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VWFC VS BADSHOT LEA

Saturday 26th September 2026

Always Lane, kick off 3pm



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JONES THE VOICE

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

Since my last notes, we have picked up two hard-fought points with draws against Metropolitan Police FC and, most recently, away at Yateley United FC on Tuesday evening. Whilst we would always prefer to be adding three points to our tally, there is plenty of encouragement to take from both performances. The squad has had to contend with a number of absences through injury, holidays, suspension and departures, yet the players continue to show great character, commitment and resilience. In those circumstances, continuing to pick up points and remain competitive is important, and the management team deserve credit for keeping the squad organised and focused during a challenging period.

Disappointingly, we have also now received the outcome of the Football Association's investigation into the participation of an ineligible player for Newport Pagnell Town FC in our recent FA Vase tie. Following their investigation and a subsequent hearing, the FA has determined that the result of the match will stand. Newport Pagnell Town FC have, however, been sanctioned and fined for the breach of competition rules. Naturally, this was not the outcome we had hoped for or expected. However, the decision is final and binding, and we have no further right of appeal or recourse. Whilst we are disappointed with the outcome, we can take some consolation from knowing that Virginia Water FC did everything possible to comply with the competition rules and ensure the fixture was fulfilled. Supporters will be aware of the significant challenges we faced on the journey to Newport Pagnell, including motorway delays and the breakdown of our team coach, yet everyone associated with the club remained committed to ensuring the match was played. With the matter now concluded, it is time for us to draw a line under it and focus all our attention on the remainder of the season.

Looking ahead, our next home fixture will be on Tuesday 13 October against Camberley Town FC, and we look forward to welcoming supporters back to Alwyns Lane once again. Your support continues to make a huge difference to the players and management, and it is greatly appreciated by everyone at the club.

As always, I would like to thank our volunteers, sponsors, players and supporters for their continued commitment to Virginia Water Football Club. Your backing, both home and away, never goes unnoticed and plays a vital role in everything we do.

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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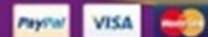
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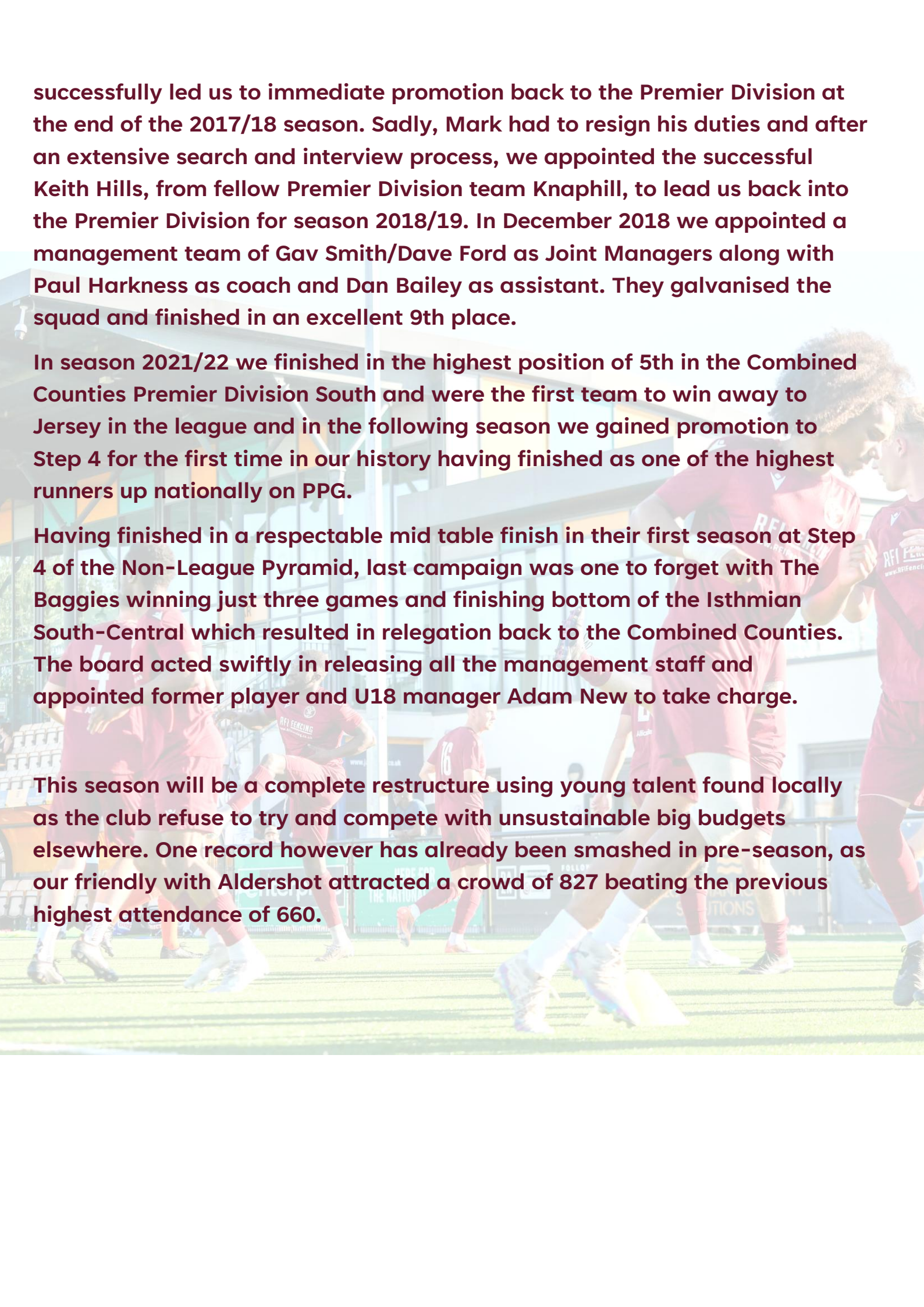


Early history suggests that the village football club was formed in 1904, after a meeting at the local village hall. They initially played friendly matches before deciding that they affiliate to the Surrey County Football Association in 1907. They began life in the junior leagues before gradually progressing through the leagues. The most recent history shows the Lea playing in the Aldershot leagues and progressing through the various divisions, eventually obtaining promotion to

the Surrey Intermediate League Western in 1978.

Progress through the three divisions saw the Lea eventually promoted to the Surrey Premier League in 1986. This was for one year only as we obtained the dubious distinction of being relegated with the highest points total ever achieved by a side being relegated. Season 1988 saw us again in the Surrey Intermediate League Western. The ensuing years saw the difficulties that one experiences until season 2002/03 which saw eventual promotion to Senior Football via The Hellenic League. This was not without its problems as The FA at Soho Square tried to block the move. It was only the determination of the committee and the full backing of The Hellenic League that eventually saw us given the green light along with London APSA (Essex Senior League) and Sporting Bengal (Kent League). In our first season we took time to adjust to Senior Football eventually finishing 4th from bottom under the guidance of manager Maurice Gregory. In 1997 the first Youth Team joined the Club, and this saw the beginning of the successful Youth and Colts section of the Club. We increased from one team to over 20 and were given extra facility to accommodate this success.

For season 2017/18 we started a groundshare arrangement at Camberley Town whilst our new ground was under construction. In October 2017, Michael Charles resigned, and we turned to ex-manager Mark Thomas who



successfully led us to immediate promotion back to the Premier Division at the end of the 2017/18 season. Sadly, Mark had to resign his duties and after an extensive search and interview process, we appointed the successful Keith Hills, from fellow Premier Division team Knaphill, to lead us back into the Premier Division for season 2018/19. In December 2018 we appointed a management team of Gav Smith/Dave Ford as Joint Managers along with Paul Harkness as coach and Dan Bailey as assistant. They galvanised the squad and finished in an excellent 9th place.

In season 2021/22 we finished in the highest position of 5th in the Combined Counties Premier Division South and were the first team to win away to Jersey in the league and in the following season we gained promotion to Step 4 for the first time in our history having finished as one of the highest runners up nationally on PPG.

Having finished in a respectable mid table finish in their first season at Step 4 of the Non-League Pyramid, last campaign was one to forget with The Baggies winning just three games and finishing bottom of the Isthmian South-Central which resulted in relegation back to the Combined Counties. The board acted swiftly in releasing all the management staff and appointed former player and U18 manager Adam New to take charge.

This season will be a complete restructure using young talent found locally as the club refuse to try and compete with unsustainable big budgets elsewhere. One record however has already been smashed in pre-season, as our friendly with Aldershot attracted a crowd of 827 beating the previous highest attendance of 660.

FROM THE GAFFER



Good afternoon everyone.

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

It's finally good to be back in the dugout after a suspension, after what has seemed like forever.

I heard mixed things about Sunday's game, with some really good stuff and then some ok stuff. A case of we could have won it, then again we could have lost it also, but for some good saves and defending on the line.

Tuesday against Yateley, we certainly looked slow and leggy in the first half and it took us until the second half to really get going. Once we got going and matched their energy, we were better on the ball and started to cause them a few problems, and on another day we probably take one of the half chances we had and win the game. Having said that, we could have lost the game, but for a penalty save from Bob in goal.

Onto today, it should hopefully be a good game. Badshot Lea are a good footballing side, so it will be another close battle.

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

21/09/26

PDS Sutton Common Rovers 0-2 Redhill

22/09/26

SCC Epsom & Ewell 0-2 Sutton United

PDS Yateley United 1-1 **Virginia Water**

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS Abbey Rangers v Epsom & Ewell

PDS Camberley Town v Chipstead

PDS Fleet Town v Balham

PDS Godalming Town v Corinthian Casuals

PDS Metropolitan Police v Yateley United

PDS Redhill v Knaphill

PDS Sheerwater v Alton

PDS Tadley Calleva v Sutton Common Rovers

PDS Tooting & Mitcham United v Eversley & California

PDS **Virginia Water** v Badshot Lea

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Fleet Town	10	9	1	0	20	28
2	Knaphill	10	8	0	2	9	24
3	Redhill	10	6	3	1	13	21
4	Virginia Water	11	5	2	4	5	17
5	Sutton Common Rovers	10	5	2	3	2	17
6	Abbey Rangers	9	5	2	2	1	17
7	Sheerwater	9	4	3	2	13	15
8	Chipstead	10	4	2	4	2	14
9	Corinthian Casuals	11	3	3	5	-7	12
10	Tadley Calleva	6	3	2	1	6	11
11	Alton	9	3	2	4	-5	11
12	Yateley United	9	2	4	3	-1	10
13	Badshot Lea	7	2	3	2	0	9
14	Metropolitan Police	10	2	3	5	-4	9
15	Tooting & Mitcham United	9	3	0	6	-5	9
16	Balham	8	2	2	4	-3	8
17	Camberley Town	7	2	1	4	-4	7
18	Epsom & Ewell	8	2	0	6	-8	6
19	Godalming Town	10	1	3	6	-14	6
20	Eversley & California	9	0	2	7	-20	2

TOP SCORERS

4 - **Tyler Robinson**

3 - **Stuart Mortimer, Danyaal Iqbal**

2 - **Kai Boylen, Lewis Flatman, Kingsley Etefia, James McLeod, Jamie Di Giuseppe**

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 Hutchinson | Guy Hollis | Bob Honey | Danyaal Iqbal |
Ricky Johnson | Matthew Jones | Nat Kenlock | Harry
Kidd | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane
| Jack Mills | Stuart Mortimer | Albie Nolan-French |
Aston Nunn | Ashley Parslow | Jake Rangecroft | Jibril
Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Ellis-Jay Skeete



BADSHOT LEA FC

Yellow Shirts | Green Shorts & Socks | GK: Blue

Manager: Gary Pierce

Coaches: Will Pearce, Adam Forisky

Squad:

Jonas Cody (GK) | Callum Wiltshire | Cameron
Underwood | Max Cunningham | Archie Larkham | Will
Shaw | Mark Holley | Zac Horkan | Milo Derham | Michael
Milchev-Szczepaniak | Stan Jones | James Hennessy |
Archie Mills | Freddie Jamieson | Josh Smith | Thomas
Neail | Luis Hamblin | Brandon Vangrove | Sonny Cooper



MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: **Amine Khaldi**

Assistant Referees: **Robert Folly, Aiden Farrelly**

FA Observer: **David Sheldrake**