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Combined Counties Premier Division South

VWFC VS TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD

Tuesday 8th 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 Tooting & Mitcham United FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and supporters of Tooting and hope you enjoy your visit this evening.

Tonight's fixture sees us renew an acquaintance that stretches back more than 50 years. The last meeting between our two clubs came on 18th January 1975 in the Surrey Senior Cup, when Tooting & Mitcham ran out 2-0 winners. Let's hope history doesn't repeat itself tonight. If it does, thankfully we won't have to wait another half-century for an opportunity to put things right, as we've already been drawn to face Tooting again here at Alwyns Lane in the League Cup on 17 October.

Since our last home fixture, we have faced a demanding run of seven consecutive away matches across the League, Emirates FA Cup and FA Vase. Results and performances have been mixed, but there have certainly been plenty of positives to take from the period. We produced strong performances to collect deserved league victories at Knaphill and Alton, while an excellent FA Vase win against Eagles Land Benfica secured our place in the Second Qualifying Round, where we will travel to Newport Pagnell Town FC this coming Saturday.

However, football is rarely straightforward, and we know there have also been disappointments along the way. Against Sheerwater, Chipstead and Abbey Rangers, we failed to reach the standards we have shown at other times this season. Too many unnecessary mistakes proved costly and ultimately left us empty-handed from games where we know we are capable of much more. The encouraging aspect is that the players and management recognise those shortcomings and continue to work hard to improve. Hopefully we can produce another positive performance this evening, secure three valuable points, and head into Saturday's FA Vase tie at Newport Pagnell Town with some winning momentum behind us.

Finally, if you would like to join the team on their travels and support the lads at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, we still have spaces available on the team coach. Please do let me know if you would like to travel with us.

Thank you, as always, to our volunteers, sponsors and supporters for your continued backing. Your support, both home and away, is greatly appreciated by everyone at the club.

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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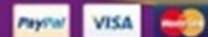
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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB | HISTORY OF THE CLUB



The club was founded in 1932 after a merger between two existing teams Tooting Town and Mitcham Wanderers to become Tooting & Mitcham. In 1935 United was added to the name. Both clubs had played in the London League and the new entity continued to 1937, when they were accepted into the Athenian League. In 1938 there was the first major honour for the club with the capture of the Surrey Senior Cup. War time came and brought a mixture

of friendlies and a smaller regional league called (the South Eastern Combination). We would go onto win that league on three occasions and the London Senior Cup was lifted in 1943 for the first time. We returned to the Athenian League for the start of the 1945-46 season and would go onto win the league on two occasions. 1948 saw the FA Cup First Round Proper reached for the first time with a narrow defeat at Millwall. A white ball was used in an official match for the first time against Bromley in an Athenian League fixture at Sandy Lane, which was televised by the BBC in 1949. The London Senior Cup was won for the second occasion in 1949 as Amateur Cup Winners Bromley are beaten in the Final. 1950 saw new dressing rooms opened by Sir Stanley Rous CBE and Brighton & Hove Albion are entertained in the First Round of the FA Cup as we go down 2-3. In 1954 Paddy Hasty signs for the club, he would become one of the most famous players to represent us. John Harlow becomes our first Amateur International. In 1956, the club were accepted into the Isthmian League and we make it through to the FA Cup second round proper losing to Queens Park Rangers. The Isthmian League title was won twice in 1958 & 1960. In the 1958-59 season the club would receive national acclaim after reaching the third round proper of the FA Cup beating Football League sides Bournemouth and Northampton Town along the way before going out to top-flight Nottingham Forest after a replay. In 1959 TMU made the London Challenge Cup Final but lost narrowly to Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. In 1962 the club's new floodlights were officially switched on in a never to be forgotten match against Arsenal which was won 4-2. In 1963 the club recorded their record win 11-0 versus Welton Rovers in the Amateur Cup. Our young goalkeeper Alex Stepney a local lad would turn



professional with Millwall. He would eventually join Manchester United and earn a Full England Cap against Sweden in 1968. The 1970s saw a notable FA Cup run alongside mainly high league placings. In 1974 we were drawn at home to Crystal Palace in the First Round Proper, United took a first minute lead but eventually go down 2-1. In the 1975-76 campaign we achieved our furthest run in the competition. Having beaten Swindon Town in a home third round replay we lost in the fourth round at Bradford City. Northampton Town then gained revenge with a First Round Proper FA Cup win at Sandy Lane in 1977. In this era the club created a bit of history by winning the Surrey Senior Cup on three successive seasons the first side to do this. Striker Dave Juneman would receive national fame by scoring 42 consecutive penalties for the Terrors. Tooting would be relegated for the first time in their history in 1989 dropping down into Isthmian League Division One. The Full Members Cup was then won in 1993. The club would suffer a further demotion in 1997. But better times lay ahead and in 2001 the Isthmian League Division Two title was lifted. 2002 saw the end of an era when the final league game was played at Sandy Lane, the Terrors signed off at the old home with a 3-2 win against Wealdstone. The club then moved into their new stadium at Imperial Fields for the start of the 2002/03 season. The first game at our new home was a friendly against Chelsea. Two years later striker John Hastings would score six goals in a home 8-3 league win over Ashford Town (Kent). In 2006 former player Billy Smith was named First Team Manager with George Wakeling his Assistant. The pair were one of the most successful partnerships in Non-League football. In 2007 the Terrors would lift the London Senior and Surrey Senior Cups but lose in the Division One Play-Off Final. In 2008 the club are Division One South Play-Off Winners. Star player Michail Antonio who had come through the Tooting & Mitcham youth ranks signed for Reading in the Football League and would eventually play in the Premier League for West Ham United. The following season the club reached the FA Cup First Round Proper after a gap of many years but lose the tie 5-0 at Stockport County. In 2012 the club suffers relegation back to Isthmian League Division One. It takes five years for the Terrors to be crowned Division One South Champions. It is immediate relegation however for the Terrors after just a single season in the Premier Division. In 2019 our talented player Isaiah Jones joins Middlesbrough. We lifted the London Senior Cup in 2021 as we defeated a young AFC Wimbledon side. We would be relegated at the end of the 2022-23 campaign from the Isthmian League South Central Division to the Combined Counties League South Premier Division and our first ever appearance at Step 5 level. In the 2025-26 season we reached the CCL Play-offs but lost at home to Fleet Town.

FROM THE GAFFER



Good evening everyone.

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

It's felt like an age since we last played a home game and it certainly feels good to be back.

August was a tough, long month, playing eight games in such a short space of time - and there were some highs and some lows. You can never get too low in defeat or too high in the wins, so it's important we stay level headed.

Saturday proved that after a few tough defeats, with an excellent attacking performance and on another day we could have had more than the four goals we did score.

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

05/09/26

PDS	Alton 1-4 Virginia Water
PDS	Corinthian-Casuals 4-1 Eversley & California
FAC	Hayes & Yeading 2-1 Camberley Town
PDS	Metropolitan Police 0-1 Abbey Rangers
FAC	Redhill 1-2 Sheppey United
PDS	Sheerwater 4-1 Godalming Town
PDS	Sutton Common Rovers 1-3 Knaphill
FAC	Tadley Calleva 3-1 Laverstock & Ford
PDS	Tooting & Mitcham United 0-2 Fleet Town

FIXTURES TODAY

HCC	Eastleigh FC v Alton
HCC	Fleet Town v Tadley Calleva
SCC	Raynes Park Vale v Redhill
PDS	Virginia Water v Tooting & Mitcham United
PDS	Yateley United v Chipstead

LEAGUE TABLE

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

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



TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD FC

Black & White Shirts | Black Shorts & Socks | GK: Green

Manager: Jamie Byatt | **Asst. Manager:** Dan Yankah

Coaches: Lewis Gonsalves, Miguel Carvalho, Dale Hanson-Byatt | **Physio:** Aaliyah Alajiki

Squad:

Habeeb Adepoju | David Akano-Kouame | Sean-Michael Anderson | George Barnes | Matias Bojanov | Harlem-Lee Bouchez | Ben Cheklit | Ayman Dahdouh | Ryan David | Alfred Dove | William Efambe | Justus Egbueri | Success Eguzoro | Alex Filipe | Sonny Harnett-Balkwill | Lewis Jackson | Freddie Jones | Toby McKimm | Conor Melody | Jordy Ndozid | Isy Nzelo | Timothy Obisanya | Maxwell Oldham | Michael Onovwigun | Oliver David Pain | Dantay Robinson | Kevant Serbony | Aaron Shawa | Antonio Simeone | Elijah Simpson | Aaron Smith-Joseph | Theo Soman | Darral Wopara



MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: **Shelby Elson**

Assistant Referees: **Lee Murphy, Phil Paice**