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PREMIER DIVISION NORTH 2024/25

VWFC VS EDGWARE & KINGSBURY

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

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VIRGINIA WATER FC

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A very warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Edgware & Kingsbury FC. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.

Well, it's finally over!! The last day of, what feels like the longest winter was yesterday, so let's all look forward to watching those balmy end of season games.

The decision to move to Arbour Park means that we have had very few games called off, so we are well ahead of most teams in the division with fixtures and we will be looking to finish the season as early as possible to give players and staff a well-deserved break.

Up the Waters!!



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WE ARE THE WATERS



Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season, and celebrated its centenary in 2020. During the reign of King Edward VIII, Waters gained financial support (Royal Patronage) from the Crown, in the sum of £2 per annum. This continued throughout the reign of King George VI, who actually 'gifted' VWFC their current ground. Until 1964 Waters were part of the Woking & District League, at which time they joined the Surrey Intermediate League, moving on to the Spartan League soon after.

In 1969 the clubhouse at the Timbers was erected and opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, who was then President of FIFA. The Timbers was given this name after the late Harry Timbers, one of the founder members of our Club. In 1970 Waters gained promotion from the Spartan League to the Combined Counties League, and steady progress saw them gain entry into the FA Vase. The 1980's were a disappointing period in our history, that saw successive relegations to the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League. The 1990/91 season proved a turning point, with Waters winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup, beating Colney Hall 3-0 in the final. This was followed with promotion to the Surrey Premier League and Combined Counties League, but we were only allowed to stay there for one season due to league ground grading rulings.

Despite that relegation, Waters won three Surrey County Premier Cups in 1995, 1996 and 1997, the latter being part of a historic League and League Cup Treble! With league name changes the norm, in 2000 the Surrey Premier League became the Surrey Senior League, where Waters stayed until 2002, before joining the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), for three seasons before another relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010 Waters won promotion to the Surrey Elite League. Despite winning the County and League Cups, further promotion proved elusive.

Ceri Jones was appointed manager in 2015-16, finishing fourth in his first season in charge. The following season he appointed Richard Banks as Head Coach, and Waters duly won back-to-back promotions to the Hellenic League Division One, then Premier (competing at Step 5 for the first time in the club's history) - including a cup double in 2016-17. After a period of consolidation in the Hellenic Premier Division, there was to be another FA National League System adjustment, that saw Waters moved across to the Combined Counties Premier League (North).

At the end of the 2021-22 season, after 7 successful years as manager, Ceri became Director of Football, and appointed Adam Bessent as his successor along with Jake Bessent as Assistant Manager. The 2022/23 season saw us reach the Senior County Cup final, finishing second to Met Police in the final, and also our highest ever league position - a respectable 7th place. The Bessent's sadly resigned their positions early in to the 2023/24 season. An internal promotion saw Adam Sams take over the reins as the new First Team manager, ably assisted by Ben Warren as first team coach, and successfully lead the club to another 7th place League finish and reach the Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final where we were narrowly beaten by Burnham FC 2-1 to be Runner's Up. The club still aims for continued success, both on and off the pitch, in the future and the move, under a new Ground Share arrangement, to the great facilities at Slough Town is seen as a step forward for the 2024/25 Season.

Waters also have a youth section at the club (VWFC Youth), which the club proudly aspires to, and uses as a direct pathway to adult football. The Youth Section continues to flourish; it now stands at 19 teams and growing rapidly, especially our girls program, in partnership with the FA Wildcats scheme, which will see 4 Girls Teams (U9, U10, U11 and U13) play under the Waters Banner in the 2024/25 season.





Matt Jones Goalkeeper

Product of the QPR academy and an ever present in goal over the past 9 seasons. Consistently impresses



Finn Evered Defender

Towering centre back, returning to the club after a 2-year hiatus. Commanding and calm, a big presence at the back



Ryan Blake Defender

Stalwart of the Waters defence, with football league pedigree at Brentford. Loyal and committed individual



Sean McGuinness Defender

Summer signing from 23/24
Champions Flackwell Heath, Sean brings a experience of Step 4 football to the side



Sam Blakebrough Midfielder

Signed from Chalfont St Peter having previously played for Wealdstone. Technical player who likes to get on the ball and impressed when playing against us last season



James Goodey Midfielder

An energetic midfielder and a 2022 signing after impressing in pre-season. Previous step 5 experience with Ascot



Jack Simmons Midfielder

Back at Waters after spending two seasons playing college football in the USA. All-rounding midfielder



Saaim Rafi Midfielder

Returned to Waters after his spell at Loughborough University. Will add some control and quality in the centre of the park



Turnell Sinclair Forward

Signed from Molesey in 21/22, he has consistently been the club's top scorer in each season since joining Waters



Freddie Solly Defender

A young full back signed from Slough Town's Elite Development Squad. Brings youth and enthusiasm to the side



Chris Ellis Defender

Top signing for the club from close rivals Ascot United. Has a long throw in his armoury, the envy of many



Ash Hitchinson Defender

In his second season with VW. Accomplished at Centre Back, full back or central midfield. Big team player



Harrison Marquez Defender

Another signing from the Slough Town Academy. Comfortable on the ball at centre back or left back



Jack Mills Midfielder

Signed from Spelthorne Sports in 2022. A quality, experienced midfielder whose previous clubs include Hayes & Yeading and Bedfont Sports



Josh Andrew Midfielder

Recently signed from the emerging Slough Town Academy. Versatile on the wing or at Left back



Cal Hamilton Midfielder

Great signing for the Waters, having returned to the area after graduation from Loughborough University. Energetic and quality midfielder



Billy Blake Midfielder

Younger brother of Ryan, joined us a couple of seasons ago from Ashford U18 Allied Counties. Terrific energy in midfield



Mark Bitmead Forward

Experienced and proven goal scorer at various levels of football. An excellent signing for the club from Bedfont Sports

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REF FENCING

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



History - The club were founded in 1939 and played in the Middlesex Senior League until joining the Coronation League in the 1946-47 season. In 1948 they won the Middlesex Senior Cup. In 1963 the club transferred to Division One of the Athenian League. They finished third in their first season and were promoted to the Premier Division. In 1966-67 they finished bottom of the division and were relegated to Division One. This was followed by a second successive relegation to Division Two as they finished bottom of the table again.

In 1972 the club was renamed Edgware. When the Athenian League disbanded in 1984 they joined the London Spartan League before changing their name back to Edgware Town in 1987. They won the Premier Division of the Spartan League in 1987-88 and 1989-90, and after their second title win, were promoted to Division Two North of the Isthmian League. After league re-organisation in 1991 they were placed in Division Three, which they won the following season. They were relegated back to Division Three in 2001. In 2006 the now-renamed Division Two was disbanded and Edgware were transferred to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They won it at the first attempt, also winning the Premier Cup and the Challenge Trophy. The club was promoted to Division One North of the Isthmian League but folded at the end of the 2007-08 season due to lack of funds.

In 2014 a group including Dan and Antony Manzi, Daz Bloor and Ken Batten secured the club's inclusion back into non-league football. After a shaky start to the 2014-15 season, the club finished a credible 9th and Middx Prem Cup Runners up after the management team of Michael Roche, Fabio Valenti and Peter Grant came in. The 2015-16 Season saw "The Wares" finish top with only 2 defeats and lose in the Divisional Cup Final to Crawley Green. The ground, Silver Jubilee Park has achieved a C grade rating with 3 new stands, new floodlights and extended changing rooms and a new perimeter fence. The Ken Batten Stand should be in place shortly and then SJP will have 2 seated stands, 3 standing covered stands with a capacity just shy of 2000. Fabio Valenti took over as 1st team manager in June 2016.

Fergus Moore took over the team in 2017 after the departure of Fabio Valenti, and after a difficult start the team finished 10th which showed a marked improvement from the season before. The 2018-19 season was another midtable finish with Fergus pretty much on his own but towards the end of the season he was joined by Joe Pascoe who came over from the Hendon U18's and that's how the 2019-20 season will begin. The 2019-20 season was cut short because of Covid19 but before that happened the Wares were looking pretty good for a top 10 finish in the league, having started the season well the team went through a horrible period losing 13 of their next 14 games before recovering to win 6 of their next 9 games. The 2020-21 season starts with the return of our title winning manager Michael Roche as Fergus's assistant and also arriving on the coaching staff are Scott McGleish, Glen Parry and Julian Darby. 2020-21 was again brutally cut short with the season being abandoned in December but not before there was a managerial change with Rak Hudson replacing Fergus Moore and having had only three competitive before lockdown 2021-22 means Rak can start afresh with a brand new squad.

2021-22 Finally a complete season and our first in the newly formed Combined Counties Premier Division North, Rak assembled a brand-new squad and in their first competitive match were beaten 3-0 by Hadley in the FA Cup but in the league, they won 3 of their first 4 matches and drew the other to eventual runaway winners Hanworth Villa. The club finished a creditable 8th in the division and had a decent run in the League Cup where they reached the third round losing away at Cobham and but for a dreadful run at the end of the season they may have finished in the top 5. The 22-23 season saw the club change its name from Edgware Town to Edgware & Kingsbury to reflect the area where our home ground is situated.

The season itself saw the club finish 6th in the Combined Counties Premier Division North which was the highest finish since the club reformed. After a strong start the club went through a 9-game winless streak midway through the season but a few mid-season changes saw the club finish the season strongly. The club also reached the 1st Qualifying round of the FA Cup knocking out step 4 side AFC Dunstable after a replay. The 23-24 season promised a lot with the majority of the squad that finished the previous season remaining and things did start well, a replay defeat to Waltham Abbey in the FA Cup who only equalized in the 95th minute in the first game to send it to a replay, and a decent start in the league, the club did not foresee the horrible run that ensued that saw us avoid relegation by a single point, let's hope there is no repeat.



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Adult team sponsorship (30 players)

- 1st Team kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £2000
- All Senior teams Warm up tops, your name and logo on back or chest - £2000
- Youth section sponsorship (>110 players)
- Youth Team Kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £500
- Youth Team Kit and Tracksuit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - £900
- Youth Section training jackets sponsorship (12 Teams every player will get a jacket with your company name on the back) - £2000

Various availability for 24/25 seasons depending on team requirements – please enquire with the club for specific team contacts

Pitch-side banners

- 2m x 600cm Banner pitch side at the Timbers - £500
- Web banners
- Your company banner on the Virginia Water FC website (1000 hits per month) - £500

Matchday programme

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NAME: Dominic Walmsley

POSITION: Centre Mid

NICKNAME: Dom

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF: I

spent 6 years as a paratrooper



What is your day job?

Only very recently left the army, so taking a short break from work



Best player you've played with?

Probably Tom Cursons. He was in the year below me at school, and we played on the school team. He now plays for Harrogate in League 2



Previous clubs played for?

Stanway Rovers, Army Men's Senior Team, Parachute Regiment FC



What 3 words would describe your football playing style?

Industrious, aggressive, technical



What's been your best football moment to date?

Captaining the Parachute Regiment team to 2 prestigious military trophies: The Army Cup and the Army Super Cup, whilst going unbeaten for 2 years



Matt Jones is buying the drinks, what are you having?

Double Jack Daniel's and Coke



If you were stuck on a desert island, what 3 things would you have to have (no mobiles!)?

A football, a machete and a crate of Desperados



The team get a last minute penalty, who are you trusting to take it?

Turnell



What's the best food you've ever had?

Probably the fried chicken I had at this bar in North Carolina. Had 3 meals in one day there



Being honest... what's your keepy up record?

Somewhere in the region of 150-200. After that I lose all motivation, get bored and want to do something else



IN PROFILE

FROM THE BOSS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to today's match officials and everyone associated with Edgware & Kingsbury FC.

Last Saturday was very pleasing and we fully deserved the 3 points. We did our homework Tuesday evening watching Harefield at Egham and put a good training session together on the Thursday. A plan was put in place and the players were brilliant at executing it.

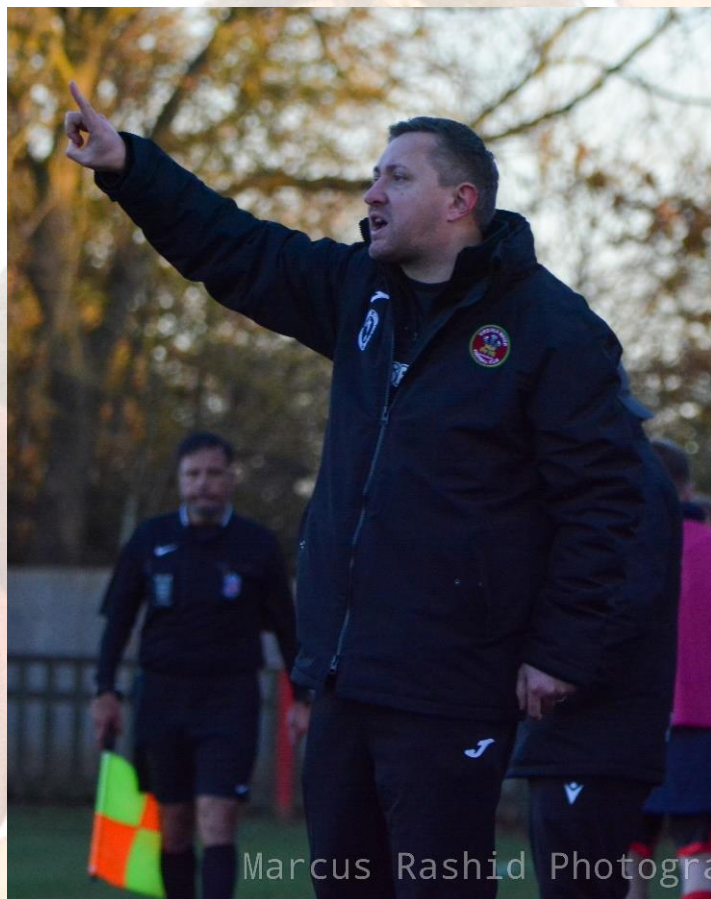
Today will be a tough game for different reasons as Edgware have a new management team in place and are picking up points in their bid to get out of the bottom two. They are fighting for every point as are we. We need to keep building from last week and it will be another test for us today!

The boys have been working hard in training and putting the minutes in fitness wise, so we are ready for a big push with these last 7 games.

As we are now in the business end of the season, we need every bit of support!

UP THE WATERS!!

Adam



6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Inspired by our friends over at Horsham FC, who have this feature in their programme, we thought we'd give it a go! Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other. As a result, a chain of "friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps. The rule is that the two connecting people have to know each other. It's not enough for them to just link – for example, two people supporting the same football team.

So... midfielder **Pierce McNamara's** favourite player in his youth was Cesc Fabregas (before he went to Chelsea, obviously!). Two classy midfielders? Let's link them...



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Our boys do love to have a footballer friend, and our Pierce is no different. His contact list includes Tottenham's Dane Scarlett.

Whilst not one of the first names on the team sheet, Dane has played alongside some decent Spuds players, including Harry Kane



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3

Harry Kane is officially England's greatest ever goalscorer, playing and captaining his country numerous times, and playing in different eras. He has been in squads that included the likes of James Milner

Another one who has been around the block a bit, James Milner's long England career saw him cross paths with many players, including John Terry



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Chelsea legend, and social bad boy, John Terry, was of course a team mate at Chelsea of none other than...

The Spanish Maestro, and Pierce's idol, Cesc Fabregas! Cesc was probably best known for his times at Arsenal and Barcelona, but he did have a spell at Chelsea too.



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YOUTH UPDATE

Vixens go to Wembley!

Wednesday 26th Feb 2025 – England Lionesses 1-0 Spain (Women's Nations League)

Report from Lars Edwards

The VWFC Vixens (strongly represented by the U10s, U13s and an u9) braved a cold school night and the wrath of their teachers the next day (or perhaps they were just avoiding Wednesday night training?) to watch England's Lionesses take on Spain in a replay of the World Cup Final. This time, however, the Lionesses were the victors, and we were able to celebrate (loudly) at the final whistle!

It was a fantastic experience for our girls to watch their role models in action and a great night had by all. For some, it was their first time watching a live game in a stadium and I'm sure it will not be their last! I may have even managed to sneak in some coaching...

A huge THANK YOU from all the Vixens to the FA and VWFC for this opportunity.

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26/02/25

PDN Hilltop 2-1 Reading City

25/02/25

MSCC Bedfont Sports 2-2 Hanwell Town FC (pens 4-5)

PDN Berks County 1-4 Burnham

PDN British Airways 2-4 Holyport

PDN Risborough Rangers 0-2 Harefield United

Fixtures Today

PDN Berks County v Bedfont Sports

PDN British Airways v Amersham Town

PDN Broadfields United v Wokingham Town

PDN Harefield United v Burnham

PDN Milton United v Egham Town

PDN Reading City v Ardley United

PDN Risborough Rangers v Wembley

PDN **Virginia Water** v Edgware & Kingsbury

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Amersham Town	31	21	5	5	47	68
2	Egham Town	29	20	6	3	67	66
3	Bedfont Sports	28	18	4	6	45	58
4	Holyport	33	15	8	10	6	53
5	Harefield United	27	15	4	8	20	49
6	North Greenford United	27	15	3	9	24	48
7	Virginia Water	31	13	9	9	11	48
8	Burnham	28	14	5	9	20	47
9	Ardley United	31	13	3	15	-9	42
10	Hilltop	34	11	6	17	-34	39
11	British Airways	30	9	9	12	-9	36
12	Milton United	24	10	4	10	8	34
13	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	29	9	7	13	-10	34
14	Broadfields United	29	9	7	13	-15	34
15	Wokingham Town	28	10	2	16	-23	32
16	Reading City	28	7	8	13	-16	29
17	Risborough Rangers	28	6	11	11	-20	29
18	Berks County	33	8	5	20	-40	29
19	Edgware & Kingsbury	29	7	4	18	-38	25
20	Wembley	29	7	2	20	-34	23

Team Form: WDDLWD

11/01/25	H vs Hilltop	D 0-0
18/01/25	A vs Wallingford	D 1-1
25/01/25	H vs Amersham	L 1-2
01/02/25	H vs Ardley Utd	W 1-0
08/02/25	A vs Reading City	D 0-0
22/02/25	H vs Harefield	W 3-2

Top Scorers (all comps)

Turnell Sinclair	15
Mark Bitmead	8
Jack Mills	8
Guy Davies	5
Cal Hamilton	5
Sean McGuinness	4

THE TEAMS



Virginia Water FC

Kit: Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Turquoise

Manager: Adam Sams

Assistant Manager: Ben Warren

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Dan Bailey

Physios: Elisha Timms, David Cole

Squad:

Dan Bailey | Mark Bitmead | Billy Blake | Ryan Blake | Sam Blakebrough | Andrio Brandao | Sam Brittain | Michael Chambers | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Chris Ellis | Finn Evered | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Guy Hollis | Matt Jones (gk) | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Krystian Komosinski | Kweku Lucan | Harrison Marquez | Sean McGuinness | Pierce McNamara | Jack Mills © | Brian Nelson | Albie Nolan-French | Ryan North (gk) | Saaim Rafi | Owen Rennie | Jack Simmons | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly | George Tims | Dominic Walmsley



Edgware & Kingsbury FC

Kit: Pink & White Shirts

White Shorts & Pink Socks

GK: Orange

Manager: Scott Patmore

Assistant Managers: Ryan Court, Lee Grant

Kit Man: Martyn Hyland

Physio: Foday



Squad:

Aram Sarkissian | Levi Young | Alex More | Tom Chaibi | Oliie Modeste | Ben Cook | Kean Graver | Youel Emmanuel | Samuel Adetiba | Omar El-Gtaibi | Mark Osei | Alex Robb | Ayo Olatin | Eisa Azab | Jahed Ahmed

Match Officials

Referee: Adriana Bucur

Assistant Referee: Brian Capel

Assistant Referee: Paul Bennet

Observer: Peter Ashdown

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