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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



VWFC vs Chessington & Hook United

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm

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Southern Combination Challenge Cup



Club Info

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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 Chessington & Hook United Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



At this time of year, when the rain appears to be a daily occurrence, there are just so many games postponed (there's been no games at the Timbers for 3 weeks!).

We realise the benefits of having a 3G surface to play on Saturdays, and midweek also. Indeed, I was told the Kidlington pitch was a bit of a mud bath, and even though the game was played, it's difficult to play good football on that sort of surface.

A 3G pitch is the future, even for the traditionalists among us.

Enjoy the game, up the Waters!!

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Our History

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water FC celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football. In its early days, the club received royal support from King Edward VIII and King George VI, who gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that continues to inspire.

Starting in the Woking & District League, the club progressed through the Surrey Intermediate and Spartan Leagues. A milestone came in 1969 when Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then FIFA President, opened the clubhouse at The Timbers, named in honour of founder Harry Timbers. Promotion to the Combined Counties League followed in 1970, along with qualification for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation, but the club bounced back in 1990/91, winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earning promotion. The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins and a League and League Cup Treble in 1997.

After stints in various Surrey leagues, the club joined the Surrey Elite League in 2010. Despite cup success, promotion remained elusive until the arrival of Ceri Jones in 2015–16, who guided the team to a fourth-place finish. Following Richard Banks being appointed as Head Coach together they led the club to back-to-back promotions into the Hellenic League Division One and then the Premier Division, capped by a cup double in 2016–17. Following consolidation in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to league restructuring. In 2021–22, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent. Under their leadership, the club reached the Senior County Cup Final and achieved its highest-ever league finish of 7th place.

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 is now excited to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Paul brings a wealth of non-league experience, having managed Ashford Town and worked with Chertsey Town, and is known for his strong leadership and success.

Off the pitch, Virginia Water FC continues to thrive. Plans are underway for a new ground development back in Virginia Water. The Youth Section is booming, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club runs three joiner classes—Wildcats, Squads, and Football Fanatics—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.



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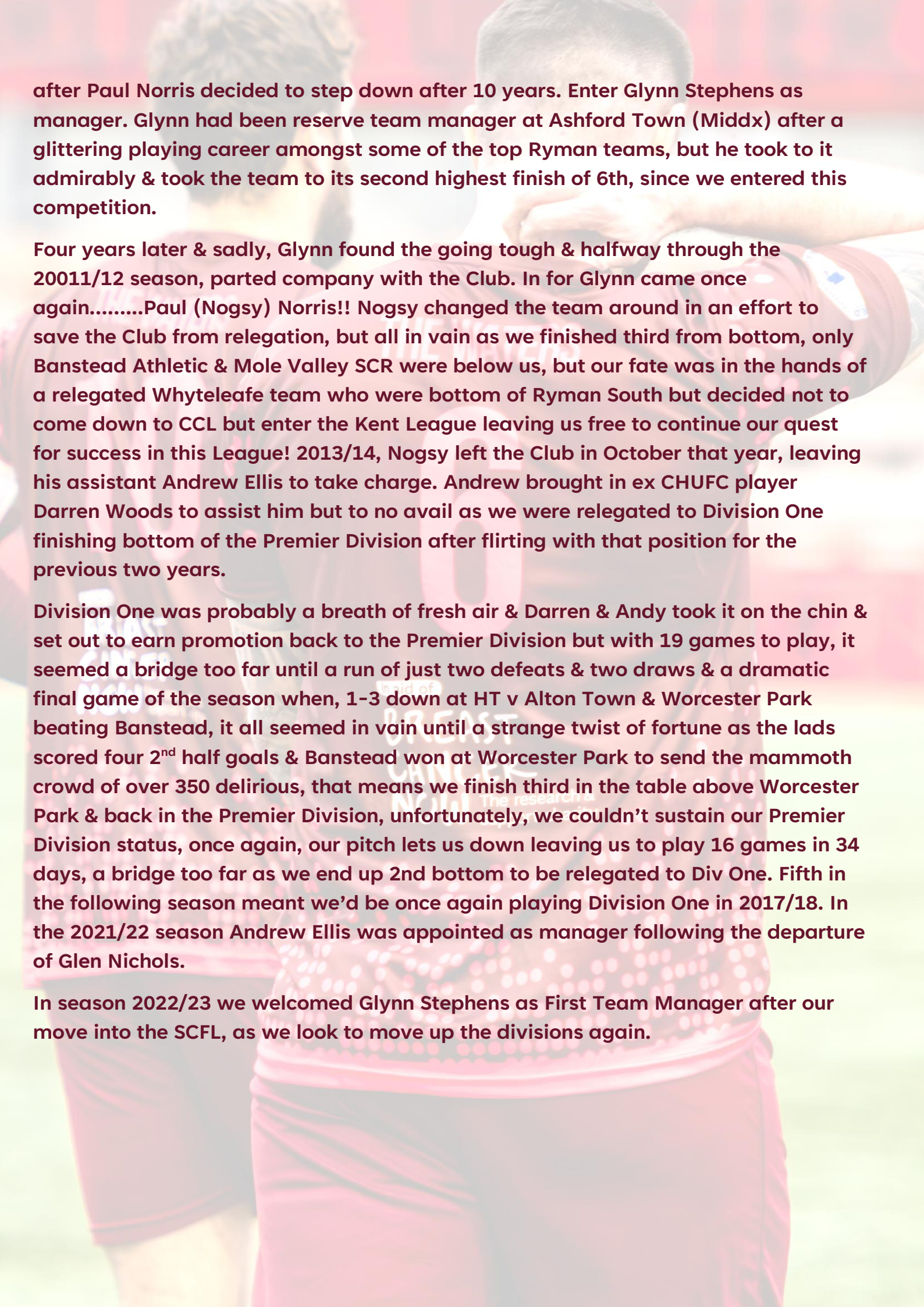
Chessington & Hook United Football Club | History of the Club

Formed as Chessington F.C. in 1921, the club entered the Kingston & District League and within two years were the Division 4 Champions. Further honours proved elusive through the divisions until 1961 winning the Premier Division. By 1968, the club had moved to the Premier Division of the Middlesex

League, which was their first taste of intermediate football. They ended that first season as Runners-up and were consequently admitted to the Surrey County Senior League – a major milestone in the club's history. Even more significantly, they became Division 1 Champions in the 1970-71 season. In 1972, the club joined the Home Counties League and continued to play in the League until the formation of the current Combined Counties League in 1978. That season, the most successful in the club's history, when they brought home seven trophies! Despite the successes of the late 70s, the club's fortunes declined alarmingly in the early 80s.

Relegation to the Surrey Premier League was quickly followed by further demotion to the Surrey Combination, bankruptcy was a real possibility. The introduction of a new management team in 1986, led by Chairman Graham Ellis, (of Hook United & Hook Youth) saw a rebirth of the club and return to former glory under the banner 'Chessington & Hook United FC' & ex-skipper Eric Wicks as Manager & Graham's son Paul assistant. By 1994, they were back in the Surrey Premier League, by just one point to make a welcome return to Senior football in the Combined Counties League. Eric stands down due to work commitments, Paul takes the reins. Chessington played through to the League Cup Final in their first season versus Ash United at Woking, only to lose 6-1. They finished third in the Premier division '04/05 and the season after, made the 4th round of the F.A. Vase, beaten 2-1 by finalists Cammell Laird at home in front of some 500 supporters. Work was carried out during the close season to bring the ground up to level five standard and they now possess a stand for 200 spectators and also erected a covered area behind one goal.

Season 2006/07 had Chessington languishing in the relegation zone but 15 matches unbeaten saw them finish a creditable 10th position. 2007/08 season saw us use a huge number of players who had us playing some good attacking football, but the weather caught us napping, & with only one match in eight weeks, finally finished the season once again mid-table. 2008/09 & saw the introduction of a new manager



after Paul Norris decided to step down after 10 years. Enter Glynn Stephens as manager. Glynn had been reserve team manager at Ashford Town (Middx) after a glittering playing career amongst some of the top Ryman teams, but he took to it admirably & took the team to its second highest finish of 6th, since we entered this competition.

Four years later & sadly, Glynn found the going tough & halfway through the 20011/12 season, parted company with the Club. In for Glynn came once again.....Paul (Nogsy) Norris!! Nogsy changed the team around in an effort to save the Club from relegation, but all in vain as we finished third from bottom, only Banstead Athletic & Mole Valley SCR were below us, but our fate was in the hands of a relegated Whyteleafe team who were bottom of Ryman South but decided not to come down to CCL but enter the Kent League leaving us free to continue our quest for success in this League! 2013/14, Nogsy left the Club in October that year, leaving his assistant Andrew Ellis to take charge. Andrew brought in ex CHUFC player Darren Woods to assist him but to no avail as we were relegated to Division One finishing bottom of the Premier Division after flirting with that position for the previous two years.

Division One was probably a breath of fresh air & Darren & Andy took it on the chin & set out to earn promotion back to the Premier Division but with 19 games to play, it seemed a bridge too far until a run of just two defeats & two draws & a dramatic final game of the season when, 1-3 down at HT v Alton Town & Worcester Park beating Banstead, it all seemed in vain until a strange twist of fortune as the lads scored four 2nd half goals & Banstead won at Worcester Park to send the mammoth crowd of over 350 delirious, that means we finish third in the table above Worcester Park & back in the Premier Division, unfortunately, we couldn't sustain our Premier Division status, once again, our pitch lets us down leaving us to play 16 games in 34 days, a bridge too far as we end up 2nd bottom to be relegated to Div One. Fifth in the following season meant we'd be once again playing Division One in 2017/18. In the 2021/22 season Andrew Ellis was appointed as manager following the departure of Glen Nichols.

In season 2022/23 we welcomed Glynn Stephens as First Team Manager after our move into the SCFL, as we look to move up the divisions again.



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From the Dugout

Good evening, everyone. Welcome to Arbour Park for this home game against Chessington & Hook United. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

This time last week, the boys put in quite possibly the best game we've played so far. The football was excellent and the way the lads went about not settling for one or two, was very pleasing.

Saturday was a completely different game. Not a great surface and in very difficult conditions, we didn't really get going. We had a 10-minute spell in the second half where if we took our chances, it might have been a different result, but ultimately as whole, Kidlington deserved the win.

Tonight is an opportunity to put the league aside and enjoy a cup game under the lights.

As always, enjoy the game and I'll always be available in the bar after if anyone would like a chat.

Up the Waters!

Macca



Just For Fun

Can you guess the professional player from the clubs they have played for? Answer is on the last page!



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Where are they now?

We catch up with some Waters' Alumni and ask them about their time at the club, and what they are up to now

Name: John Harris

Position: Striker

Era(s) played at VW: 2007-2010



🏆 In a nutshell, can you give a brief overview of your time at the club?

I joined VWFC as part of the Englefield Green exodus - led by Gareth Morgan and Matt Edwards. I spent most of the next 3 years sat on the bench, refusing to let Garfy force me out of the club. I knew deep down he needed me around the place and respected that the young lads looked up to me.

🏆 Who was your manager(s) at the club when you played?

Garfy and Matt Edwards, closely followed by Banksy. These boys were proper footballers. Leaders on the pitch, who played in a generation when football was still a contact sport. Our team was no place

for shrinking violets - on, or off the pitch. We had a 'win' culture. End of.

🏆 Did you win anything here?

Yes, we did. That said, when I look back at a decade of football at Englefield Green & VWFC, it's the friendships I value most. This set of lads are golden.

🏆 Who was your favourite/best teammate?

That's an easy question. My favourite strike partner was Jimmy Cummins (RIP). A fantastic footballer. This lad could play. Gone too soon.

🏆 Did you score any memorable goals?

I've always had the knack of scoring goals. In many games I wouldn't do much else. In the twilight years, I took more satisfaction developing YTS players like Martin Peters. When he



Jimmy's Funeral. Gerry's Coat.

scored, I felt I had too. Marshy was a big unit. Two good feet. Composed in front of goal. Sadly, his penchant for chips curtailed what could have been.




John and son Zac, Windlesham U15s,
Surrey League and Cup Double 2025

 **Do you keep up to date with what Waters are doing nowadays?**

Yes, I do take a look from time to time. I love it that Dave Atkins (Crouchy) is still involved in the coaching set-up. Another product of our YTS scheme. Dave is a diamond. All Heart. Great Athlete. He played alongside some very capable footballers.

 **Are you still involved in football in some capacity?**


I did coach my son's team at Windlesham for 5 years and did the FA Level 1. It was great being back in the football environment. His U15 team won the league and cup double and were undefeated in 2025. It's my favourite part of the week stood on the touchline. I am also a season ticket at Saints. Red and White. We March On.

 **What was the standout memory for you during your time at Waters?**

The laughter. So many great memories. Scott Elliott is a very funny man. Quick witted. Relentless.

- Trigger Magic: How did Liverpool get on today, Scott?
Scott: Drew 2-2. Crouch scored a hat trick.
Trigger Magic: Sounds like a good game.
- Being marked by a centre half who looked like Sloth from the Goonies. Every time I went up for a header with him, I could hear Scott shout "Hey You Guys!"
- Tom Curran locking Hounslow in their changing room after the match. I can still hear them banging that door.
- Crouchy winning the cup from the bench. Fantastic performance that day. No own goals scored. Job done.
- Michael Mann doing the rowboat across the dance floor. The Jocks loved a pint. We all did to be fair.
- Staying in the changing room as long as possible (to avoid the warm-up) and then playing PIG in the goalmouth (every week).

This is the important stuff. When the dust settles, it's the lads you remember.

 **If you could go back and change one thing when you played here, what would it be?**

I would not change a single thing.



John at work with Martin Peters. Champions are made when no one is watching. Wax on, Wax off.

Competition Info

Recent Results

31/01/26

PDN	Abingdon United 3-0 Edgware & Kingsbury
PDN	Burnham 3-1 Amersham Town
PDN	Kidlington 1-0 Virginia Water
PDN	Wallingford & Crowmarsh 2-0 Hilltop
PDN	Windsor & Eton 2-1 British Airways

Fixtures Today

PDN	Ardley United v Hilltop
CC	Banbury United v Kidlington
PDN	British Airways v Harefield United
CC	Broadfields United v Hanwell Town FC
PDC	Reading City v Abbey Rangers
SCC	Virginia Water v Chessington & Hook United

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	28	17	6	5	27	57
2	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	28	15	5	8	4	50
3	Broadfields United	25	14	7	4	29	49
4	Ashford Town (Middx)	24	14	5	5	25	47
5	Windsor & Eton	20	12	7	1	25	43
6	Ardley United	22	13	3	6	19	42
7	Kidlington	24	11	8	5	8	41
8	Hilltop	32	12	4	16	4	40
9	Milton United	24	11	4	9	3	37
10	North Greenford United	22	11	3	8	1	36
11	Virginia Water	26	10	5	11	0	35
12	Reading City	19	10	4	5	16	34
13	Wokingham Town	23	9	5	9	5	32
14	Abingdon United	24	9	4	11	-2	31
15	Harefield United	26	8	5	13	-7	29
16	British Airways	21	7	4	10	-6	22 *
17	Amersham Town	24	5	5	14	-29	20
18	North Leigh	24	5	3	16	-23	18
19	Holyport	27	5	1	21	-50	16
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	27	2	2	23	-49	8

* adjustment made

Top Scorers

9 - Lewis Flatman

6 - Jojo Kinzonzi, Jack Mills

5 - Cal Hamiton

4 - Aiden Payne-James

The Teams

Virginia Water FC

Kit:

Maroon Shirts

Maroon Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Manager: Paul McCarthy

Asst. Manager: Ryan Parsons

Coaches: Dave Atkins, Ben Warren

Physio: Elisha Timms



Squad:

Freddie Babbage | Josh Baines | Ryan Blake | Emerson Butcher (gk) | Kai Boylan | Firas Chniba | Armani Church | Guy Davies | Aderi Dede | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Rayan Djouadj | Adam Dougui | Uriel Ekperuoh | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton | Ash Hitchinson | Shay Honey (gk) | Shuaib Jalloh | Matthew Jones (gk) | Harry Kidd | Jehovany Kinzonzi | Conor Lee | Darnell Lemar | Jack Mills © | Billy Murphy | Kris Naicker | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Jake Rangecroft | Jibril Sharmarke | Turnell Sinclair | Dominic Wall | Ikpemwinoghena "Pemi" Yakubu



Chessington & Hook United FC

Kit:

Blue Shirts

Blue Shorts & Socks

GK: Purple

Managers: Glynn Stephens, Andrew Ellis

Asst. Manager: Jay Brewer

Physio: Andrew Ellis



Squad:

Theo Edwards | Archie Morgan | Bailey Ellis | Ben Thorne | Boe Fowler | Curtis Ford | Athan Smith-Joseph | Wez Brown | John Fouracre | Ryan Stedman-Hoyte | Karim Mellar | Toby Uzor | Kieran Head | Jamie Bewer | Alex Adejokun | Frankie Ryan-Maynard

Match Officials:

Referee: **Adrian Newby**

Assistant Referees: **Derrick Coe, Ian Purvis**