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Combined Counties Premier Division South

WVFC vs GODALMING TOWN

Tuesday 4th August 2026

Alwyns Lane, kick off 7.45pm



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JONES THE VOICE

Good evening and a warm welcome to Alwyn's Lane for tonight's Combined Counties Premier South League fixture against Godalming Town.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the players, management team, officials and supporters of Godalming Town. We hope you enjoy your visit and our facilities this evening.

Firstly, I must reflect on what was a disappointing start to our league campaign on Saturday with defeat against Epsom & Ewell. While the result was not what we were looking for, it is important that we learn from the performance, remain positive and respond in the right manner. The season is a marathon, not a sprint, and we are confident that the players and management will be determined to bounce back and put things right in front of our supporters tonight.

We know that Godalming Town will provide a stern test. Their journey in recent years has been an impressive one, culminating in promotion to Step 5 football and earning the right to compete in the Combined Counties Premier South Division this season. This is a significant achievement and everyone connected with the club deserves great credit for their hard work and dedication. We congratulate them on their success and wish them well for the season ahead, apart from, of course, the next ninety minutes!

As always at this stage of the season, teams are still finding their rhythm after pre-season preparations. August football can often throw up unexpected results as squads continue to gel and players work towards peak fitness levels. Tonight's game presents another opportunity for us to build momentum and get our campaign moving in the right direction.

I would also like to thank our volunteers, sponsors and supporters for their continued commitment to the club. Your backing, both home and away, is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in helping the club progress.

Let's get behind the team this evening and hopefully enjoy an entertaining match with three points at the end of it.

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OUR HISTORY

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water Football Club proudly celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football excellence. The club's early years were supported by the Crown during the reigns of King Edward VIII and King George VI, who generously gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that still inspires today. Initially competing in the Woking & District League, the club transitioned to the Surrey Intermediate League and later the Spartan League. A landmark moment came in 1969, when the clubhouse at The Timbers was officially opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then President of FIFA. Named in honour of founder Harry Timbers, the club was promoted to the Combined Counties League in 1970 and qualified for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation to the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League, but resilience prevailed. In the 1990/91 season, Waters lifted the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earned promotion to the Surrey Premier League and back to the Combined Counties League, though ground grading issues limited their stay.

The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins in 1995, 1996, and 1997—the latter part of a remarkable League and League Cup Treble. The club joined the Surrey Senior League in 2000, and after a brief stint, returned to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), experiencing both relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010, Waters earned promotion to the Surrey Elite League, and despite cup successes, further promotion remained elusive. The appointment of Ceri Jones as manager in the 2015–16 season marked a turning point for the club, culminating in a strong fourth-place finish. He was joined by Richard Banks as Head Coach, who both led the team to back-to-back promotions—first into the Hellenic League Division One, then into the Premier Division—capping off the 2016–17 season with an impressive cup double.

After consolidating in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to a National League System restructure. At the end of the 2021–22 season, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent as successors. The 2022/23 season saw the club reach the Senior County Cup Final and achieve its highest-ever league finish of 7th place. Early in the 2023/24 season, the Bessents stepped down, and Adam Sams was promoted to First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren. Together, they led the club to another 7th place finish and a Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final appearance, finishing as runners-up. For the 2024/25 season, the First Team entered a Ground Share Arrangement at Slough Town, finishing 9th in the league and reaching the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, where they were narrowly defeated by Isthmian Premier Division Champions, Horsham FC.

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 was delighted to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Their impact was immediate, leading a remarkable turnaround from the relegation zone with a nine-game unbeaten run, securing a credible 10th place finish for the 2025–26 season.

Due to changes in FA regulations regarding ground sharing, the club has made the decision to leave Slough Town FC. For the 2026–27 season, Virginia Water FC will groundshare at Chertsey Town FC, bringing the club back into the Runnymede Borough area and closer to its roots in Virginia Water. With the move to Chertsey, the club has also been laterally moved by the FA into the Combined Counties League South, where it looks forward to competing in a new and challenging environment for the 2026–27 season. Off the pitch, the club continues to grow. Planning approval is being sought for a new ground development back in Virginia Water, while the Youth Section is thriving, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club offers three joiner classes—Wildcats (girls), Squads (teenage girls), and Football Fanatics (boys)—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.



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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB | HISTORY OF THE CLUB



The club has its origins as Godalming United FC, formed in 1950 by ex-pupils of Godalming Grammar School. Between 1950-71 the club played at the Recreation Ground. However, in 1970 Surrey Senior League side Farncombe collapsed, leaving their ground in Meadow vacant. Godalming took over the debts and tenancy, changing their name to Godalming and Farncombe FC, and the ground to Wey Court in the process. The original pitch was where the nearby Wey Court Sheltered Housing stood and considerable amount of work was undertaken on the new playing area, which was built on the site of an old waste tip. The club was helped by Waverley Council when drainage problems and subsidence meant they had to find a temporary home at Broadwater Park. The club was accepted

into the Combined Counties League for the start of the 1978 season, and a year later the name was changed again, to Godalming Town FC. In 1985, another local club, Addlestone & Weybridge, was disbanded and, before their ground at Liberty Lane was demolished, Godalming purchased the stand and perimeter fence for £225 and £50 respectively. The stand was re-erected at Wey Court, with seating and fascia added. The next development came in 1992 when the Guildford Football Appeal (formed in an attempt to return the towns name to senior football, following the collapse of Guildford City in 1977) donated a sum of money towards floodlights, and in return the name of the club was changed again to Godalming & Guildford FC. Further recycling followed in 1995, when a new turnstile building was erected incorporating a turnstile from Millwall's old ground and in 1996 the clubhouse was refurbished. During 2005 close season, the club changed its name for a fifth time, albeit back to one of its previous incarnations, that of Godalming Town. A fantastic 2005/06 season saw the side take the Combined Counties League Championship and League Cup by storm. Godalming Town were then accepted by Isthmian League officials following extensive ground improvements.

At the end of a tough season, Godalming found themselves at the bottom of a very competitive division. However, events elsewhere meant that Godalming were reprieved from relegation and were transferred into the Southern League's South & West Division for the 2007/08 season. Chuck Martini replaced Roger Steer as Manager in October 2007. Town were moved back to the Ryman League for the 2008/09 season and eventually finished in another record high position, 9th. Godalming also progressed further than ever before in the FA Cup by reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round before losing 2-1 at Conference South side Havant & Waterlooville. The 2009/10 season was arguably the best season in the history of the club. Town finished a record high position 4th in the Ryman South but were eventually beaten 2-1 in the Playoff Final at Folkestone Invicta. The club progressed further than ever before in the FA Trophy and won the Surrey Senior Cup by beating Sutton United 2-1. The season also saw local boy Shaun Elliott became the club's record appearance holder after reaching 360 games in a Godalming shirt. Chuck Martini was replaced by joint-managers Jon Underwood & Neil Baker in October 2010 and the club finished an unpredictable season in mid-table. The 2011/12 season saw a lot of new faces join, but the team quickly gelled, reaching the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, beating Wimborne, Moneyfields, Worcester City & Bodmin before bowing out to Maidenhead United in front of 700 at Wey Court. The G's finished 5th in the league, and travelled to Bognor Regis Town in the playoff semi-final, drawing 4-4 after extra time but Godalming lost 5-3 on penalties. 2012/13 saw Jon Underwood and Neil Baker guide Godalming to their highest ever finish in the pyramid, finishing in 3rd place. The G's lost in the playoff semi-final for the second year running, this time losing 2-1 to Biggleswade at Wey Court. The season finished on a high however, as Godalming lifted the Surrey Senior Cup for the second time in four years, beating Sutton United 1-0 at Gander Green Lane, thanks to a last minute goal from Scott Harris. The close season saw Godalming moved to a third different league in as many years, this time to the South & West Division. With divisional change came a managerial change; Jon Underwood and Neil Baker left Godalming to join Slough Town, taking the majority of the squad with them. Andy Hunt was appointed manager in June 2013, assisted

by Neil Selby. The 2013/14 season was probably one of the hardest the club has dealt with. Andy Hunt was given the task of putting together a squad that will compete in the league and secure step four football. At Christmas 2013 the clubhouse, kitchen and changing rooms were ruined by flood water. Godalming finished the season in 18th position. Godalming were then moved into another division again and will play in Southern League Central Division for the 2014/15 season. Godalming finished in 10th position in the 2015/2016 and reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the 3rd time but lost 4-0 to Merstham. The 2016/2017 season could be viewed as an annus horribilis for the men as wins became less frequent than management changes. Andy Hunt left and was replaced by Dean Thomas who subsequently departed before the club was relegated under Dan Turkington. Inevitably relegation followed and Dan departed, as did much of the entire first team. On the upside the Ladies team under the auspices of Steve Davies and , Darren Wheeler finished second in Division 2 South and were promoted to division one in the Greater London Womens Football League. 2017/18 began in familiar fashion with a new management and a new squad in a new division. After a promising start under Simon Funnell and Matt Drew (including a brief run in the FA Cup which finally ended at Hereford), wins became harder to come by and by Christmas, Jon Palmer and Gavin Smith were in charge. After a slow start, a promising run took the G's out of the relegation zone before fixture congestion and a high turnover of players led to a second relegation in two years.

The youth team had a great season and finished 2nd in the Surrey Primary U18 Elite League. The Ladies first team continued to go from strength to strength with an exciting FA Cup run and promotion to the GLWFL Premiership. The Ladies development team finished an excellent 3rd in division 3 which meant they were promoted also in the division two south for the 2018/19 season. The Ladies first team finished runners up of the GLWFL premier division and will continue in the same division for the 2019/20 season. On a sad note in February 2018 saw the passing of Bill Kyte, the Godalming Town President of an astonishing 57 years. It is true to say that without his tireless work, the club would not even exist today which is why it is fitting that the name of the ground is now The Bill Kyte Stadium in memory of the great man. 2018/19 saw a change in management again and the club appointed former Southampton professional goalkeeper Les Cleevely and Jordan Knight as his assistant. Both of them bring plenty of coaching experience in senior and youth football. Jordan became first team goalkeeper with Jason Kerbey joining the management team as coach. Finishing 12th in Combined Counties League Division One. Les has brought a refreshing blend of tenacity and commitment to the club, concentrating on building a young side that can grow and win together for years to come. He is tireless both on the field and behind the scenes and with selfless assistance, blood, sweat and beers of an incredible band of volunteer helpers, Les is helping rebuild the club to be in a position to challenge for honours again.

The 2019/20 season was a mixed one for the club and a season that many clubs won't forget. Unfortunately results didn't go our way and found ourselves at the foot of the Combined Counties League Division One when the season ended. Due to the coronavirus the FA decided to declare the season null and void. This meant that the season was expunged, results deleted and meant that the first team would remain in the Combined Counties League Division One for the 2020/21 season. The 2020/21 season saw just 12 games played before another lockdown due to the pandemic so the season was curtailed. First team manager Phil Ruggles and his management team kept the squad together until restrictions lifted and G's competed in the inaugural Fripp-Smith Trophy and won the Esoteric Recordings Division One Cup with a win against Merstham U23s in front of 500 people which is a credit to them and the players. We will compete in the Sothern Combination League Division One for the 2021/22 season after being switched from the Combined Counties League in the annual FA restructuring. G's finished a respectable 7th position in the league just missing out of a playoff spot. They will continue again in the SCFL division one for the 22/23 season. It was a good season where G's made the SCFL Div One Playoff Semi-Finals. They also won the division one cup and also made the Surrey FA Premier Cup final. In 2023/24 season, G's finished 9th in the league which saw Tony Roberts resign as first team manager. G's then appointed former coach, Mo Sher as first team manager for the 2024/25 season. G's finished in the playoff's and narrowly lost to Infinity FC on penalties in the playoff semi-final. G's will be looking to go further than that in the 2025/26 season. The 2025/26 season saw the G's win the SCFL division one title with two games to spare capping off a great season. The 2026/27 season will see them back in the Combined Counties League Premier South and play in both the FA Cup and the Surrey FA Senior Cup.

FROM THE GAFFER

Good evening everyone,

Welcome back to Alwyns Lane for our fixture against Godalming Town. We hope that Godalming's fans, players and committee enjoy their stay.

Saturday didn't go as planned for us and we never got going. Epsom were fully deserving winners, and we have no complaints with regard to that. Luckily, with how quick the games are at the start of the season, we have a great opportunity to put things right tonight.

As always, enjoy the game and I will always be in the bar after if you want a chat.

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01/08/26

PDS	Chipstead 1-2 Abbey Rangers
PDS	Eversley & California 0-3 Balham
PDS	Fleet Town 1-0 Corinthian Casuals
PDS	Knaphill 1-0 Godalming Town
PDS	Redhill 1-1 Alton
PDS	Sheerwater 0-0 Yateley United
PDS	Sutton Common Rovers 2-1 Badshot Lea
PDS	Tadley Calleva 2-0 Metropolitan Police
PDS	Tooting & Mitcham United 1-2 Camberley Town
PDS	Virginia Water 1-2 Epsom & Ewell

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS	Abbey Rangers v Camberley Town
PDS	Alton v Tadley Calleva
PDS	Badshot Lea v Eversley & California
PDS	Corinthian-Casuals v Tooting & Mitcham United
PDS	Epsom & Ewell v Redhill
PDS	Knaphill v Chipstead
PDS	Metropolitan Police v Sutton Common Rovers
PDS	Virginia Water v Godalming Town
PDS	Yateley United v Fleet Town

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Balham	1	1	0	0	3	3
2	Tadley Calleva	1	1	0	0	2	3
3	Abbey Rangers	1	1	0	0	1	3
4	Camberley Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
5	Epsom & Ewell	1	1	0	0	1	3
6	Sutton Common Rovers	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Fleet Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Knaphill	1	1	0	0	1	3
9	Alton	1	0	1	0	0	1
10	Redhill	1	0	1	0	0	1
11	Sheerwater	1	0	1	0	0	1
12	Yateley United	1	0	1	0	0	1
13	Badshot Lea	1	0	0	1	-1	0
14	Chipstead	1	0	0	1	-1	0
15	Tooting & Mitcham United	1	0	0	1	-1	0
16	Virginia Water	1	0	0	1	-1	0
17	Corinthian-Casuals	1	0	0	1	-1	0
18	Godalming Town	1	0	0	1	-1	0
19	Metropolitan Police	1	0	0	1	-2	0
20	Eversley & California	1	0	0	1	-3	0

TOP SCORERS

1 - Stuart Mortimer

THE TEAMS

VIRGINIA WATER FC

Maroon Shirts | Maroon Shorts & Socks | GK: Orange

Manager: Paul McCarthy | **Asst. Manager:** Paul Mills

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Adam Sams, Ben Warren | **Physio:** Elisha Timms

Squad:

Luke Appleton | Jack Beadle | Samuel Balogun | Ryan Blake | Kai Boylan | James Darvill | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Alex Harden | Ash Hutchinson | Danyaal Iqbal | Matthew Jones | Harry Kidd | Harrison Marquez | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane | Jack Mills | Stuart Mortimer | Billy Murphy | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jake Rangecroft | Jibril Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Turnell Sinclair | Ellis-Jay Skeete



GODALMING TOWN FC

Yellow Shirts | Blue Shorts & White Socks | GK: Blue

Manager: Mo Sher | **Asst. Manager:** Jack Webb

Coaches: Warren Le Page, Toby Sleight | **Physio:** Steve Snelling

Squad:

George Douglas | Ollie Ballam | Deji Adeosun | Deji Alabi | Conor Stillwell | Malachi Thomas | Mark Soares | Cameron Edwin | Jack Sherwood | Alexander Afful | Sam Fernley | Rob Parrott | Shane Johnson | Elliott Creely | Evan Kelly | Jonathan Miller-Annor | Keiran Campbell



MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Jack Owen

Assistant Referees: Mark Branwhite, Tom Fondie