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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Kempston Rovers

Saturday 20th September 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

Isuzu

The Isuzu FA Vase Second Qualifying Round



Club Info

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Arbour Park
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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 Kempston Rovers Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



It's been a tough start to the season for Dan and the rest of the management team, and with performances not being what we were hoping for we find ourselves propping up the rest of the league. I am confident that they will find what it takes to get us back to winning ways and today gives the team the perfect opportunity to do that.

The FA Vase is a competition both Dan and Chris are familiar with, having tasted success in it in the past. I hope the boys put in a performance today that they, and the management team, can be proud of.

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season, celebrating its centenary in 2020. During the reign of King Edward VIII, the club received financial support from the Crown, amounting to £2 per annum. This support continued through the reign of King George VI, who gifted VWFC their current ground. Until 1964, the team participated in the Woking & District League before joining the Surrey Intermediate League, followed by a move to the Spartan League soon after.

In 1969, the clubhouse at the Timbers was erected and opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then President of FIFA. The Timbers was named in memory of Harry Timbers, one of the club's founders. In 1970, the club was promoted from the Spartan League to the Combined Counties League and subsequently qualified for the FA Vase. The 1980s were challenging, leading to successive relegations to the Surrey South-Eastern Combination Intermediate League. However, in the 1990/91 season, Waters won the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earned promotion to the Surrey Premier League and Combined Counties League but stayed there for only one season due to league ground grading rulings.

Waters won three Surrey County Premier Cups in 1995, 1996, and 1997, with the latter being part of a League and League Cup Treble. Following league name changes, the club joined the Surrey Senior League in 2000 and stayed until 2002. After a period in the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), the club faced another relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010, Waters was promoted to the Surrey Elite League but despite winning the County and League Cups, further promotion remained out of reach.

Ceri Jones was appointed manager for the 2015-16 season, finishing fourth in his first year. The following season, Richard Banks was appointed Head Coach and successfully led back-to-back promotions to the Hellenic League Division One and then Premier, including a cup double in 2016-17. After consolidating in the Hellenic Premier Division, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to a National League System adjustment.

At the end of the 2021-22 season, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam Bessent as his successor. The 2022/23 season saw the club reach the Senior County Cup final and achieve its highest-ever league position of 7th place. The Bessent's resigned early in the 2023/24 season and Adam Sams was promoted to First Team manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place league finish and the Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final, where they finished as runners-up.

For the 2024/25 season, the First Team entered a ground share arrangement to play their home games at Slough Town's excellent facilities, achieving a 9th place finish in the league and reaching the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, where they were defeated by Isthmian Premier Division Champions, Horsham FC.

The club is striving for success both on and off the field and are currently seeking planning approval for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. Meanwhile our rapidly growing Youth Section will have 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) with over 300 players next year and on Saturdays we will be offering three joiner classes: Wildcats (girls), Squads (teenage girls), and Football Fanatics (boys), enabling a further 50 players to start their football pathway with the Club.



You think you know...

Name: Laurie Turner

Position: Used to play right back, but now Club Kitman

Previous clubs played for: Englefield Green Rovers FC



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Doofus

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What's your day job?

Bus Driver

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Which pro team do you support?

Man United

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Who's the best player you've played with?

Richard Banks

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Who has been the biggest influence on your football development?

Gerry Kelly

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What is the best ground you've played at?

Whyteleafe FC

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What was the last live game you went to?

Tottenham v Wolves

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What's been the most embarrassing thing to happen to you playing football?

Any own goal that I scored

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?

Always put out Matt Jones's kit first, so he can decide which colour he wants to wear!

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What boots are you wearing this season?

None, they were hung up a long time ago!

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Today's opponents



Kempston Rovers Football Club | History of the Club

Kempston Rovers were formed in 1884 and entered the Bedford & District League. Rover's first league championship was won in 1908 and twelve month later Rover's retained the title while also carrying off the Bedfordshire Senior Cup and North Beds Charity Cup. Rover's joined the South Midlands League in 1927, and while league honours eluded them they continued to enjoy cup success, winning the Senior Cup for a second time in 1938 and winning the Hinchbrooke Cup in 1926, 1928 and 1932.

The Walnut Boys, the nickname coming from the large walnut orchard in Kempston, joined the United Counties League in 1953 and fortunes took an upturn. After winning the Second Division League and cup double in 1955, Kempston continued to enjoy success as the competition reverted to a single division. Rovers were champions in 1958 and runners-up in 1957 and 1960, while in the Knockout Cup they contested five successive finals between 1957 and 1961, winning the trophy in 1958 and 1960.

When the league returned to a two division format a lack of facilities saw Kempston placed in Division Two. The Hillgrounds facilities were upgraded but after being readmitted to the top flight they suffered instant relegation in 1963 with just five points to their name. A top division place wasn't regained until 1968 when the Rover's finished runners-up in the Second Division. 1973 saw the start of a new era as Kempston relocated to a new ground further down Hillgrounds Road. A magnificent season saw the Walnut Boys storm to the Premier title losing only once in 32 games. A golden period in the club's history saw League Cup successes in 1975 and 1977; the Beds Senior Cup was again captured in 1977 while the Walnut Boys reached the last 16 of the FA Vase in 1975. The club nearly folded in the early eighties and were relegated in 1983, but they bounced back to the top flight in 1986 before moving to the current ground, their third in the same road. Kempston won the Beds Senior Cup in 1992 and the Hunts Premier Cup and North Beds Charity Cup in 2000.

In 2002 Kempston Rovers and Kempston Colts began an alliance to pool resources/personnel under the name AFC Kempston but, unfortunately, the club suffered a fourth relegation from the top flight in 2003. The beginning of 2005 saw the start of major re-developments at Hillgrounds Road with the building of new changing facilities and the building of an artificial training pitch. On the grass, the club fortunes on the pitch turned around which saw The Walnut boys only just missed out on promotion at the end of the 2005/06 season. The new ground facilities were completed in 2006 and along with a new stand; on-going ground improvements and the existing clubhouse due for refurbishment shortly, AFC Kempston now have some of the best facilities in the area for non-league football.

In 2007 Rovers finished third in division one and the club gained promotion to the Premier Division after spending four seasons in division one. Unfortunately Rovers stay in the premier

division was short lived and we were relegated back to Division one after just one season. The summer of 2008 saw The Walnut Boys completely reshaping the management team, with closer links with Bedford College Football Academy, Dave Randall was appointed 1st team manager with John Guiney acting as assistant, John also managing our midweek Under 18 team and successfully winning The Bedfordshire FA U18 Midweek Challenge Cup beating a strong Stotfold side 3 – 1, for the first time in the clubs history. The senior team also reached the Final of The Bedfordshire FA Senior Trophy losing to 61FC Luton. During the 2010-11 campaign we were fortunate to be winners of Division 1 and also win the Hinchinbrooke Cup for the first time since 1932, which was an extremely proud moment for many Club members and one we hope can be replicated in the near future.

Midway through the 2013-14 Season James Stoyles and Gary Flinn took over the 1st Team duties, ably assisted by our Physio Andy White. 2015-16 Rovers won the UCFL Premier League, with a thrilling final win on the last day of the Season; this saw us move into the Evostik Southern League Central which represents the highest level we have attained within the FA pyramid system so far. All at Hillgrounds are looking forward to the new season with both excitement and trepidation, and hope you will continue to support the Teams as and when you can. We hope the future continues to bring rewards both on and off the Pitch, thus enhancing the experience for all our local Partners both old and new.

Club Cup Honours

Beds County Cup Winners: 1908-09 | Beds Senior Cup Winners: 1937-38, 1976-77, 1991-92 | Beds County Under 18 Floodlight Challenge Cup Winners: 2008-09 | Beds Intermediate Cup Winners: 1976-77 | Beds County Hospital Cup Winners: 1930-31, 1932-33, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1938-39 | North Beds Charity Cup Winners: 1908-09, 1934-35, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2015-16 | Hinchinbrooke Cup Winners: 1926-27, 1928-29, 2010-11 | Hunts Premier Cup Winners: 1999-2000, 2000-01 | UCL Premier Division KO Cup Winners: 1974-75, 1976-77 | UCL Division 1 KO Cup Winners: 1957-58, 1959-60 | UCL Division 2 KO Cup Winners: 1955-56, 1974-75 | Britannia Cup Winners: 1957-58, 1958-59 | Beds Sunday Junior Cup Winners: 1989-90 | Bedford & District Under 18 Cup Winners: 1983-84 | Eastern Region League Plate Winners: 2005-06 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)

Club League Honours

UCL Premier Division Champions: 1973-74, 2015-16 | UCL Division 1 Champions: 1957-58, 1985-86, 2010-11 | UCL Division 2 Champions: 1955-56 | Bedford & District Premier League Champions: 1958-59, 1960-61 | Bedford & District League Division 1 Champions: 1907-08, 1908-09 | Bedford & District League Division 2 Champions: 1922-23, 1933-34 | Biggleswade & District League Division 1 Champions: 1911-12 | Bedford & District Under 14 Colts League Champions: 1985-86 | Bedford & District Under 16 Colts League Champions: 1973-74 | Bedford & District Sunday League Division 4 Champions: 1987-88 | Eastern Region League Division 1 West Champions: 2005-06 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies) | Eastern Region League Division 1 West Runners Up: 2004-05 (AFC Kempston Rovers Ladies)

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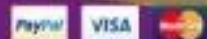
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From the Dugout



Good evening and a warm welcome to tonight's match officials and everyone associated with Kempston Rovers FC.

Our tough run of form continues in the league, as we still search for our first win and three points. We know it will come, but we must get back to being hard to break down and disciplined during these difficult moments. The lads are working hard in training, and we look forward to the enjoyable distraction of the FA Vase tonight.

We know Kempston will be a tough test, and we look forward to sharing a beer with them in the bar afterwards.

Enjoy the game and Up the Waters!

DB

JUST FOR FUN...

Name: Russell Croome | **Position:** Club Secretary

Would you rather...

- 🏆 Be famous for something extremely embarrassing, or live a quiet anonymous life?
Definitely living a quiet and anonymous life
- 🏆 Sign for the Premier League champions and hardly play, or play in the Championship and be a star?
Sign for the Premier League champions and prolong my career
- 🏆 For the rest of your film-watching life, watch nothing but rom-coms or horror films?
Prefer to miss out altogether than have to watch either genre
- 🏆 Your country wins the World Cup, or your team win the treble?
England to win the World Cup. Got more chance of achieving this as I support West Ham!
- 🏆 Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?
Desert – can't stand the cold
- 🏆 Have a free season ticket for life but go to all the games wearing full kit, or never go to a live game again?
Free season ticket – I do this already with Waters!
- 🏆 Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?
Willingly give up my mobile phone
- 🏆 Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?
Don't think I am fit enough to do either. If I had to choose it would be 100 x 100 metre sprints
- 🏆 Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?
Never have the drink
- 🏆 Score from inside your own half, or an acrobatic bicycle kick?
Got to be the acrobatic bicycle kick!



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Competition Info

Recent Results

16/09/25

PDC	Abbey Rangers 2-1 Burnham
PDC	British Airways 1-3 Holyport
PDC	Chipstead 0-4 Reading City
PDC	Epsom & Ewell 1-1 Ashford Town (Middx) (pens 4-2)
PDC	Horley Town 0-4 Wokingham Town
PDC	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 2-0 Hilltop
PDC	Windsor & Eton 4-2 Amersham Town

17/09/25

PDC	Kidlington 2-1 Eversley & California
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Fixtures Today

FAV	Abingdon United v Irchester Utd
FAV	Ardley United v Wellingborough Whitworth
FAV	Ashford Town (Middx) v Kidlington
FAV	Broadfields United v Wembley
FAV	Hallen v Milton United
FAV	Hilltop v Bugbrooke St. Michaels
PDN	Holyport v Windsor & Eton
FAV	Mendip Broadwalk v Reading City
FAV	Moulton FC v British Airways
PDN	North Leigh v Amersham Town
FAV	Virginia Water v Kempston Rovers
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh v Burnham
FAV	Wokingham Town v Cinderford Town

League Table

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

Top Scorers

3 - Jojo Kinzonzi

2 - Alfie Grant, Aiden Payne-James, Adam Dougui

1 - Guy Davies, Cal Hamiton

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Player/Manager: Dan Bailey

Asst. Manager: Chris Ellis

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Dan Bailey | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | George Butler | Firas Chniba | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Adam Dougui | Chris Ellis | James Goodey | Alfie Grant | Cal Hamilton | Noah Henry | Ash Hitchinson | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Darnell Lemar | Logan Lowes | Harrison Marquez | Ollie Mason | Joe McBride | Jack Mills © | Albie Nolan-French | Aiden Payne-James | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly



Kempston Rovers FC

Kit:

Yellow Shirts

Black Shorts & Socks

GK: Green

Manager: Leon Cashman

Asst. Manager: Sam Vladimirov

Coach: Tony Fabrizio

Physios: Erin Wesley, Aimee Albery



Squad:

Israel Ajana | Ayo Akinbobola | Sakeel William Balfour Brown | Brandon Beaman | Leon Cashman | Aaron Dada | Kacper Kurylowicz | Linus Kusi | Hassan Moussa | Nathan Mullings | Elijah Muya | Dammy Nickels | Kieran Ogden | Ebenezer Osei | Jaeden Pecco | Aaron Pike | Jaspal Rait | Faruq Salimon | Cade Stephens-Abbey | Meshell Yeboah | Ghaalib Yusuf

Match Officials: Referee: Ryan Hetherington

Assistant Referees: Pei Kew, Dylan Lees-Jones