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The official programme of Virginia Water FC



**VWFC vs Milton United**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Arbour Park, kick off 7.45pm**

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# Chairman's View

A very warm welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Milton United Football Club. Welcome to Arbour Park, I hope you enjoy our facilities.



I want to take this opportunity to send my thought and best wishes to Lars Edwards. Lars is the main reason behind the success of our ever-growing youth section and is supporting his wife Aliza as she recovers from a major operation. Everyone at the club wishes them well and hopes that Aliza has a speedy recovery.

Good luck to the boys tonight for what will be a tough game against Milton. We still want as many points as we can get to finish as high up the table as we can.

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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# Today's opponents

## Milton United Football Club | History of the Club



The club was a founder member of the North Berks Football League when it was first formed in 1909 and played under the name Milton Hill. Playing in the North Berks League for two seasons before returning for the 1920-21 season, under the name Milton and finally “Milton United” in the following season. In 1926 Milton gained their first trophy for beating Aston Tirrold by 8 to 2 in a play-off for the Division 2 (Abingdon) League title. Milton United continued after the war but folded in the early 1950s. The club reformed in 1958 and regained entry to the North Berks League. Milton United became champions of the North Berks league for the first time in the 1962-63 Season. The club would then enjoy more

league title success during the sixties with three further successes in the 1963-64, 1965-66 and 1969-70 seasons. While the club remained in the topflight throughout most of the seventies, the club suffered relegation to the second tier of The North Berks league at the end of the 1978-79 season. Two seasons later the club bounced back to the topflight when they finished as Champions of Division Two, at the end of the 1980-81 season. After being promoted back to the top division in the league the club, then went on to win the league a further three times, during the eighties, in the 1985-86, 1987-88 and 1988-89 seasons. The club also ended as runners-up in the Berks and Bucks intermediate cup in 1984.

In 1989 the club applied to join the Hellenic Football League. The application was successful and finished as runners up in their first season in both the First Division and the Division One Cup, also winning the Berks and Bucks Intermediate cup. Because of their runners-up position, they were promoted to the Premier Division and became Champions of the Hellenic League at their first attempt. They also retained the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Trophy. The Season after winning the Premier Division, Milton made its debut in the FA Vase, reaching the first round before being knocked out by Thame United. Staying in the Premier Division until the end of the 1993-94 season, when the Club was demoted to Division One because of not having floodlights. In 1998 the club moved to its current home at Milton Heights, with floodlights being installed and the clubhouse erected. The first season at the new ground secured promotion back to the Premier Division, however after finishing bottom of the table in the next two seasons the club was relegated to Division One East. Promotion was achieved once more in the 2003-04 season, which saw the club reach the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy, losing in the final on penalties. The club stayed in the Premier



Division until the end of the 2008-09 season when they were relegated back to Division One East, where they remained for six years. Season 2013-14 saw the team finish the season as Division One East champions by a margin of five points and promotion back to the Premier Division. This was the first time the club had ever been promoted as the division champions.

The 2014-15 Season saw Milton re-establish their Step 5 Status, compete in the FA Cup and achieve the Ground Grade F required for Step 5. Milton's FA Cup run surpassed their previous best by defeating both Combined Counties Chertsey Town and Southern League Marlow FC. The League campaign resulted in a respectable 14th place. The ground improvements introduced another 50 covered seats under the main stand (taking the total seating to 100) and the introduction of 150 person covered standing area. After relegation at the end of the 2015-16 season, Milton was placed in Hellenic Division One West for one season before moving back into League One East for the 2017-18 season. Managerial changes, the Covid outbreak and a re-structuring of the NLS, resulting in the dissolution of the East Division, proved extremely challenging. However, 2022/23 saw Milton start their second season in Hellenic League Division 1 with a new Management Team led by Christian Lawrence and Assistant Manager Tom Tatford. After achieving the goal of reaching the play-offs, a dramatic home semi-final win against Clanfield 85 FC, resulted in a Play-off final away at Hartpury University. What a night, what a game and what a result. 2-2 at Full-Time and a 4-1 penalty shoot-out win and the rest is history. Our inaugural season in the Combined Counties Premier League North (Step 5) saw us finish in a respectable 12<sup>th</sup> place, which included a decent run in the County Senior Cup, eventually losing at Maidenhead Utd in the 4<sup>th</sup> round. The 24/25 season will see the Club compete in both the FA Cup & Vase for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 2016 and will look at improving on the previous seasons league finish.

The Club is currently going through a period of notable change and visitors to The Heights will be very aware of the housing developments emerging around the grounds. In recent times several projects have been completed and we now have a new LED Floodlight System, new pitch surrounds and dugouts. We have also invested a lot of time and effort in improving the main pitch playing surface, with considerable help from Football Foundation grants. In February 2024 the Club released the much-awaited plans for the new Community and Sporting facility. Once all the legal requirements are met, we can demolish the old clubhouse and look forward to having a new facility to be proud of, which will also allow Milton United FC to take the next step!





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# From the Dugout

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

Last week against Wokingham definitely felt like it was 2 points dropped, but having said that, the way the boys kept going after going 2-0 down, and battling back to get a draw, was excellent to see.

Milton still have an outside chance of getting into the playoffs and we are safe from going down, but we still have a great opportunity to finish with the highest number of points that the club has achieved at this level. So hopefully, it will be an entertaining game for us all, with both sides having something to play for at this stage of the season

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**





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# Competition Info

## Recent Results

14/02/26

PDN	Burnham 1-1 Windsor & Eton
PDN	Edgware & Kingsbury A-A Amersham Town
PDN	Holyport 1-3 British Airways
PDN	Wokingham Town 0-1 Kidlington

## Fixtures Today

CC	Easington Sports v Ardley United
PDN	Holyport v Abingdon United
PDN	North Greenford United v Broadfields United
PDN	North Leigh v Windsor & Eton
PDN	Reading City v Kidlington
PDN	<b>Virginia Water</b> v Milton United
PDC	Wallingford & Crowmarsh v Harefield United

## League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	29	17	7	5	27	58
2	Ashford Town (Middx)	26	16	5	5	30	53
3	Broadfields United	26	15	7	4	30	52
4	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	29	15	5	9	2	50
5	Windsor & Eton	22	13	8	1	27	47
6	Kidlington	27	12	9	6	8	45
7	Ardley United	22	13	3	6	19	42
8	North Greenford United	24	12	4	8	2	40
9	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
10	Milton United	24	11	4	9	3	37
11	<b>Virginia Water</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>
12	Reading City	19	10	4	5	16	34
13	Wokingham Town	25	9	6	10	4	33
14	Abingdon United	25	9	4	12	-3	31
15	Harefield United	26	8	5	13	-7	29
16	British Airways	22	8	4	10	-4	25 *
17	Amersham Town	24	5	5	14	-29	20
18	North Leigh	25	5	3	17	-24	18
19	Holyport	28	5	1	22	-52	16
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	29	3	2	24	-50	11

\* adjustment made

## Top Scorers

10 - Lewis Flatman

7 - 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 Ekperuah | 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 | Devonte Webster Swack | Ikpemwinoghena "Pemi" Yakubu



## Milton United FC

### Kit:

Green Shirts

Blue Shorts & Green Socks

GK: Purple

**Manager:** John Mills

**Asst. Manager:** Tom Tatford



### Squad:

Timmy Mungall | Casey Groves | Harry Sturgess | Lewis Hayden | Noah Parsons | Ollie Thomas | Ollie Nadin | Tyler Webb | John Mills | Seth Humphries | Harry Thomas | Adam Smith | Louis Joyce | Josh Richardson | Jordan Okwesa | Tom Moore | Twariq Yusuf | Caiden Matthews | Sammy Parker

### Match Officials:

Referee: Harry Scott

Assistant Referees: Brian Capel, Steve Williams