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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



Cherry Red Records

Combined Counties Premier Division South

VWFC VS REDHILL

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Alwyns Lane, kick off 7.45pm



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JONES THE VOICE

Good evening and welcome back to Alwyns Lane for tonight's Combined Counties League fixture against Redhill FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and supporters of Redhill and hope you enjoy your visit this evening.

Tonight's match gives us an immediate opportunity to put right one of our more disappointing results of the season so far. It was Redhill who ended our Emirates FA Cup campaign a few weeks ago, and everyone connected with the club will be hoping we can gain a measure of revenge this evening.

Saturday's trip to Newport Pagnell Town in the FA Vase was certainly one to remember; Delays on the M25 and a coach breakdown at Toddington Services meant the squad eventually completed the journey in hired minibuses, resulting in a delayed kick-off. Unfortunately, the afternoon did not improve much from there. Newport Pagnell proved to be a strong side, boasting arguably the best centre-forward and centre-back partnership we have faced this season. Despite the players' efforts, we came away on the wrong end of a 2-0 defeat, bringing our FA Vase campaign to an early close.

Or has it?

There may yet be a further twist in that story, with the FA Competition Team currently considering matters arising from the fixture. More on that in due course. For now, our focus turns back to the league. Last Tuesday's performance showed exactly what this squad is capable of, and let's hope we can replicate that level tonight against another tough opponent.

Finally, thank you once again to our volunteers, sponsors and supporters for your unwavering support. Whether following us on long away trips, enduring motorway delays, Coach break downs or backing the lads here at Alwyns Lane, your commitment to the club never goes unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Enjoy the game and let's get behind 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 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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REDHILL FOOTBALL CLUB | HISTORY OF THE CLUB



The It all started back in 1894, after a meeting between prominent local businessmen in the Warwick Hotel and shortly after, a friendly match was arranged against a Dorking side. That game ended in a two all draw and was played at the club's original home at "Wiggie" a ground lent to the club by their goalkeeper, Mr. H Trower.

Two years later, the club moved into its stadium of 88 years at Memorial Park in the centre of Redhill. At the time, the ground was an open swamp, until proper drainage was installed, which was accomplished under the auspices of a Sports Ground Association, an organisation that lasted until 1919. For the first few years, the club only competed in friendly matches but that all changed in 1898,

when Redhill Football Club entered the South Suburban League, followed by various other leagues, that, unfortunately, have since folded.

It didn't take long for the Red's to make an impact; The club were Champions of the East & West Surrey league in 1902/03, and two years later, lost in the Surrey Senior Cup final. Redhill became members of the Athenian League in 1923 and remained there until the league's demise in 1984. Success came early, being runners up and champions in their first two seasons in the league.

In 1925/26, the club enjoyed possibly its best season; reaching two cup finals and reaching the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup, losing to Northern Nomads at Arsenal's Highbury stadium in front of 17,000 people. A possible contribution to the final result of that game was the fact that Redhill lost their goalkeeper very early on with a severe jaw injury, this sparked off an unusual football tradition that can still be heard today. Without a 'keeper and down to 10 men, Redhill were reduced to kicking the ball out the ground every time the Nomads attacked and each time, a cry of "Redhill!" was screamed by the supporters of both sides. Over the years this spread around the entire country as both Redhill and the Nomads travelled the land and when war broke out in 1939, the troops took it abroad. Next time you're at a game, anywhere in the world and the ball is booted out of the stadium, you might just hear someone shout "Redhill!"

In 1949, Redhill lost to Arsenal 1- 0 in a friendly that was offered by the Gunners after Redhill provided them with two of their best players at the time; Colin Grimshaw and Bernard Sexton. In 1957/ 58, Redhill reached the FA Cup 1st Round Proper for their only time. After beating Tooting & Mitcham in the previous round, the Reds travelled to Norwich City, only to lose 6-1, but many write ups at the time gave Redhill plenty of credit for their performance.

In the 1960's, A very talented youngster by the name of Ray Hutchins played for Redhill. Not many people in football circles will know the name, but in 1963/64, he won 2 England youth caps whilst playing for Redhill. The other players in the squad were playing for top professional clubs, and one of players was a certain Harry Redknapp playing at the time for West Ham United. After winning the final Athenian League title in 1984, the Reds were moved into their current home, Kiln Brow. Lack of facilities meant the club could not take their rightful place in the higher league and instead found some success in the London Spartan League, before moving to the Sussex County League in 1988.

After many brutal years of ups and downs, following hard work by many club officials and supporters keeping the club alive. Redhill eventually found themselves as runners-up of the Sussex League Division One in 2013, winning promotion to the Isthmian League Division One (South). Redhill's time in the 'Ryman' league was relatively short lived. They finished 3rd from bottom in the relegation zone in their first season but survived when offered a reprieve. The Reds were not so lucky in 2014/15, finishing 2nd from bottom. Again, a reprieve was offered but to play in the Southern League—South & West Division. This was turned down based, amongst other reasons, travel logistics and the financial implications. After back-to-back relegations, the club needed a positive season to build on. The 2016/17 season gave the club that platform, finishing runners up in Combined Counties Division One and gaining promotion, whilst also finishing runners up in the Division One Cup.

Redhill FC won the Combined Counties Premier League Cup in 2020/21 beating Ascot United on Penalties at Cobham FC. In 2024 Redhill FC entered its 130th year and also 40 years at Kiln Brow. Andy Lampard takes us into the 2026/27 season, assisted by Dan Pappoe and coaches Matt Chapman, Jack Porter and goal keeper coach Steve Collins.

1ST TEAM HONOURS:

- East & West Surrey League Winners 1902/03
- Spartan League Runners-up 1909/10
- London Spartan League Runners-up 1986/87
- London Spartan League Cup Runners Up 1984/85
- South Southern Suburban West League Winners 1911/12
- London League Winners 1922/23
- FA Amateur Cup Semi Final 1924/25
- Athenian League Winners 1924/25, 1983/84. Runners-up 1923/24, 1925/26
- Surrey Senior Cup Winners 1928/29, 1965/66. Runners-up 1904/05, 1925/26, 1926/27, 1968/69.
- Surrey Senior Shield Winners 1935/36, 1968/ 69. Runners-up 1908/09, 1920/21, 1925/26, 1928/29
- FA Cup 1st round proper 1957/58
- Athenian League Cup Winners 1969/70, 1970/71. Runners-up 1973/74, 1974/75
- Southern Counties Floodlit Cup Winners 1980/81, 1990/91, 1998/99
- Sussex County League Div 2 Cup Winners 1991/92
- Sussex County League Div 1 Runners-up 2012/13
- Combined Counties Division One Runners Up 2016/17
- 2020/2021 Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League Cup Winners

FROM THE GAFFER



Good evening everyone.

Welcome to Alwyns Lane for our home game against Redhill. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

Unfortunately Saturday wasn't meant to be for us in the FA Vase. It's hard for me to comment as I wasn't present due to starting a touchline suspension, but I know the boys would have given everything they've got.

It now gives us added focus to the league and for what we want to achieve. The games are still coming thick and fast and tonight is going to be another tough game against a club that has the same ambitions as ourselves.

Redhill beat us in the Emirates FA Cup a few weeks back, so hopefully we can look to avenge that result and keep our league form going.

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

Up the Waters,
Macca

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RECENT RESULTS

12/09/26

FAV	Bridport 3-1 Badshot Lea
FAV	Brimscombe & Thrupp 2-2 Yateley United (pens 5-4)
FAV	Camberley Town 0-1 Cove
FAV	Chislehurst Glebe 4-0 Godalming Town
PDS	Corinthian Casuals 2-2 Redhill
FAV	Epsom & Ewell 2-7 Bearsted
FAV	Eversley & California 0-3 Mangotsfield United
PDS	Fleet Town 3-0 Alton
FAV	Hassocks 2-2 Abbey Rangers (pens 4-2)
FAV	Knaphill 0-1 Lingfield
FAV	Larkfield & New Hythe 4-2 Balham
FAV	Metropolitan Police 2-2 Stansfeld (pens 2-3)
FAV	Newport Pagnell Town 2-0 Virginia Water
FAV	Seaford Town 2-5 Chipstead
PDS	Sutton Common Rovers 4-0 Tooting & Mitcham United

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS	Eversley & California v Yateley United
PDS	Chipstead v Corinthian Casuals
PDS	Epsom & Ewell v Sheerwater
PDS	Fleet Town v Badshot Lea
PDS	Godalming Town v Alton
PDS	Knaphill v Abbey Rangers
PDS	Tadley Calleva v Camberley Town
PDS	Virginia Water v Redhill

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Fleet Town	8	7	1	0	15	22
2	Knaphill	8	6	0	2	7	18
3	Abbey Rangers	7	5	2	0	5	17
4	Redhill	7	4	3	0	9	15
5	Sheerwater	7	3	3	1	10	12
6	Virginia Water	8	4	0	4	3	12
7	Sutton Common Rovers	7	3	2	2	2	11
8	Chipstead	8	3	1	4	1	10
9	Tooting & Mitcham United	8	3	0	5	-4	9
10	Corinthian Casuals	9	2	3	4	-8	9
11	Tadley Calleva	5	2	2	1	4	8
12	Badshot Lea	5	2	2	1	2	8
13	Alton	7	2	2	3	-4	8
14	Camberley Town	5	2	1	2	-1	7
15	Metropolitan Police	8	2	1	5	-4	7
16	Yateley United	6	1	3	2	-1	6
17	Epsom & Ewell	6	2	0	4	-2	6
18	Balham	6	1	1	4	-5	4
19	Godalming Town	8	0	3	5	-13	3
20	Eversley & California	7	0	2	5	-16	2

TOP SCORERS

3 - **Stuart Mortimer, Danyaal Iqbal, Tyler Robinson**

2 - **Kai Boylen, Lewis Flatman**

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 | Kingsley Etefia | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Alex Harden | Ash Hitchinson | Guy Hollis | Danyaal Iqbal | Ricky Johnson | Matthew Jones | Harry Kidd | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane | Jack Mills | Stuart Mortimer | Billy Murphy | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jake Rangecroft | Tyler Robinson | Jibril Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Turnell Sinclair | Ellis-Jay Skeete



REDHILL FC

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

Manager: Andy Lampard | **Asst. Manager:** Dan Pappoe

Coaches: Matt Chapman, Jack Porter, Steve Collins

Squad:

James Dillon | Paddi Harland-Goddard | George Bond | Thomas Smith | Archie Harland-Goddard | Joseph O'Hare | Archie Alexander | Jordan Boateng Anderson | Eoin Fraser | Seanan McKillop | Ryan Ferrar | Hamza Abubakari | Finn Bishop | Ethan Ford | Jayden Smith | Jaevon Dyer | Tyrese Sutherland | Alex Keating | Thomas Harland-Goddard | Nahum Green | Aidan Brown | James McElligott | Neo Wooster | Sam Cooper | Daryl Coleman



MATCH OFFICIALS:

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Assistant Referees: Sam Govier, Kevin Guy

FA Observer: Ahmad Rafique