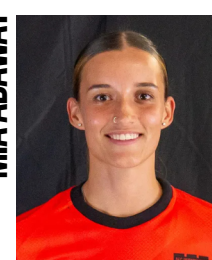
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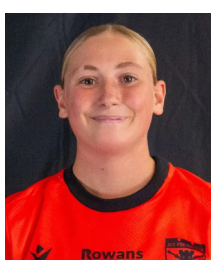
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