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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs North Greenford United

Saturday 9th August 2025

Arbour Park, kick off 3pm

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Combined Counties Premier Division North



Club Info

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- 1st Team kit sponsorship, your name and logo on back or chest of kit - **£2000**
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- Half Page advertisement £500 for a season
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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 North Greenford United. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



We had a good win in the FA Cup on Tuesday, which means we are confident going into today's match.

It always seems strange playing football in August as it's the traditional holiday month with players and staff away at various points, so it's hard to get into an early rhythm.

We are expecting a tough match tonight against a strong North Greenford side, who are looking to get up and running themselves with a win.

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: Darnell Lemar

Position: Centre Back

Previous clubs played for: Yateley United, Spelthorne Sports, Laleham, NPL



Do you have any nicknames?

D, Lemar or Yardie

What's your day job?

Events Organiser

Which pro team do you support?

Man United

Who's the best player you've played with?

Jon Russell (Barnsley and Jamaica)

Who has been the biggest influence on your football development?

My dad

What is the best ground you've played at?

The Beveree (Hampton & Richmond)

What was the last live game you went to?

Man United vs City in the Community Shield

What's been the most embarrassing thing to happen to you playing football?

Losing 4-0 in a Middlesex cup final

Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?

A quick prayer before the game

What boots are you wearing this season?

Any that I can get in a size 14

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Today's opponents

North Greenford United | History of the Club



The club was founded in September 1944. Following the appointment of John Bivens as First Team Manager in 1994 and the installation of floodlights in 2002, the club was elected to the Combined Counties League. In 2003/04, managed by Steve Hawkins, the club were runners-up in the Premier Challenge Cup losing 4-1 to AFC Wimbledon. In 2004/05 they finished league runners-up and in 2006/07, under Mick Harvey, reached the Challenge Cup final again, this time losing 4-1 to Merstham.

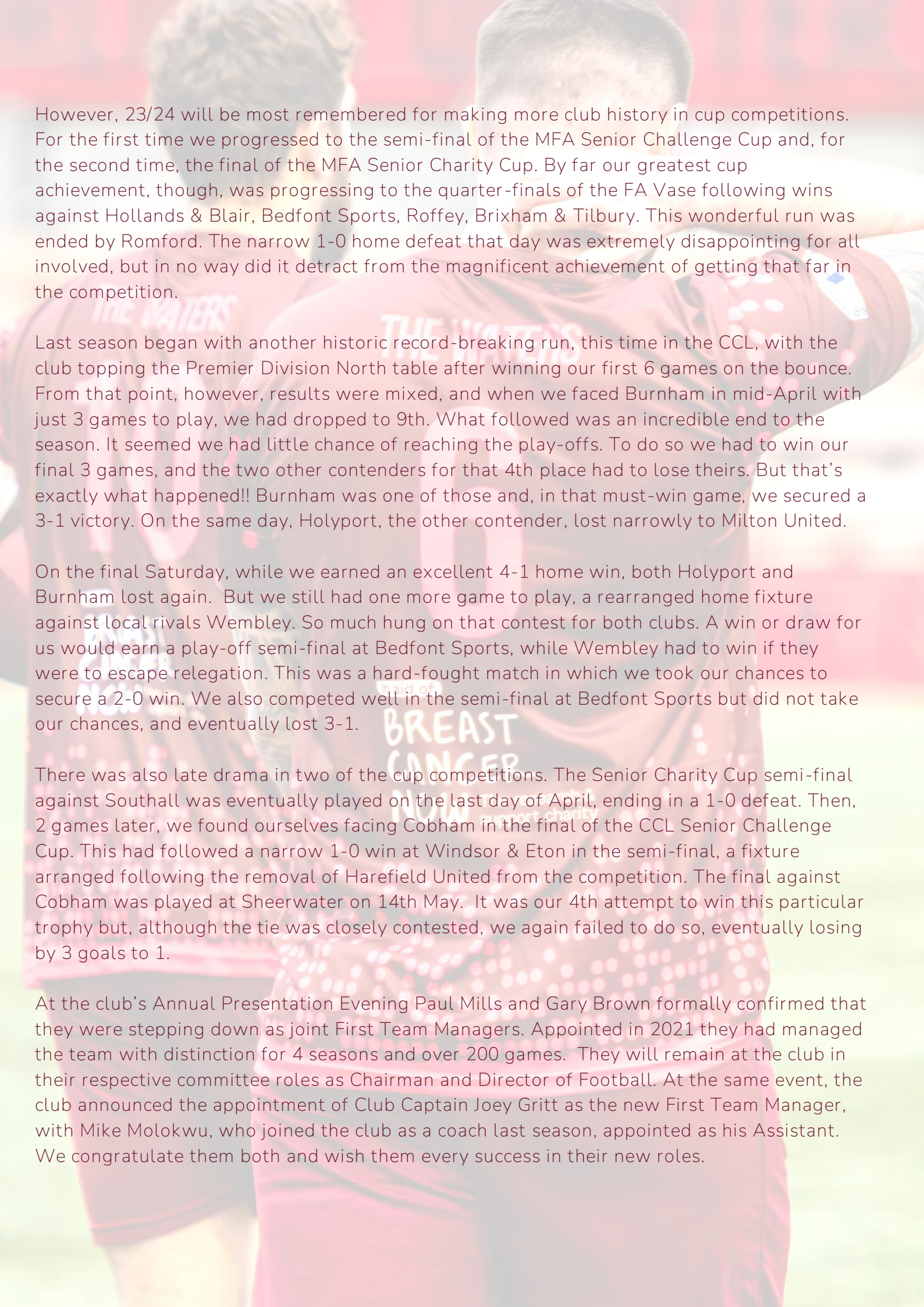
Steve Ringrose took over the Manager's job in 2008 achieving runners-up spot for the second time. Under Ringrose season 2009/10 was the most successful in the club's history to date when we were crowned CCL Champions, earning promotion to the Southern League Division One Central, and also winning the MFA Senior Charity Cup. Although always finishing in the bottom half of the table, the club succeeded in retaining its Step 4 status for five seasons, but with frequent managerial changes, seven before eventually being relegated in 2016.

The club's return to Step 5 football in 2016 began badly and a decision was taken in October to appoint the experienced management team of Danny Vincent and Colin Murphy. They remained with the club until 2017/18 before unexpectedly resigning just before we were transferred to the Spartan League. The committee re-appointed Paul Palmer who had just won promotion with Southall. Hopes for a successful season were short-lived, however, as the club became embroiled in another relegation struggle.

Following two successful seasons leading the Under 18's, the decision was taken to promote Colin Jones to the role along with his assistants, Paul Mills and Gary Brown, with Dino Pashias taking over as Youth Team manager. Much progress was made with regards player development during the two Covid seasons, and in 2020/21 the team reached the FA Vase 3rd Round for the first time.

Jones resigned in April 2021, and Paul and Gary were asked to take over the management role. They both accepted, agreeing to share the responsibilities of the post. In May 2021 the club, as expected, was transferred back to the CCL and placed in the newly formed Premier Division North. The 5th place finish in season 2021/22, their first in charge, was the highest the club had reached since being crowned CCL champions back in 2010.

Cup success accompanied league success in 2022/23. We reached the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, the Quarter-final of the MFA Senior Cup and, most successfully, the Third Round Proper of the FA Vase for a second time as well as the Final of the CCL Premier Challenge Cup. During both 22/23 and 23/24, appalling weather conditions caused many postponements with the team having to play over a quarter of its league games in April – 10 in 2023 and 12 in 2024. Despite this, Paul and Gary still managed to finish both campaigns in a very creditable 8th position.



However, 23/24 will be most remembered for making more club history in cup competitions. For the first time we progressed to the semi-final of the MFA Senior Challenge Cup and, for the second time, the final of the MFA Senior Charity Cup. By far our greatest cup achievement, though, was progressing to the quarter-finals of the FA Vase following wins against Hollands & Blair, Bedfont Sports, Roffey, Brixham & Tilbury. This wonderful run was ended by Romford. The narrow 1-0 home defeat that day was extremely disappointing for all involved, but in no way did it detract from the magnificent achievement of getting that far in the competition.

Last season began with another historic record-breaking run, this time in the CCL, with the club topping the Premier Division North table after winning our first 6 games on the bounce. From that point, however, results were mixed, and when we faced Burnham in mid-April with just 3 games to play, we had dropped to 9th. What followed was an incredible end to the season. It seemed we had little chance of reaching the play-offs. To do so we had to win our final 3 games, and the two other contenders for that 4th place had to lose theirs. But that's exactly what happened!! Burnham was one of those and, in that must-win game, we secured a 3-1 victory. On the same day, Holyport, the other contender, lost narrowly to Milton United.

On the final Saturday, while we earned an excellent 4-1 home win, both Holyport and Burnham lost again. But we still had one more game to play, a rearranged home fixture against local rivals Wembley. So much hung on that contest for both clubs. A win or draw for us would earn a play-off semi-final at Bedfont Sports, while Wembley had to win if they were to escape relegation. This was a hard-fought match in which we took our chances to secure a 2-0 win. We also competed well in the semi-final at Bedfont Sports but did not take our chances, and eventually lost 3-1.

There was also late drama in two of the cup competitions. The Senior Charity Cup semi-final against Southall was eventually played on the last day of April, ending in a 1-0 defeat. Then, 2 games later, we found ourselves facing Cobham in the final of the CCL Senior Challenge Cup. This had followed a narrow 1-0 win at Windsor & Eton in the semi-final, a fixture arranged following the removal of Harefield United from the competition. The final against Cobham was played at Sheerwater on 14th May. It was our 4th attempt to win this particular trophy but, although the tie was closely contested, we again failed to do so, eventually losing by 3 goals to 1.

At the club's Annual Presentation Evening Paul Mills and Gary Brown formally confirmed that they were stepping down as joint First Team Managers. Appointed in 2021 they had managed the team with distinction for 4 seasons and over 200 games. They will remain at the club in their respective committee roles as Chairman and Director of Football. At the same event, the club announced the appointment of Club Captain Joey Gritt as the new First Team Manager, with Mike Molokwu, who joined the club as a coach last season, appointed as his Assistant. We congratulate them both and wish them every success in their new roles.

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JUST FOR FUN...

Name: Harrison Marquez | **Position:** Centre back

Would you rather...

- 👑 Be famous for something extremely embarrassing, or live a quiet anonymous life?

Live a quiet anonymous life

- 👑 Sign for the Premier League champions and hardly play, or play in the Championship and be a star?

Championship and be a star

- 👑 For the rest of your film-watching life, watch nothing but rom-coms or horror films?

Horror films

- 👑 Your country wins the World Cup or your team win the treble?

Win the World Cup In aid of

- 👑 Be stranded in the desert, or the arctic?

Stranded in the Arctic

- 👑 Have a free season ticket for life but go to all the games wearing full kit, or never go to a live game again?

Full season ticket for life and wear full kit

- 👑 Never have a mobile phone or never watch tv?

Never watch TV

- 👑 Do 100 x 100 metre sprints, or 1000 burpees?

100x 100 metre sprints

- 👑 Never have your favourite drink or never eat your favourite food?

Never have my favourite drink

- 👑 Score from inside your own half, or an acrobatic bicycle kick?

Acrobatic bicycle kick



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Competition Info

Recent Results

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FAC	Ashford Town (Middx) 3-2 Eastbourne Town (aet)
PDN	British Airways 0-1 Burnham
PDN	Broadfields United 4-0 Edgware & Kingsbury
FAC	Deal Town 4-1 Hilltop
FAC	Harefield United 3-2 Peacehaven & Telscombe
FAC	Reading City 2-0 Cirencester Town
FAC	Virginia Water 3-2 Thornbury Town

06/08/25

FAC	Clevedon Town 2-0 Kidlington
PDN	Milton United 3-1 North Greenford United

Fixtures Today

PDN	Amersham Town v Wokingham Town
PDN	British Airways v Abingdon United
PDN	Burnham v Kidlington
PDN	Edgware & Kingsbury v Holyport
PDN	Harefield United v Milton United
PDN	North Leigh v Hilltop
PDN	Reading City v Ashford Town (Middx)
PDN	Virginia Water v North Greenford United
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh v Broadfields United
PDN	Windsor & Eton v Ardley United

League Table

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

Top Scorers

Alfie Grant	2
Jojo Kinzonzi	2
Aiden Payne-James	1

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Yellow

Manager: TBA

Asst. Managers: Dan Bailey, Ben Warren

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Chris Ellis

Physios: Elisha Timms, David Cole



Squad:

Dan Bailey | Josh Baines | Pacey Jacob Bean | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | George Butler | Firas Chniba | Jamie Di Giuseppe | 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 | Joe McBride | Jack Mills © | Albie Nolan-French | Aiden Payne-James | Turnell Sinclair | Freddie Solly | Dominic Walmsley



North Greenford United FC

Kit:

Blue Shirts

Blue Shorts & Blue Socks

GK: Yellow

Manager: Joey Gritt

Asst. Manager: Mike Molokwu

Coach: Dominic Cassells, Sam House

Physio: Aishling Miles



Squad:

Ryan Lehane (gk) | Carl Bower | Daniel Killeen | Szymon Reddin | Georgie Brown | Elliott Byrne | Charlie Mitchell | Samuel Brown | Morgan Cooper | Harvey Killeen | Archie Moore | Jacob Ballheimer (gk) | Tommy Mills | Jake Heighes | George Harmes | Joe Mills | Renato Kalaj | Francesco Pass | Courtney Austin | Chris Martin-Thomas

Match Officials

Referee: Mikaeel Wozniak

Assistant Referees: Jonathon Biss, Mark Branwhite