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Combined Counties Premier Division South

VWFC VS CORINTHIAN-CASUALS

Saturday 24th October 2026

Alwyns Lane, kick off 3pm

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JONES THE VOICE

Good afternoon and welcome to today's fixture against Corinthian-Casuals FC.

If you're reading this article, we've successfully weathered Storm Amber and Storm Austen. Credit must go to our excellent ground keeping team and the superb facilities at Chertsey Town for ensuring today's game could go ahead.

Looking back through the records, it appears this is the first competitive meeting between our two clubs. Given the rich history of Corinthian-Casuals and our close proximity, that comes as quite a surprise and makes today's encounter an especially notable occasion.

Last Saturday's break from league action saw us host Tooting & Mitcham United in the First Round of the Premier Challenge Cup. After a highly entertaining contest, we eventually progressed 9-8 on penalties. While progressing was pleasing and our reward is a 2nd Round tie away to Kidlington FC, the biggest positive was the opportunity to rotate the squad and give valuable minutes to players who have been waiting for their chance. Every player stepped up and impressed, highlighting the strength and depth we now have throughout the squad and giving Macca plenty to think about when selecting today's team.

To everyone joining us today, thank you for your fantastic support. Let's get behind the lads and hopefully enjoy another memorable afternoon of football.

Up The Waters.

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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 Southeastern 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 the 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

CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FOOTBALL CLUB | HISTORY OF THE CLUB

Hidden away off a slip road by the A3 in Tolworth is King George's Arena, home to one of the most significant clubs in the history of world football: Corinthian-Casuals. The club in its modern guise was formed in 1939 as the result of a merger between two grand old amateur clubs, Corinthian FC and Casuals FC. Corinthian FC was founded in 1882, bringing together the best amateur players in the south of England into a representative side which acted as a launching pad for the national team in the years to come. 'The Corinthians' – as they were known to most – provided the entire England XI for two international matches, in 1894 and 1895. Corinthian played with style and class, so much so that, when Real Madrid were founded, it is said the players decided to adopt white jerseys in their honour.

Yet, the Corinthians' most obvious stamp on modern football is a legacy of their 1910 tour to Brazil, during which their performances so impressed the locals in Sao Paulo that they formed their own club of the same name. Sport Club Corinthians Paulista – Corinthians for short – went on to become one of the best-supported and most successful clubs on the continent. A further to trip to South America was aborted upon the team's arrival in 1914, owing to the outbreak of the First World War. After hearing the news, the players made the decision to return home immediately. Devastatingly, more than 100 former players of the Corinthians and the Casuals lost their lives in the war.

Corinthian didn't believe in entering competitions, but they made an exception to play the English league champions or FA Cup winners in the Sheriff of London Shield (a forerunner of the Community Shield) and they were the most popular opponent for exhibition matches with the top professional teams. They also took the show on the road, touring around the world. In a sense, they were the first global superstars of football. In 1904, for example, the Corinthians defeated Manchester United 11-3, which remains the Red Devils' record defeat to this day.

Corinthianism has always stood for sporting integrity, fair play and the power of the game for the greater good. In 1939, the Corinthians merged with another great London amateur club, Casuals FC, to form Corinthian-Casuals, wearing the pink-and-chocolate shirts of the Casuals, who had their own proud history. Formed in 1883, they were a

strong force in the early amateur game, runners up in the first FA Amateur Cup Final in 1894, founder members of the Isthmian League in 1905, first holders of the AFA Senior Cup in 1907 and winners of the FA Amateur Cup in 1936. Throughout their history, the best Casuals players were often called upon to represent the Corinthians, and the amalgamation was a coming together of two clubs whose stories were already entwined.

Corinthian-Casuals entered the league system and reached the FA Amateur Cup final in 1956, with England cricket star Micky Stewart among their number, but after drawing at Wembley were defeated by Bishop Auckland in a replay at Middlesbrough. The club has twice reached the FA Cup first round proper since amalgamation, playing Watford in 1965/66 and Bristol City in 1982/83. 1988 was a truly historic year, as the club returned to Brazil, where they faced a Corinthians All-Star XI featuring Brazilian greats Rivelino and Socrates. Indeed, Socrates played for both sides, pulling on the pink-and-brown of the Casuals midway through the second half, in a moment that has gone down in club folklore.

The new millennium brought plenty more historic adventures for the Corinthian-Casuals. They visited Brazil again in 2001 and then were invited to play a friendly at the recently reopened Wembley Stadium in 2008, when AFC Wimbledon were their opponents. In 2011, the team lifted the Surrey Senior Cup under the management of Brian Adamson. Then, in 2015, Corinthian-Casuals played the SC Corinthians Paulista first team for the first time in the two clubs' history. 30,000 people turned up for the momentous occasion in the Corinthians Arena as the game ended 3-0 to the Brazilian side, but there was great excitement when Jamie Byatt swapped jerseys – and sides – with Corinthians captain Danilo for the last few minutes. Corinthian-Casuals went from strength to strength in the years that followed under the management of James Bracken, whose brother Danny captained the side as goalkeeper. In 2018, after two near misses, they achieved promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division, and a year later won the Egri Erbstein Tournament on a trip to Budapest, where they were invited due to the part they had played in the early growth of football in Hungary.

The Bracken brothers departed in the summer of 2022 and the two seasons that followed were tough as the team suffered back-to-back relegations to the Combined Counties League Premier Division. However, the past two seasons brought stability with former trophy-winning manager Brian Adamson as chairman and one-time Casuals midfielder, Mu Maan, in the dugout. After two mid-table finishes, the club turned to Warren Burton to lead them into the 2026/27 season but after a tough start to the campaign, he departed in late August, with Liam Giles taking over as manager shortly afterwards.

FROM THE GAFFER

Good afternoon everyone, welcome to Alwyns Lane for our home game against Corinthian Casuals. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

Last Saturday was another entertaining game against Tooting in the Premier Challenge Cup. I thought we played really well and it was an opportunity for people that haven't really been playing to get some minutes in their legs. Those that were involved did well and the penalties that were on show were exceptional from both sides in the eventual shootout.

Today against Corinthian-Casuals will be a tough test. It's an opportunity for us though to put behind the last two league results and get back on a run that we were on beforehand.

As always, enjoy the game and I'll be in the bar if anyone wants a chat.

Up the Waters,
Macca

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RECENT RESULTS

19/10/26

PDS Sutton Common Rovers 2-0 Godalming Town

20/10/26

SCC Abbey Rangers 2-1 Camberley Town

PDS Epsom & Ewell 0-3 Alton

PDS Knaphill 7-0 Badshot Lea

SCC Sheerwater 8-3 Cove

21/10/26

PDS Balham 2-1 Chipstead

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS Abbey Rangers v Badshot Lea

PDS Alton v Knaphill

PDS Balham v Yateley United

PDS Camberley Town v Epsom & Ewell

PDS Eversley & California v Sheerwater

PDS Metropolitan Police v Tooting & Mitcham United

PDS Redhill v Fleet Town

PDS Tadley Calleva v Chipstead

PDS **Virginia Water** v Corinthian-Casuals

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Fleet Town	13	12	1	0	25	37
2	Knaphill	15	12	0	3	17	36
3	Sutton Common Rovers	14	7	4	3	8	25
4	Redhill	12	7	3	2	13	24
5	Abbey Rangers	13	7	3	3	4	24
6	Badshot Lea	13	6	3	4	-6	21
7	Virginia Water	14	6	2	6	8	20
8	Camberley Town	13	6	1	6	-3	19
9	Metropolitan Police	14	5	3	6	6	18
10	Chipstead	13	5	2	6	2	17
11	Tadley Calleva	9	4	4	1	8	16
12	Sheerwater	13	4	4	5	6	16
13	Alton	14	4	4	6	-4	16
14	Corinthian-Casuals	14	4	4	6	-6	16
15	Tooting & Mitcham United	12	5	0	7	0	15
16	Balham	12	4	2	6	-3	14
17	Yateley United	15	3	5	7	-7	14
18	Epsom & Ewell	12	3	1	8	-11	10
19	Godalming Town	14	1	4	9	-21	7
20	Eversley & California	13	0	2	11	-36	2

TOP SCORERS

6 - Stuart Mortimer

4 - Tyler Robinson

3 - Danyaal Iqbal, Kingsley Etefia

2 – Kai Boylen, Lewis Flatman, James McLeod, Jamie Di Giuseppe, Jack Mills

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 | Ryan Blake | Kai Boylan | Archie Bulman | Armani Church | Ethan Darcy | James Darvill | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Kingsley Etefia | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton |Alex Harden | Ash Hitchinson | Guy Hollis | Bob Honey | Danyaal Iqbal | Ricky Johnson | Matthew Jones | Nat Kenlock | Harry Kidd | Jo Jo Kinzonzi | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane | Jack Mills | Stuart Mortimer | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jibril Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Ellis-Jay Skeete

CORINTHIAN-CASUALS FC

Black & White Shirts | Black Shorts & Socks | GK: Green

Manager: Liam Giles | **Asst. Managers:** Harrison Williams, Paul Oliver, Alfie Jones
Goalkeeping Coach: Ryan Stratton | **Physio:** Carly Doyle

Squad:
Matt Bagot | Shay Matthews | AJ Morrison | Leon Fisher | Clayton Afonso | Lee Quincey | Toby Nelson | Dan Webster | Ousmane Balde Dansoko | Kieran Campbell | Mark Soares | Morgan Vale | Azeez Elegushi | Marcos dos Santos | Carl Oblitey | Max Rope | Tricki Wilson | Hakeem Adelakun | Brandon Hatega | Nathan Boamah | Scott Day | James McElligott | Zack Ejeta | Connor Everitt | Cameron Baptiste | David Wloch | Tom Bland

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Andre Johnson-Small
Assistant Referees: John Bates, Lee Murphy