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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Harefield United

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

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Combined Counties Premier Division North



Club Info

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Please contact the club for more information:

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Chairman's View

A very warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Harefield United Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



This is our last home game before Christmas, so let me take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you all for the local derby against Ashford Town on the 27th.

I hope you've all been good boys and girls, and Santa brings you what you want. I hope that we also all get some good new ground news in the New Year!

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water FC celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football. In its early days, the club received royal support from King Edward VIII and King George VI, who gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that continues to inspire.

Starting in the Woking & District League, the club progressed through the Surrey Intermediate and Spartan Leagues. A milestone came in 1969 when Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then FIFA President, opened the clubhouse at The Timbers, named in honour of founder Harry Timbers. Promotion to the Combined Counties League followed in 1970, along with qualification for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation, but the club bounced back in 1990/91, winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earning promotion. The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins and a League and League Cup Treble in 1997.

After stints in various Surrey leagues, the club joined the Surrey Elite League in 2010. Despite cup success, promotion remained elusive until the arrival of Ceri Jones in 2015–16, who guided the team to a fourth-place finish. Following Richard Banks being appointed as Head Coach together they led the club to back-to-back promotions into the Hellenic League Division One and then the Premier Division, capped by a cup double in 2016–17. Following consolidation in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to league restructuring. In 2021–22, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent. Under their leadership, the club reached the Senior County Cup Final and achieved its highest-ever league finish of 7th place.

The 2023–24 season saw Adam Sams take over as First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place finish and a League Cup Final appearance. In 2024–25, the team entered a ground share at Slough Town, finishing 9th and reaching the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, narrowly losing to Horsham FC.

At the end of July, Adam Sams stepped down, and Dan Bailey was promoted to Player Manager, supported by Ben Warren, Chris Ellis, and Dave Atkins. On 21 October, Dan Bailey and Chris Ellis stepped down from their roles. The club is now excited to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Paul brings a wealth of non-league experience, having managed Ashford Town and worked with Chertsey Town, and is known for his strong leadership and success.

Off the pitch, Virginia Water FC continues to thrive. Plans are underway for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. The Youth Section is booming, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club runs three joiner classes—Wildcats, Squads, and Football Fanatics—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.



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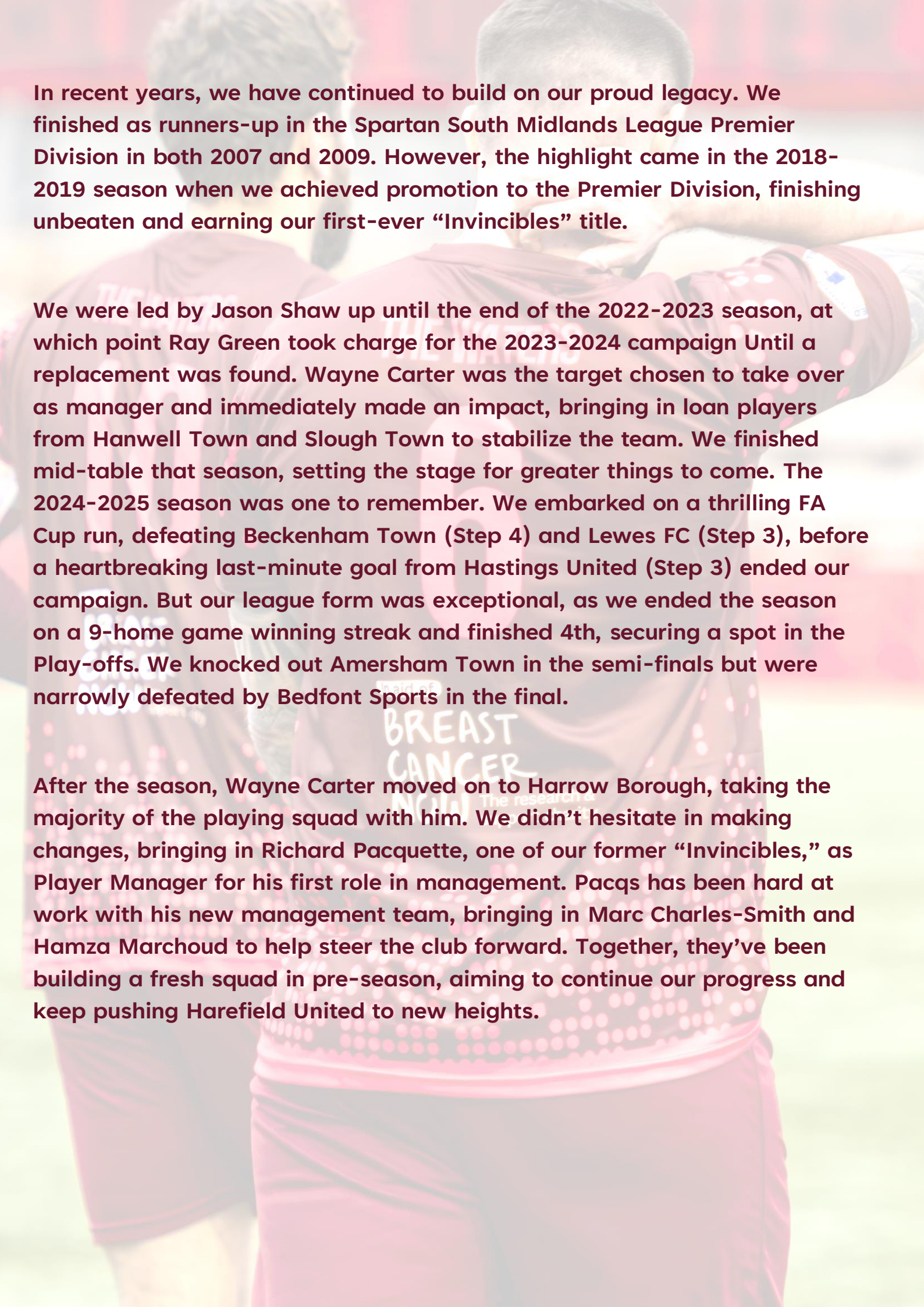
We are Harefield United, the oldest football club in Middlesex, founded in 1868. Originally known as Harefield Victoria, our rich history spans over 150 years. In 1891, we celebrated a memorable 1-0 win over Rickmansworth Rovers, with G Harland scoring the only goal. That match

featured players like D Collett, C Milton, and J Varcos. In 1934, after merging with Harefield FC, we officially became Harefield United.

Our journey through the local leagues has been marked by steady growth and significant success. In the 1940s, we clinched the Uxbridge & District League's Division 3 title and won the Uxbridge Junior Cup. By the 1960s, we had earned titles in both the Great Western Combination and the Parthenon League, solidifying our place as a respected club in the area.

The 1970s brought bigger challenges, but we rose to meet them, securing Athenian League status in 1975. By 1984, we had become a founding member of the Isthmian League, earning a place in Division Two (South) after a few years of consolidation. Our peak came in the late 1980s when we finished 7th in the 1990-91 season, marking one of our strongest performances.

Despite some struggles in the Isthmian League, our spirit never wavered. In 1996, after financial difficulties led us to resign from the league, we joined the Spartan League. Here, we saw early success, winning the League Cup in 2002 and the Challenge Trophy in 2003. We've also made great strides at the youth level. Our U18 team won the Middlesex Youth Cup in 2006, and our senior team narrowly missed promotion to the Premier League that same year.



In recent years, we have continued to build on our proud legacy. We finished as runners-up in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division in both 2007 and 2009. However, the highlight came in the 2018-2019 season when we achieved promotion to the Premier Division, finishing unbeaten and earning our first-ever “Invincibles” title.

We were led by Jason Shaw up until the end of the 2022-2023 season, at which point Ray Green took charge for the 2023-2024 campaign until a replacement was found. Wayne Carter was the target chosen to take over as manager and immediately made an impact, bringing in loan players from Hanwell Town and Slough Town to stabilize the team. We finished mid-table that season, setting the stage for greater things to come. The 2024-2025 season was one to remember. We embarked on a thrilling FA Cup run, defeating Beckenham Town (Step 4) and Lewes FC (Step 3), before a heartbreaking last-minute goal from Hastings United (Step 3) ended our campaign. But our league form was exceptional, as we ended the season on a 9-home game winning streak and finished 4th, securing a spot in the Play-offs. We knocked out Amersham Town in the semi-finals but were narrowly defeated by Bedfont Sports in the final.

After the season, Wayne Carter moved on to Harrow Borough, taking the majority of the playing squad with him. We didn't hesitate in making changes, bringing in Richard Pacquette, one of our former “Invincibles,” as Player Manager for his first role in management. Pacqs has been hard at work with his new management team, bringing in Marc Charles-Smith and Hamza Marchoud to help steer the club forward. Together, they've been building a fresh squad in pre-season, aiming to continue our progress and keep pushing Harefield United to new heights.

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From the Dugout

Good evening, everyone. Welcome back to Arbour Park for this home game against Harefield United. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

What can I say? These last few weeks, the boys have been excellent. We've played some tough games and come away with some excellent results. Burnham being the only low one, where somehow we didn't win.

Today won't be easy either as Harefield gave us a tough game at their place, but I know if the boys apply themselves in the right way, we will hopefully walk off with another result, and this run that we're on continues.

As always, enjoy the game and I'll always be available in the bar after if anyone would like a chat.

Up the Waters!

Macca



Just For Fun

Can you guess the professional player from the clubs they have played for? Answer is on the last page!



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Where are they now?

We catch up with some Waters' Alumni and ask them about their time at the club, and what they are up to now

Name: Darren Barker

Position: Centre Back

Era(s) played at VW: 1993-2004

🏆 In a nutshell, can you give a brief overview of your time at the club?

I moved from Yorkshire to Surrey in 1993 and was introduced to VW by the O'Donnell brothers and Bender. I played in the stiffs (Reserves) making one 1st team appearance (Chobham away in the cup) where I still hold the record for 0 touches in 90 mins...

🏆 Who was your manager(s) at the club when you played?

Most of my VW career I was managed by a real old boy...Russell Croome! He was Player manager for the first few years until his knees and the red cards got in the way. Following Russ was super smooth Peter Lell who took us within a point of winning the league.

🏆 Did you win anything here?

A lot of lifelong friends.

🏆 Who was your favourite/best teammate?

Wayno (Wayne Leigh). The ultimate centre half pairing, think Bruce & Pallister (but far better looking). We played on the 6-yard box due to a severe lack of pace, nobody ever got in behind us and if they did nothing ever got past Smythie!

🏆 Did you score any memorable goals?

Russ never allowed me to go forward due to the fact it would have taken a while for me to get back in my own half.





Do you keep up to date with what Waters are doing nowadays?
I watch a lot of local football and will be coming to watch VW shortly with Wayno and a few of the old boys.



Are you still involved in football in some capacity?
I have a season ticket at Woking FC.



What was the standout memory for you during your time at Waters?
My standout moment was towards the end of 1994 season. My team (United) got to the cup final v Chelsea and Chairman Ron Fisher whispered to me after training on Tuesday night...."You can have our Cup final ticket!" Not only did it upset all the Chelsea boys, but we also won 4-0. Thank you, Ron.



If you could go back and change one thing when you played here, what would it be?
Nothing, I loved every minute of my time at the Timbers, met good friends who I still see today. Enjoy it whilst you can.



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Tuesday, 16 December 2025

ALL COMPETITIONS : Player's Appearances - Barker Darren Peter

games = 22 (started=22 sub played? Y=0, N=0)						
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	3	0	Worcester Park Reserves		Sat 15 Sep
Reserve Division	Crescent Rovers Reserves	5	0	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 22 Sep
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	1	5	Chobham & Ottershaw Reserves		Sat 13 Oct
Reserve Division	Netherne Village Reserves	0	1	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 27 Oct
Reserve Challenge Cup Round 1	Sheerwater Reserves	3	0	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 03 Nov
Reserve Division	AFC Guildford Reserves	4	1	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 10 Nov
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	0	1	Seelec Delta Reserves		Sat 24 Nov
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	1	0	Sheerwater Reserves		Sat 01 Dec
Reserve Division	Bookham Reserves	0	0	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 08 Dec
Reserve Division	Seelec Delta Reserves	4	1	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 02 Feb
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	3	0	AFC Guildford Reserves		Sat 09 Feb
Reserve Division	Shottermill & Haslemere Reserves	3	1	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 16 Feb
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	1	0	Bookham Reserves		Sat 23 Feb
Premier Challenge Cup Round 1 Replay	Virginia Water	1	4	Crescent Rovers		Sat 02 Mar
Reserve Division	Colliers Wood United Reserves	1	1	Virginia Water Reserves		Sat 09 Mar
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	3	0	Frimley Green Reserves		Sat 16 Mar
Premier Division	Virginia Water	2	5	Colliers Wood United		Sat 23 Mar
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	4	0	Hersham Royal British Legion Reserves		Sat 30 Mar
Reserve Division	Chobham & Ottershaw Reserves	1	4	Virginia Water Reserves		Thu 04 Apr
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	1	1	Farleigh Rovers Reserves		Sat 06 Apr
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	0	1	Ditton Reserves		Thu 18 Apr
Reserve Division	Virginia Water Reserves	0	2	Colliers Wood United Reserves		Thu 25 Apr

Competition Info

Recent Results

13/12/25

PDN Abingdon United 3-3 Burnham
PDN Amersham Town 0-2 **Virginia Water**
PDN Holyport 0-3 Harefield United
PDN Kidlington 1-1 Ashford Town (Middx)
PDN Milton United 1-1 British Airways
FAV Tunbridge Wells 1-3 Windsor & Eton
PDN Wokingham Town 3-2 Wallingford & Crowmarsh

Fixtures Today

PDN Ardley United v Reading City
PDN British Airways v Hilltop
PDC Cobham v Wallingford & Crowmarsh
PDN **Virginia Water** v Harefield United

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Broadfields United	22	12	6	4	26	42
2	Ardley United	18	13	2	3	26	41
3	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	23	12	4	7	0	40
4	Burnham	19	11	4	4	16	37
5	Hilltop	26	11	3	12	9	36
6	Windsor & Eton	16	10	5	1	21	35
7	Ashford Town (Middx)	18	10	5	3	17	35
8	Milton United	21	10	3	8	3	33
9	Kidlington	19	8	7	4	6	31
10	North Greenford United	19	9	3	7	0	30
11	Reading City	15	8	4	3	15	28
12	Wokingham Town	19	8	4	7	7	28
13	Harefield United	20	7	2	11	-3	23
14	Abingdon United	18	6	3	9	-3	21
15	Virginia Water	17	5	4	8	-7	19
16	British Airways	19	6	4	9	-10	19 *
17	Amersham Town	19	5	3	11	-22	18
18	North Leigh	20	4	3	13	-17	15
19	Holyport	23	4	1	18	-42	13
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	23	2	2	19	-42	8
* adjustment made							

Top Scorers

6 - Jojo Kinzonzi

4 - Aiden Payne-James, Cal Hamiton, Jack Mills

3 - Alfie Grant

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Manager: Paul McCarthy

Asst. Manager: Ryan Parsons

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Freddie Babbage | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | Kai Boylan | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Aderi Dede | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Adam Dougui | Uriel Ekperuoh | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Harry Kidd | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Harry Laflin | Eddie Lazarczuk | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Kris Naicker | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jibril Sharmarke | Turnell Sinclair | Ikpemwinoghena “Pemi” Yakubu



Harefield United FC

Kit:

White Shirts

White Shorts & Socks

GK: Green or Blue

Player/Manager: Richard Pacquette

Asst. Manager: Marc Charles-Smith

Coach: Hamza Marchoud

Physios: Darius Gluga, Alfie Gardener



Squad:

Austin Schofield (c) | Pierce McNamara (vc) | David Brown (GK) | Jacob Ballheimer (GK) | Aiden Swaby | Alfie Wood | Austen Edwards | Dane Bulbeck | Daryl Brown | Dylan Kearney | Ed Cook | Jake Sobalak | Joel Jacobs | Josh Andrew | Khari Thompson | Kyle Mendez | Louis Bircham | Mario Quiassca | Max McLeish | Montel Brown | Rhys Paul | Samir Shaffi | Sam Wood | Sonny Mogford | Steven Green | Winston Iworh | Youssef Bouimane

Match Officials:

Referee: **Craig Griffiths**

Assistant Referees: **John Bates, Tim Guichard**

Observer: **Ken Clark**