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Combined Counties Premier Division South

VWFC VS METROPOLITAN POLICE

Sunday 20th September 2026

Always Lane, kick off 2pm



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JONES THE VOICE

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

Before anything else, I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Metropolitan Police FC for agreeing to switch this fixture to a Sunday. Following Chertsey Town FC's excellent achievement in reaching the First Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup and being drawn at home yesterday, they quite rightly took priority at Alwyns Lane. The cooperation shown by everyone at Metropolitan Police FC in facilitating this change has been greatly appreciated by all at Virginia Water FC. Today's fixture also provides an opportunity to revisit a chapter of recent club history. The last time we faced Metropolitan Police FC was on 3 May 2023 in the Surrey Senior Cup Final. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we found ourselves on the wrong end of a 4-1 scoreline as The Met lifted the trophy. Three years on, today's match presents our first opportunity to avenge that defeat and write a more positive chapter against a strong and well-respected opponent.



Turning to Tuesday evening's excellent 4-2 victory over Redhill FC, I thought it was one of the most entertaining home matches for some time. Both sides played positive football, showed great attacking intent and competed right until the final whistle. As a neutral spectator, it must have been a fantastic game to watch. As Club Co-Chairman, however, it was something of a rollercoaster ride which certainly did little for my blood pressure. Fortunately, the result went our way, and the players deserve tremendous credit for their performance. Three consecutive home victories is a very welcome return and long may that continue.

Finally, many supporters will be aware that the Football Association is currently investigating matters relating to an allegedly ineligible player who participated for Newport Pagnell Town in our recent FA Vase tie. The club has provided statements and information requested by the FA and we now await the outcome of their investigation. There are several possible outcomes, and it would be unfair and unhelpful to speculate on what may or may not happen. The matter is now in the hands of the FA, and we will, of course, update supporters as soon as there is any official news to share.

As always, thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, players and supporters for your continued commitment to Virginia Water Football Club. Your backing, both home and away, never goes unnoticed and plays a huge part 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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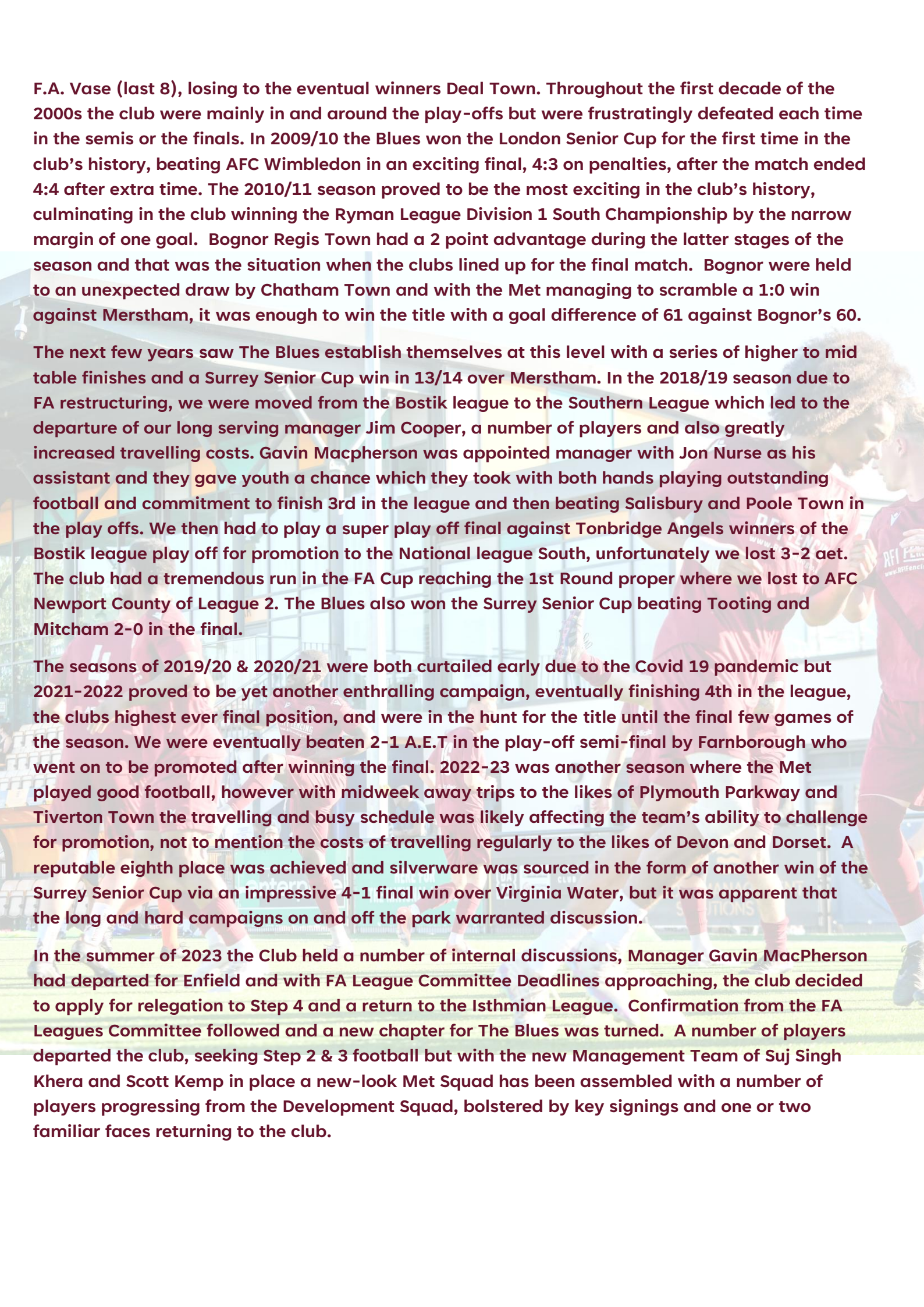
On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that has become famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police.

Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed, playing friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928. Apart from the war years (1939-45), the club remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Blues were League

Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup winners once. In 1960 the Blues joined the Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969. In 1971 the Blues were accepted into the Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, under Team Manager Vic Rouse, the former Wales and Crystal Palace goalkeeper. In 1977, the Blues moved to the Isthmian League, becoming one of the founder members of the restructured Division Two. A successful first season (1977/78) resulted in the club finishing runners-up to Epsom & Ewell and being promoted to Division One. In Season 1981/82 the club finished 3rd in Division One, missing promotion by just two points. However, fortunes changed and in 1984/5, as a result of finishing third from the bottom, the Blues were relegated to Division Two (South). Ironically, in that 1984/5 season the Blues enjoyed their best run in the F.A. Cup, reaching the First Round Proper. The home tie against Dartford was subsequently featured on the BBC's "Match of the Day" programme. Defeat against Dartford was followed by a run of defeats in the league, which saw the Blues drop into one of the four relegation places introduced that season.

On returning to Division Two (South) the Blues finished 7th in both 1985/6 and 1986/7. During 1987/88 the Blues led the Division Two (South) table in January by seven points but they were overhauled by Chalfont St Peter, who won their last two games of season and became champions by just one point. The Blues were runners-up by virtue of a one-goal difference over Dorking. It was a nail-biting finish to a season in which the Blues lost just two league matches, both away. The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table in Division One but in 1990/1 the club finished second from bottom and were relegated into the newly formed Division Two of the restructured Diadora (Isthmian) League. The club remained in Division Two for several years, always finishing in the top half but just outside the promotion positions. In 1993/4 the Blues again reached the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, losing 2:0 to Crawley Town.

Season 1994/5 saw the club celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a game against the Army and the opening of a new grandstand at Imber Court. The Blues finished in 5th position in Division Two and ended the season with a thrilling victory in the Carlsberg Trophy, defeating Collier Row in a penalty shoot-out following a 1:1 draw after extra-time. During the next few seasons the club continued to finish in the top half of Division Two and in 1999/2000 reached the 5th Round of the



F.A. Vase (last 8), losing to the eventual winners Deal Town. Throughout the first decade of the 2000s the club were mainly in and around the play-offs but were frustratingly defeated each time in the semis or the finals. In 2009/10 the Blues won the London Senior Cup for the first time in the club's history, beating AFC Wimbledon in an exciting final, 4:3 on penalties, after the match ended 4:4 after extra time. The 2010/11 season proved to be the most exciting in the club's history, culminating in the club winning the Ryman League Division 1 South Championship by the narrow margin of one goal. Bognor Regis Town had a 2 point advantage during the latter stages of the season and that was the situation when the clubs lined up for the final match. Bognor were held to an unexpected draw by Chatham Town and with the Met managing to scramble a 1:0 win against Merstham, it was enough to win the title with a goal difference of 61 against Bognor's 60.

The next few years saw The Blues establish themselves at this level with a series of higher to mid table finishes and a Surrey Senior Cup win in 13/14 over Merstham. In the 2018/19 season due to FA restructuring, we were moved from the Bostik league to the Southern League which led to the departure of our long serving manager Jim Cooper, a number of players and also greatly increased travelling costs. Gavin Macpherson was appointed manager with Jon Nurse as his assistant and they gave youth a chance which they took with both hands playing outstanding football and commitment to finish 3rd in the league and then beating Salisbury and Poole Town in the play offs. We then had to play a super play off final against Tonbridge Angels winners of the Bostik league play off for promotion to the National league South, unfortunately we lost 3-2 aet. The club had a tremendous run in the FA Cup reaching the 1st Round proper where we lost to AFC Newport County of League 2. The Blues also won the Surrey Senior Cup beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 in the final.

The seasons of 2019/20 & 2020/21 were both curtailed early due to the Covid 19 pandemic but 2021-2022 proved to be yet another enthralling campaign, eventually finishing 4th in the league, the clubs highest ever final position, and were in the hunt for the title until the final few games of the season. We were eventually beaten 2-1 A.E.T in the play-off semi-final by Farnborough who went on to be promoted after winning the final. 2022-23 was another season where the Met played good football, however with midweek away trips to the likes of Plymouth Parkway and Tiverton Town the travelling and busy schedule was likely affecting the team's ability to challenge for promotion, not to mention the costs of travelling regularly to the likes of Devon and Dorset. A reputable eighth place was achieved and silverware was sourced in the form of another win of the Surrey Senior Cup via an impressive 4-1 final win over Virginia Water, but it was apparent that the long and hard campaigns on and off the park warranted discussion.

In the summer of 2023 the Club held a number of internal discussions, Manager Gavin MacPherson had departed for Enfield and with FA League Committee Deadlines approaching, the club decided to apply for relegation to Step 4 and a return to the Isthmian League. Confirmation from the FA Leagues Committee followed and a new chapter for The Blues was turned. A number of players departed the club, seeking Step 2 & 3 football but with the new Management Team of Suj Singh Khera and Scott Kemp in place a new-look Met Squad has been assembled with a number of players progressing from the Development Squad, bolstered by key signings and one or two familiar faces returning to the club.

FROM THE GAFFER



Good afternoon everyone.

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

Unfortunately, I was not in attendance Tuesday night, in what I was told, was an excellent game of football with two teams playing the right way and some good attacking football on display. The worst part of being suspended is having to miss those types of games and having to rely on social media and Football Web Pages to keep me updated, so when it went to 2-2 with us being a man down, I'm sure you can understand how I was feeling! So I can only imagine how everyone else felt at that time in the ground, but the boys came good with another two goals after to seal the win.

Today is my last game of suspension and Met Police will be another tough game, in what has felt like a relentless seven weeks of games since the season started. I know what the boys can produce, so if they turn up in the right manner, then hopefully we'll walk away with the three points again.

As always, enjoy the game.

Up the Waters,
Macca

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RECENT RESULTS

15/09/26

PDS Chipstead 1-0 Corinthian Casuals
PDS Epsom & Ewell 2-6 Sheerwater
PDS Eversley & California 2-4 Yateley United
PDS Fleet Town 4-2 Badshot Lea
PDS Godalming Town 3-0 Alton
PDS Knaphill 1-0 Abbey Rangers
PDS Tadley Calleva 4-2 Camberley Town
PDS **Virginia Water** 4-2 Redhill

19/09/26

PDS Abbey Rangers 2-5 Fleet Town
PDS Alton 2-0 Eversley & California
PDS Badshot Lea 0-0 Chipstead
PDS Balham 3-1 Epsom & Ewell
FAC Bishops Cleeve 0-1 Tadley Calleva
PDS Camberley Town 0-1 Knaphill
PDS Corinthian Casuals 2-0 Yateley United
PDS Redhill 4-0 Godalming Town
PDS Sheerwater 1-2 Sutton Common Rovers

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS **Virginia Water** v Metropolitan Police

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	9	5	3	1	11	18
4	Sutton Common Rovers	9	5	2	2	4	17
5	Abbey Rangers	9	5	2	2	1	17
6	Sheerwater	9	4	3	2	13	15
7	Virginia Water	9	5	0	4	5	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	Badshot Lea	7	2	3	2	0	9
13	Yateley United	8	2	3	3	-1	9
14	Tooting & Mitcham United	9	3	0	6	-5	9
15	Balham	8	2	2	4	-3	8
16	Metropolitan Police	9	2	2	5	-4	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**

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 | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane
| Jack Mills | Stuart Mortimer | Albie Nolan-French |
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Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Ellis-Jay Skeete



METROPOLITAN POLICE FC

Blue Shirts | Blue Shorts & Socks | GK: Orange

Manager: Paul Burnell | **Asst. Manager:** Dan De Cruz

Coaches: Dillon Baker, Jonathan Nurse, Dean Hurlow | **Physio:** Cara Owen



Squad:

Zack Basey | Jools Lacey | Levi Samuels | Jake Jackson |
David Amate | Ryan Davey | Nathaniel Duffus | Phelan
Matheson | Archie Lowery | Kelvin Boampong | Tecane
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Kassa Campbell | Nathan West | David Mata | Louis
Degand | Jagger Chislett | Tane Caubo | Cameron
Williams | Nehemiah Pratt

MATCH OFFICIALS:

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Assistant Referees: Michael Anderson, Marcus Ferrira-Lay