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**Uxbridge FC** 



Rayners Lane FC





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## Welcome to Uxbridge FC

Good afternoon, today we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Rayners Lane FC for this Isthmian League South Central division match. We also welcome our officials, Referee Adam Steele & assistants Christopher Gustafsson & David Lofgren

At the start of the season, the perception was that Rayners Lane would be challenging for one of the top five positions in the league. However, they have spent most of the season in the bottom half of the table and will travel the short distance to Honeycroft occupying 13th place in the table. They gained promotion last season from the Combined Counties League Premier Division North. After finishing runners-up to Flackwell Heath they entered the playoffs, and defeated Bedfont Sports 3-0 on penalties in the final, to take they place at Step Four for the first time in their history. Rayners Lane were in impressive form on Wednesday evening, retaining the Middlesex Senior Cup against Hanwell Town here at Honeycroft. They dominated the first half and deservedly took a 2-0 halftime lead. The Geordies came more into the game in the second period but were unable to break down a resolute Lane defence. Elliott Buchanan and Marvin Sordell with The Lane's goals in the 2-0 victory.

Since our last game we have carried on our recent good run of form. A 2-1 win over South Park here at Honeycroft, was followed by narrow 2-1 defeat away at runaway league leaders Farnham Town. We then made the short midweek trip over to Hayes & Yeading Utd, where we were trailing until the 88<sup>th</sup> minute – when two late goals saw us grab a dramatic 3-2 win, sparking scenes of wild celebration both on and off the pitch. What was looking like a straightforward afternoon in Horndean for The Reds last Saturday, turned into a nervous, nail biting last five minutes. Leading 3-0 through with the clock ticking towards the ninety-minute mark, the Uxbridge faithful were enjoying a boozy afternoon in the late winter sunshine. Two goals in the dying moments however, caused many a heart to flutter before the sound of the final whistle brought the three points back to Middlesex. Match reports from all the games can be found in today's programme.

Next up is our rearranged midweek match at Leatherhead this coming Tuesday KO 7.45pm, before another pivotal match in our season as we make the trip to Raynes Park Vale next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The next match here at Honeycroft will be when we quickly renew acquaintances with Leatherhead on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Enjoy the match!

# **Forthcoming Fixtures** (League fixtures unless stated otherwise) **Mar / Apr 2025**

1 <sup>st</sup> Team		
Date		
Sat 22 Mar	Rayners Lane	H - 3pm
Tue 22 Mar	Leatherhead	A - 7.45pm
Sat 29 Mar	Raynes Park Vale	A – 3pm
Sat 5 Apr	Leatherhead	H – 3pm
Sat 12 Apr	Sutton Common Rovers	H – 3pm
Sat 19 Apr	Hanworth Villa	A - 3pm
Mon 21 Apr	Southall	H – 3pm
Sat 26 Apr	Westfield	A – 3pm

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Mon 24 Mar	Bedfont Sports	Α				
Thu 27 Mar	Aldershot Town	A				
Mon 31 Mar	Camberley Town	A				
Tue 22 Apr	Hanworth Villa	Α				



	Likely Squad from
1	George Legg (GK)
2	Troy Murray
3	Massimo Giamattei
4	Harry Gallagher
5	James Taylor
6	CJ Fearn
7	Luke Paris
8	Casey Bocarro
9	Kai Hobbs
10	Joshua Addae
11	Alex Witham
12	Leo Decabo
14	George Moore
15	Andrio Brandao
16	Harry Rush
17	Wilson Chingoka
18	Leo Donnellan
19	Fabio Sole
20	Robert Bunn
21	Ada Okorogheye
22	Daniel Fosu
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Manager Danny Edwards Assistant Manager Fred Cummings Coach Martin Kuhl Coach John Carroll Coach Sean Kelleher Goalkeeping Coach Shaka Mughal Physiotherapist Joseph Peacock Logistics Manager/Secretary Colin Finch Videographer Ki Turner



	Likely Squad from
1	ENDURANCE JOHNSON - GK
2	TARIQ STRAKER
3	LAURAN JOSEPH LUKE
4	GERMAINE DUA
5	JOSHUA GREEN
6	FRANK KEITA (C)
7	ELLIOT BUCHANNAN
8	MIKE HILL
9	JAMES DOBSON
10	MYLES ANDERSON
11	MO KAMARA
12	ANTHONY COOK
14	MARCO CORREIA
15	DAVID IJAHI
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Management & Coaching Team Mark Dacey ,Josh Bostock, Ryan King Elliott & Adam Bambroffe

Referee: Adam Steele
Assistants Christopher Gustafsson & David Lofgren

# Saturday 1st March Uxbridge 2-1 South Park (Reigate) FC

#### **Full marks against The Sparks**

Uxbridge headed into Saturday afternoons game at home to relegation threatened South Park (Reigate), having been unbeaten in the last 6 at home and only 1 defeat in the last 10 outings on home soil. Conversely, South Park headed into the game having lost 11 of their 15 away games this season, although one of their 2 wins came in their last away game against Ashford with the other against second place Kingstonian! With the sun shining, there was further good news for the Uxbridge faithful as striker George Moore - who has already scored 20 goals this season - was named on the bench and later came on to make his first outing from injury since his goal helped secure a 1-1 draw against Harrow Borough on New Year's Day. The match kicked off 45 minutes late due to the officials being delayed on the M25, however this did not affect their performance as I believe they were the best officials we have seen at Honeycroft this season.

The delay did not deter Uxbridge who again had an electric start and in the first minute a cross from our right-hand side found Ada Okorogheye but his free header was blocked before the ball could nestle in the net. With Uxbridge dominating the early proceedings 5 minutes later, Fabio Sole had a shot from the edge of the box after another cross from Kai Hobbs on the right but again this was blocked. South Park hadn't seen the ball barring Danny Bracken goal kicks in the South Park goal, but in the 8th minute South Park came closest to breaking the deadlock when the ball was collected by Steve Gody and his shot grazed the outside of the post from the edge of the area. 10 minutes into the game and with Andrio Brandao in the middle of the park for Uxbridge having a huge influence in the encounter, he won the ball on the

Uxbridge **George Legg** Joshua Addae Massimo Giamatt... CJ Fearn (C) Kai Hobbs **James Taylor Harry Rush**  $\odot$ Andrio Brandao 2 Ada Okorogheye 2 Morrison Hashii 2 **Fabio Sole** Jonathan Hippolyte Harry Gallagher **George Moore** S **Dernell Wynter Casey Bocarro** C

half way line, then played a delightful 30 yard pass to Josh Addae on the right wing and Addae then tried to feed Brandao with a pass in the area but it was well read by the Sparks defence. With Uxbridge still having most of possession but not testing the keeper, 21 minutes elapsed when Fabio Sole rattled the bar from the edge of the box after Okorogheye stole the ball from Sparks centre half Jamal Abubakari on the right-hand side edge of his area. Was it going to be one of those days?

Possession is nine tenths of the game as the Reds were to find as South Park launched a long ball forward in the 22nd minute to Shamal Edwards willing run, he beat centre half Hobbs to the ball, rounded George Legg in goal for the visitors to take a one nil lead with their first and only shot on target all game! Uxbridge didn't let their heads drop - why would they - and they nearly got back on level terms immediately after a Kai Hobbs header was expertly guided to Morrison Hashii (making his first start for the reds) but his shot was deflected wide for the first corner of the game. 28 minutes had passed when a long throw on the left by Massimo Giamattei caused havoc in the Sparks area, the ball was only partially cleared to the waiting Harry Rush on the edge of the area and his half volley gave Danny Bracken in the South Park goal no chance as it nestled in the corner of the net for his first goal for the club! It was no less than Uxbridge deserved. The home side now had the upper hand and from the kick off Okorogheye should have put Uxbridge ahead but Bracken spread himself well when the striker couldn't decide whether to shoot or take it round the keeper and in the end the keeper smothered the ball well. It was a shame as Ada's performance merited a goal.

With the Uxbridge faithful fully aware that the other scores in our league were 'going our way' due to our late kick off we were hoping for another goal and it duly came in the 40th minute when Fabio Sole was inexplicably shoved in the corner of the box heading away from goal and Matt Rowling pointing to the spot without hesitation. Josh Addae stepped up to hit his penalty in the top corner giving the keeper no chance. This was the last meaningful action of the half - barring a yellow card for the impressive Massimo Giamattei - and Uxbridge dominance deserved their half time lead. The corner count at half time was 4 to Uxbridge to 1 of South Park with Uxbridge scoring 2 of their 3 shots on target with South Park scoring from their only shot.

South Park made changes at half time with Callum Corbin and Zac Jervis replacing Gody and Tom Smith. Uxbridge didn't rest on their lead and a couple of minutes into the second half Hobbs nearly doubled the hosts lead following a right wing cross after a well worked corner but his header went just over the crossbar. Uxbridge should have put the game to bed by now and in the 50th minute, from Legg's goal kick, Hashii collected the ball who in turn passed to Okorogheye and his pass to Rush on the edge of the area was a good one but unfortunately Rush' shot went just wide of the upright. Uxbridge were piling on the pressure and a minute later the immense Josh Addae on the right wing put in a delightful ball along the floor to the unmarked Hashii 8 yards out but his shot when sliding in went wide which was a shame as his performance deserved a goal.

Okorogheye found himself in the referee's notebook after pulling back a South Park defender and halting an attack in the 55th minute. This was only to spur him on and his excellent hold up play a minute late ensured that he laid off the ball to the marauding Addae who cut inside but his shot - with only the keeper to beat - was straight at Bracken. Were all these chances going to haunt Uxbridge?

Nearly, as on the hour, lax play in the middle of the park by Uxbridge meant that South Park picked up the pall and they should have tested Legg in goal from the resulting shot from the edge of the area but it went high over the bar and the stand! Fabio Sole was next in the referee's notepad when he picked up a card in the 61st minute stopping a breakaway by South Park in the middle of the pitch. Uxbridge made their first changes in the encounter with both front men Okorogheye and Hashii being replaced in the 65th minute by Moore and Jonathan Hippolyte. Both were excellent but a deserved goal eluded their performances. The substitutes didn't take long to get to the pace of the game and 3 minutes after entering the field, Hippolyte passed to Moore in space on the edge of the area but his effort was straight at the keeper. Dernell Wynter replaced man of the match Brandao with 15 minutes left, hoping that his goal scoring prowess would put the game beyond the Sparks.

South Park then made changes of their own with Olugbodi replacing George Vincent up top and Murphy-McVey replacing Clarke-Salter. The changes were not to end there as in the 80th minute Casey Bocarro replaced Giamattei at left wing back. Uxbridge were nearly made to pay for their missed chances and with 4 minutes to go South Park (Reigate) nearly got an equaliser but luckily Legg watched the effort just go over the crossbar. Four minutes of injury time were signalled and Uxbridge were not sitting on their lead and in the third minute of it, Hippolyte made a chance for himself after a fantastic run but the shot didn't match the run and the score remained 2-1 to the Reds until the full-time whistle. It wasn't an electric performance but it was one that merited a win and kept the Reds firmly in the playoffs with 12 games to go.

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# Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March Farnham Town 2-1 Uxbridge

#### **Town Down Reds**

Uxbridge headed down to leafy Surrey on Saturday for a trip to the runaway league leaders Farnham Town - looking to avenge the heavy 5-0 defeat inflicted on the Reds at Honeycroft in the reverse fixture back in November. The match saw a few changes to last week's line up against South Park, with Casey Bocarro slotting into the defence in the absence of suspended skipper CJ Fearn. George Moore made a welcome return to the starting lineup, also making their comebacks after injury were Toby Nnadozie & Luke Paris - who both started on the bench.

In front of a bumper crowd of 676 and with the spring sunshine beating down, Uxbridge made a lively start seeing plenty of the ball - but the well organised Farnham defence kept out any real threat. The home side got their first real chance on 8 minutes when the dangerous Great Evans did well to beat a couple of challenges and he squared to Sam De St Croix, whose shot would have really tested George Legg if not for a great last-ditch block from Josh Addae. The game then settled down with neither side able to create any chances of note. In fact, when the opening goal did arrive on 21 minutes it was something of a wakeup call. A free kick was floated into the box, and evaded everyone, only for Jack Dean to nip in at the back post between Josh Addae and Legg and head the home side into the lead. George Moore was providing a good outlet up front for Uxbridge, and it was he who worked a couple of good openings but was unable to seriously test Oualah in the Farnham goal. In fact, it was Farnham who struck next on the half hour when the ball fell to De St Croix on the edge of the box, whose dipping shot bounced awkwardly in front of Legg, who was only able to parry the ball into

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the path of Evans, who made no mistake in doubling the lead. Uxbridge heads didn't drop though, and they were handed a lifeline 5 minutes later, as Addae's throw into the box saw Dernell Wynter rise highest in the box, and his goal bound header was turned into his own net by Ryan Kinnane. Just before the half ended Wynter again made his presence felt in the box, but he was unable to keep his header down, and Farnham held the slim advantage at the break.

#### HT 1-2

The home side came out all guns firing in the second half and could easily have grabbed a third just 2 minutes in as Harry Cooksley's corner was met well by Ben Purcell whose header was parried by Legg and then cleared off the line by Hobbs in the resultant scramble. On 49 minutes Legg was called into action again as the lively De St Croix who tried to pick out the top corner from the edge of the box and forced Legg into an excellent full length save. After the initial pressure Uxbridge came more into the game and came close to an equaliser midway through the half, Moore played in Massimo Giamattei on the right-hand side of the box, and his low cross was spilt by Oualah, the ball rolling along the goal line only to be cleared by the defender before anyone in a blue shirt could get to it. On 62 minutes Jack Dean forced another save from Legg as he again ghosted in at the back post with a header, this time Uxbridge held firm though. On 80 minutes an odd situation, where Oualah was about to take a goal kick, he then dropped the ball and regathered it - resulting in an indirect free kick inside the penalty box, Moore crashed the shot into the defenders and away for a corner however and Farnham survived. The Reds continued to make chances though as Fabio Sole found space in the box, and his low fizzing shot was just turned over the bar by Oualah who was fortunate not to turn the ball into his own net. With 90 minutes up Uxbridge so nearly grabbed an equaliser, as substitute Ada Okorogheye did superbly well on the left wing his cross found Hobbs in space, but his header was parried and looped agonisingly past the far post with the defenders wrong footed. It was the last action of any note, and Uxbridge will feel they could have taken something from this game and will go into another tricky trip to Hayes & Yeading on Tuesday night with positive vibes.

# Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Hayes & Yeading Utd 2-3 Uxbridge

As divides go, Stockley Park is not the most intimidating of barriers, but this trip to UB4 was more pivotal than most – with fourth placed Uxbridge travelling the three miles to in-form fifth place Hayes & Yeading United on Tuesday evening. The SkyEx Community Stadium has not been a happy hunting ground for the Reds, two visits yielding two defeats and a 0-9 aggregate score. After a good performance by Uxbridge in defeat at Farnham at the weekend, this match would go a long way to shaping the play-off picture in the Isthmian League South Central division. George Moore dropped to the bench for this one, with ex United forward Jonathan Hippolyte coming into the starting eleven.

A predictably cagey opening saw Uxbridge enjoying plenty of possession, but a low shot from Harry Rush on 6 minutes was the best chance for either side in the opening 20 minutes. Andrio Brandao managed to fashion a chance on 23 minutes but fired his shot straight at Juliusz Pazio in the home sides goal. United then opened the scoring with their first chance of any note on 28 minutes, as a corner wasn't dealt with by the Uxbridge defence, and after the ball worked loose, Tyler Hayles was on hand to drill the ball past George Legg. Uxbridge responded by controlling the play and kept their heads -and the ball- all the possession paid off when on 38 minutes the equaliser came. Ada Okorogheye did well to get wide and beat the defence, and was fouled, perilously close to the edge of the penalty box. The resultant free kick was whipped in by Harry Rush and was met emphatically by Kai Hobbs unmarked to head home. There was time before the break for another Uxbridge free kick to get deflected just past the post by the United defence, but it was all square at the break.

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Kai Hobbs	<b>②</b>
James Taylor	
Harry Rush	
Andrio Brandao	S
Ada Okorogheye	S
Jonathan Hippolyte	S
Toby Nnadozie	S
Dernell Wynter	S
14 Luke Paris	S
15 George Moore	S
16 Harry Gallagher	S
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#### HT 1-1

The second half began with a very confident penalty shout from the visitors after Josh Addae was seemingly fouled as he found some space in the box, but the referee waved away the protests and awarded a goal kick. Minutes later another good shout for a penalty was turned away after a lunging challenge on Jonathan Hippolyte in the box – again nothing doing. It was third time (un) lucky on 56 minutes though as Mr Smith the referee finally did give a penalty – to Hayes & Yeading – as George Sippetts got in behind the reds defence from a long ball and was brought down in the box. Kaylen Hinds stepped up and sent Legg the wrong to restore the home teams advantage. Uxbridge still created chances, Geroge Moore had come on at half time lobbed a shot just wide, after Okorogheye had put good pressure on the home side defence forcing them to concede possession. At the other end on 74 minutes Legg was called on to make a fine save from Hinds, whose shot seemed destined to go in – but the Uxbridge shot stopper was more than equal to it. Time was not on Uxbridge's side now, and the inevitable substitutions and "injuries" started to eat in into the clock – it appeared as if it was not going to be Uxbridge's evening. George Moore had other ideas though, and his tireless work up front did reap some rewards. On 87 minutes Moore closed down Pazio and blocked his clearance, the ball looped goalwards – and with both men chasing the ball down – it seemed destined to go into the goal - only the outstretched hand of the keeper, saw the ball clawed away for a corner, and it was just the players who rippled the net. The resultant corner was not dealt with at all by the United defence and after a couple of blocked shots the ball fell to Massimo Giamattei on the edge of the box, who rifled the ball through a crowd of players into the far corner – cue jubilant celebrations behind the goal – but not on the pitch, the players to their immense credit when straight back to kick off - with a winner to go after. The winner did indeed arrive with the game 4 minutes into stoppage time, the ball broke to Moore in his own half – who then led the charge through the middle – United failed to deal with the ball, which found its way back to Moore on the right hand edge of the box, his low cross into the middle was turned into his own net by James Richmond, under pressure from Dernell Wynter -this time the celebrations were on both sides of the fence, and Uxbridge held on for a famous victory and took the 3 points and bragging rights back over to UB7.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March Horndean 2-3 Uxbridge

After the short trip over to Hayes on Tuesday evening, Uxbridge made one of the longer trips this season down to Hampshire to face Horndean at Five Heads Park on Saturday afternoon. With plenty of travelling support heading south on the supporters coach, and the sun shining, the omens were good - especially as in their only previous meeting in December the Deans had been dispatched 8-0 at Honeycroft. Captain CJ Fearn returned to the defence and new signing from Carshalton Darnell Goather-Braithwaite made his debut for the Reds.

The ground at Horndean has a rather pronounced slope, but Uxbridge kicking up the hill in the first half - would though make light of the undulating surface. On just 2 minutes Ada Okorogheye proved he was going to be a thorn in the home defences side by working some space on the edge of the box but was unable to keep his shot down. With Uxbridge dominating the possession it was something of a surprise that the opening goal came from a set piece, a free kick was whipped into the Horndean penalty box and wasn't dealt with, CJ Fearn was guickest to react and he bundled the ball into the net, with the defender on the line only able to help it on its way in. Four minutes later it was almost 2 as a throw into the box was flicked on to Goather-Braithwaite, whose superb shot on the turn was met by an equally superb save by Cameron Scott in the Horndean goal, to push the ball onto the bar and away to safety. The reprieve was short lived however, as on 26 minutes Dernell Wynter did brilliantly on the left wing to beat his man, he carried on his run into the box and unleashed a fine shot into the top corner of the net and stanchion. Just after the half hour Wynter went close again, as he

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curled a shot just past the far post with Scott stranded. The home side struggled to make any inroads into the visitors defence as Uxbridge controlled the match and a 2-goal advantage into the break.

#### HT 2-0

The second half followed a similar pattern, with the Reds enjoying plenty of possession whilst keeping Horndean at arm's length. On 53 minutes the lively Wynter got through, but the ball would not sit down as it ran down the slope and his shot went over. Ten minutes later an Uxbridge free kick was fired in by Massimo Giamattei, which Scott managed to grab at the second attempt as the visitors forwards closed in. The first real danger of any note from the home side arrived on 70 minutes, as Horndean finally broke through the reds rearguard, but Fearn was on hand to get back and snuff out the danger. Seconds later it could have been a third, only for Scott to pull off another excellent block from a close range shot after a great cross from the left by Okorogheye was met by James Taylor, but the keeper's outstretched hand kept the score down to 2. Minutes later though it was 3 as the tireless Andrio Brandao, got onto a loose ball after an Uxbridge break, and he fired home from the edge of the box, with Scott left flat footed, a fine finish to surely wrap up the three points. From then on though Horndean came more into the game as Uxbridge made some substitutions and started to sit back on their lead. A warning came on 80 minutes when a low dipping shot by Adam Payce went inches over the bar. The home side did get one back on 89 minutes when a free kick from wide left from Rudy Blankson, missed everyone in the box and went straight into the far corner. Inexplicably after cruising through the match, Uxbridge now looked nervous and unable to hold onto the ball. To their credit Horndean sensed this and in the first minute of stoppage time they grabbed a second, when a long ball saw Brandon Chebby find himself through on goal and he slotted home, to leave the visiting fans nervously checking their watches.

The comeback was not to be, however and the Reds saw the game out to take the three points, and with an aggregate score of 11-2 in the two matches with the Deans this season, can look forward to the remaining 8 matches of the season with confidence. Next up Rayners Lane are the visitors to Honeycroft on Saturday 22 March



#### By Jon Couch

IT'S approaching 15 years since the birth of Non-League Day. Inspired by a pre-season trip to Devon to watch Queens Park Rangers play at Tavistock, visionary James Doe set it up initially as a social experiment and the rest, as they say, is history. Now, Non-League Day, scheduled to coincide with an international break, has now grown to become an annual part of the football calendar, backed by Premier League and Football League clubs, MPs, celebrities, media organisations, charities and the like. But most importantly, it's been embraced by the clubs and fans themselves with the occasion providing a platform for clubs to showcase affordable volunteer-led community football, while offering supporters of Premier League or Championship clubs the chance to get their football fix by supporting their local side.

This week in The NLP, columnist Gregor Robertson told how amid plans of new £2bn super stadiums and everincreasing ticket prices at the top level, the fans are feeling disillusioned and exploited as the elite game changes beyond recognition. "These fans feel their game is being taken away from them," Gregor said. "Profit has become a greater incentive than sporting adventure. "Football in this country has never been so popular. Crowds in England are at their highest for half a century. That's just as true in Non-League football. "But I can't help feeling that elite football on these shores is being ripped away from the places and communities where it was founded. "So, as we approach the 16th annual Non-League Day, a platform conceived to promote the value of community football, a prediction: the trickle of marginalised Premier League fans we've seen converge at local Non-League games? That's only the beginning. "Don't be surprised to bump into more of these fans at your local club, this weekend and beyond."

Indeed, it may well be that some of those disillusioned and exploited supporters of Premier League clubs are reading this very article right now, stood on the terraces of their local club experiencing life on 'the other side'. The 3pm kick-offs, realistic ticket prices, the ability to stand (and enjoy a pint) anywhere in the ground and guaranteed a warm welcome by volunteers who run their clubs for a love of the game. What's not to like? As the years go by, Non-League Day becomes increasingly prominent in the calendar with clubs making the most of their place in the spotlight by putting on a host of special events, ticket promotions and charitable initiatives. Clubs like Ascot United, who are hosting a St Patrick's Day special when they host Isthmian South Central leaders Farnham Town. Fans wearing Irish fancy dress will get half-price admission, while the bar is open late for 30 per cent off a pint of Guinness. Elsewhere, Altrincham are urging fans to Paint The Town Red for Non-League Day when they host National League leaders Barnet.

Starting at 12,30pm ahead of their televised 5.30pm kick-off, the Robins are putting on a number of shows and activities including a children's penalty shootout, a children's entertainer and football freestyler Jay Rosa, along with various stalls and a raffle for an Athletic Bilbao shirt, in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

The Premier League trophy is also getting in on the act, visiting no fewer than three Essex Senior League grounds for the league groundhop, appearing at Benfleet FC (12pm), Buckhurst Hill (3pm) and then Takeley (7.45pm). Abingdon United are hosting a Retro Shirt Day for their visit of Bewdley Town with anyone wearing a pre-2012 shirt getting half-price entry, while live music from Jason Rampling and a performance by The Twilight Twirlers precedes AFC Sudbury's visit of Redditch United. Three Bridges are using the event to formally open their new 3G pitch, while Harwich & Parkeston will be continuing their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with a historic town visit, followed by a tour of the club's Royal Oak ground.

Charities too will be supported with Prostate Cancer UK the chosen beneficiary of a number of clubs on the day, while Non-League Day's extra mission this year focuses on encouraging people to give blood, led by former Non-League stalwart Francis Duku, the former Dulwich Hamlet, Ebbsfleet, Bromley and Lewes defender. And this year, Non-League Day have joined forces with the Seventy7 Group in providing a fully managed social media campaign, creative assets, and advertising support to boost awareness and attendances on the day. The Seventy7 Group are encouraging attendees to share their Non-League Day experience on Instagram for a chance to win £150 worth of football prizes. Simply upload a photo of your NLD experience on Instagram, use the hashtag #NLD2025 and follow @nonleagueday\_uk with a £50 voucher for mystery football kits and £100 to spend with their local club. With so much going on up and down the country, it promises to be another Non-League Day to remember.

It's a time to embrace semi-professional and grassroots football and of course the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep your local club at the heart of the community. Now that's got to be worth celebrating.

# **Isthmian League South Central Division 2024-25**

			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Farnham Town	34	26	6	2	97	28	+69	84
	2	Kingstonian	34	21	6	7	74	43	+31	69
X	3	Uxbridge	34	20	6	8	69	48	+21	66
	4	Ascot United	35	19	8	8	67	48	+19	65
	5	Hanworth Villa	34	19	5	10	55	43	+12	62
<u></u>	6	Hartley Wintney	34	19	3	12	64	42	+22	60
•	7	Hayes & Yeading United	35	16	12	7	64	45	+19	60
	8	Leatherhead	34	16	9	9	64	41	+23	57
R/	9	Raynes Park Vale	33	16	7	10	69	50	+19	55
<b>**</b>	10	Moneyfields	35	16	7	12	71	60	+11	55
1	11	Westfield	34	13	8	13	53	59	-6	47
<b>O</b>	12	Harrow Borough	35	13	7	15	52	54	-2	46
8	13	Rayners Lane	33	12	9	12	68	63	+5	45
<b>(</b>	14	Southall	35	11	8	16	49	58	-9	41
1	15	Horndean	35	10	9	16	51	76	-25	39
Binfield EC	16	Binfield	34	11	6	17	44	70	-26	39
	17	Metropolitan Police	35	10	7	18	43	62	-19	37
	18	Ashford Town (Middx)	36	8	6	22	50	75	-25	30
	19	South Park (Reigate)	35	7	9	19	37	63	-26	30
3	20	Guernsey	34	7	7	20	49	87	-38	28
	21	Sutton Common Rovers	35	7	4	24	39	70	-31	25
	22	Badshot Lea	35	3	9	23	42	86	-44	18

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# **Uxbridge Fixtures & Results 24/25**

Sat 17 Aug	A A	Cobham  Kingstonian	FA Cup EP Isthmian South Central	4-3	112	Okorogheye (3), Hackett
Sat 17 Aug	A		Isthmian South Central			
Tue 20 Aug H Sat 24 Aug H Mon 26 Aug A Sat 7 Sep H		Ashford Tarres (Batalala)		0-3	243	-
Sat 24 Aug H Mon 26 Aug A Sat 7 Sep H	Н	Ashford Town (Middx)	FA Cup Prelim	1-1	79	Dzimba
Mon 26 Aug A		Ashford Town (Middx)	FA Cup Prelim Replay	1-2	140	Addae
Sat 7 Sep H	Н	Westfield	Isthmian South Central	3-4	125	Hackett, Chingoka (2)
'	Α	Harrow Borough	Isthmian South Central	0-3	244	-
Mon Q Son	Н	Phoenix Sports	FA Trophy 1Q	6-0	120	Decabo (2), Chingoka, Witham, Goulter, og
I IVIUII 7 JED   P	Α	Binfield	Isthmian South Central	0-0	151	-
Sat 14 Sep	Н	Badshot Lea	Isthmian South Central	4-0	110	Okorogheye (2), Moore, Brandao
Tue 17 Sep H	Н	Hanworth Villa	Isthmian South Central	2-1	141	Moore, Okorogheye
Sat 21 Sep H	Н	AFC Croydon Athletic	FA Trophy 2Q	2-1	134	Okorogheye, Addae
Sat 28 Sep H		Ashford Town (Middx)	Isthmian South Central	2-1	135	Brown, Decabo
Sat 5 Oct H		Thame United	FA Trophy 3Q	3-2	149	Brandao, Moore, Witham (p)
Tue 8 Oct H		Edgware & Kingsbury	Middx Senior Cup 1R	4-1	80	Witham (2) Yala, Nnadozie
Sat 12 Oct A		Metropolitan Police	Isthmian South Central	2-0	92	Moore, Okorogheye
	A	Guernsey	Isthmian South Central	2-2	422	Okorogheye (2)
Sat 19 Oct F		Ascot United	Isthmian South Central	3-0	147	Chingoka, Taylor, Whittaker
Sat 26 Oct A		Chertsey Town	FA Trophy 1R	0-3	334	-
Sat 2 Nov		Farnham Town	Isthmian South Central	0-5	207	-
Tue 5 Nov		Binfield	Isthmian South Central	2-1	133	Moore, Addae (p)
	Α	Badshot Lea	Isthmian South Central	4-0	104	Moore (2), Armsworth,
				2-2	355	Donnellan
Tue 12 Nov H	Н	Hayes & Yeading Utd	Isthmian South Central	2-2	355	Moore (2)
Sat 16 Nov H	Н	Guernsey	Isthmian South Central	4-1	143	Okorogheye, Donnellan, Bocarro, Taylor
Tue 19 Nov H	Н	Harefield Utd	Middx Senior Cup 2R	1-1 (4-5p)	124	Witham
Sat 23 Nov A	A	Ashford Town (Middx)	Isthmian South Central	2-1	96	Moore (2)
Tue 26 Nov A	A	South Park (Reigate)	Isthmian South Central	2-0	107	Moore (2)
Sat 30 Nov F	Н	Hartley Wintney	Isthmian South Central	0-4	148	-
Sat 14 Dec H	Н	Horndean	Isthmian South Central	8-0	115	Moore (3), Okorogheye (2), Brandao, Decabo, Witham (p)
Sat 21 Dec A	Α	Rayners Lane	Isthmian South Central	2-1	92	Addae (p), Moore
Thu 26 Dec A	Α	Southall	Isthmian South Central	1-0	143	Moore
Sat 28 Dec H	Н	Kingstonian	Isthmian South Central	2-1	287	Okorogheye, Moore
Wed 1 Jan H	Н	Harrow Borough	Isthmian South Central	1-1	214	Moore
Tue 7 Jan H	Н	Southall	Middx Charity Cup - QF	2-4	96	Chingoka, Taylor
Tue 14 Jan A	A	Moneyfields	Isthmian South Central	0-2	172	-
Sat 18 Jan H	Н	Raynes Park Vale	Isthmian South Central	2-2	157	Addae, Fearn
Sat 25 Jan A	Α	Hartley Wintney	Isthmian South Central	1-5	347	Hippolyte
Sat 1 Feb F	Н	Moneyfields	Isthmian South Central	2-1	181	Tayloe, Addae (p)
Mon 10 Feb	Α	Sutton Common Rovers	Isthmian South Central	3-0	77	Fosu (2), Wynter
Sat 15 Feb F	Н	Metropolitan Police	Isthmian South Central	4-0	124	Okorogheye (2), Brandao, Addae
Sat 22 Feb A	Α	Ascot United	Isthmian South Central	0-0	289	-
Sat 1 Mar	Н	South Park (Reigate)	Isthmian South Central	2-1	185	Rush, Addae (p)
Sat 8 Mar A	Α	Farnham Town	Isthmian South Central	1-2	676	og
Tue 11 Mar A	Α	Hayes & Yeading United	Isthmian South Central	3-2	309	Hobbs, Giamattei, og
Sat 15 Mar A	А	Horndean	Isthmian South Central	3-2	192	Fearn, Wynter, Brandao
Sat 22 Mar	Н	Rayners Lane	Isthmian South Central	3pm		
Tue 25 Mar A	Α	Leatherhead	Isthmian South Central	7.45pm		
Sat 29 Mar A		Raynes Park Vale	Isthmian South Central	3pm		
Sat 5 Apr H		Leatherhead	Isthmian South Central	3pm		
Sat 12 Apr H		Sutton Common Rovers	Isthmian South Central	3pm		
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	Н	Southall	Isthmian South Central	3pm		
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# Isthmian League South Central Division - Recent Results



# **Isthmian League South Central Division** – *Upcoming Fixtures*



# Youth Update Isthmian Football League U18 – West Division

Pos	Team	Р	w	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Camberley Town (U18) Isthmian	11	8	1	2	26	25
2	Bracknell Town U18	9	7	2	0	15	23
3	Bedfont Sports FC U18 ISTHMIAN	10	7	1	2	20	22
4	Hampton & Richmond Borough FC U18 Isthmi	14	6	1	7	-2	19
5	Farnham Town FC U18	12	5	1	6	-6	16
6	Uxbridge FC U18	12	5	1	6	-1	16
7	Hanworth Villa U18 Elite	11	4	1	6	2	13
8	Aldershot Town U18 ( Bostik )	8	3	2	3	3	11
9	Ascot United U18 Isthmian	13	0	0	13	-57	0

DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	COMPETITION	KO/SCORE
Mon 19 Aug	Н	CAMBERLEY TOWN	Isthmian Youth League West	1-5
Wed 4 Sep	Н	TRING ATHLETIC	FA Youth Cup	1-2
Mon 9 Sep	Α	Bedfont Sports	Isthmian League Yth Cup 2R	5-4
Mon 30 Sep	Н	NEWPORT PAGNELL	Friendly	4-0
Mon 7 Oct	Α	Bracknell Town	Isthmian Youth League West	1-4
Mon 4 Nov	Н	BEDFONT SPORTS	Isthmian Youth League West	0-0
Mon 11 Nov	Н	FARNHAM TOWN	Isthmian Youth League West	1-2
Mon 25 Nov	Н	CAMBERLEY TOWN	Isthmian League Yth Cup 3R	0-1
Thurs 16 Jan	Α	Farnham Town	Isthmian Youth League West	2-3
Mon 20 Jan	Α	HANWORTH VILLA	Middlesex Youth Cup	3-7
Mon 27 Jan	Н	HANWORTH VILLA	Isthmian Youth League West	2-0
Tue 4 Feb	Α	Ascot United	Isthmian Youth League West	4-0
Mon 17 Feb	Н	ALDERSHOT TOWN	Isthmian Youth League West	1-4
Mon 3 Mar	Н	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	Isthmian Youth League West	2-0
Mon 10 Mar	Α	Hampton & Richmond Borough	Isthmian Youth League West	5-2
Mon 17 Mar	Н	ASCOT UNITED	Isthmian Youth League West	2-1
Fri 21 Mar	Α	Bracknell Town	Isthmian Youth League West	1-2
Mon 24 Mar	Α	Bedfont Sports	Isthmian Youth League West	7.45PM
Thurs 27 Mar	Α	Aldershot Town	Isthmian Youth League West	7.45PM
Mon 31 Mar	Α	Camberley Town	Isthmian Youth League West	7.45PM
TBC	Α	Hanworth Villa	Isthmian Youth League West	7.45PM

# **Uxbridge FC Management Team Profiles 2024/25**

#### Danny Edwards - First Team Manager

Previously at Chalfont St Peter for 15 seasons as manager. Oversaw the club's promotion to step 4 and an FA Vase semi-final. Danny is in his 5th season at the helm at Uxbridge, having also previously worked at Chelsea FC and Southampton FC and is an UEFA A-Licence coach.

#### Fred Cummings – Assistant Manager

Joined Uxbridge from Chalfont St Peter with Danny Edwards in 2019. An UEFA B Licence coach who has also held positions at Slough Town, Hemel Hempstead Town and Wealdstone. Played over 400 for Uxbridge and is a huge influence for the players.

#### Martin Kuhl – Coach

Former midfielder who has over 15 years of Football League experience as a player with Birmingham City, Sheffield United, Watford, Portsmouth, Derby County, Notts County and Bristol City. As a Manager/Coach he was previously with Aldershot Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Reading, Torquay United, Basingstoke Town and Staines Town. Joined the coaching staff at Honeycroft during the 2023/24 season.

#### John Carroll - Coach

John came from Chalfont St Peter with Danny Edwards in 2019. An UEFA B Licence coach who captained the successful Chalfont St Peter side that won promotion to step 4. Previous clubs include Beaconsfield Town and Luton Town.

#### Shaka Mughal - Goalkeeping Coach

As a player Shaka played for Millwall and Chalfont St Peter. A huge influence and strong personality both on and off the pitch. Also responsible for assisting with all coaching sessions.

#### Joseph Peacock - Physio

Joined the club at the beginning of the 2022/23 season. An integral member of the management team who is responsible for players recovery. A fully qualified Physio his support is vital on matchdays.

#### Colin Finch – Logistics Manager / Club Secretary

The most important member of the group! Without Colin's support the group is unable to operate as professionally as it does. Responsible for all key issues in and around the changing room. Previously at Chalfont St Peter, Rayners Lane and North Greenford United.

#### Ki Turner – Videographer

Responsible for all recordings of Uxbridge FC games. Supports in and around all training sessions and on matchdays.

# **Uxbridge FC Player Profiles 2024/25**

#### George Legg (Goalkeeper)

Former Reading youngster who joined the Reds in January 2024 from Hanwell Town. Has Football and National League experience. Previous clubs include Chesham United, Gosport Borough, Hungerford Town, Barnet, Boreham Wood and Aldershot Town.

#### **Troy Murray (Defender)**

Young left-sided defender who made his Uxbridge debut in April 2024. Represented Reading at Youth level before joining Binfield.

#### Massimo Giamattei (Defender/Midfield)

"Mas" was a regular member of the Chertsey Town side that won the Isthmian League South Central Division title last season. Former professional at Swindon Town who has also played for Bracknell Town and Basingstoke Town.

#### Harry Gallagher (Defender)

Joined the Honeycroft family in January from Welwyn Garden City. His goal for Northwood against the Reds, in February 2023, was voted goal of the season. Previously represented Broadfields United before joining Northwood.

#### James Taylor (Defender)

Signed on a dual-registration agreement from Chesham United in September 2024. Former Captain of Hayes & Yeading United's Under 18 Academy side. Strong commanding central defender whose previous clubs include Egham Town, Bedfont Sports, Harrow Borough and Beaconsfield Town.

#### CJ Fearn (Defender)

Joined the Reds from Farnborough on a dual registration in September. Commanding defender who has over ten years' experience at Steps 2 & 3 of the football pyramid.

#### Luke Paris (Defender)

Luke is a Full International and has represented his country, Anguilla, in World Cup Qualifiers. In his third season at Honeycroft and recently passed the 50 appearances mark.

#### Casey Bocarro (Defender/Midfield

Versatile player who is comfortable at full-back or midfield. Signed this summer from Virginia Water where he scored important goals from midfield.

#### Kai Hobbs (Defender)

Kai joined Uxbridge on a permanent deal this summer after impressing on loan from Basingstoke Town last term. Classy right full back who looks to have a bright future in the game.

#### Joshua Addae (Defender)

Former Crystal Palace youngster who signed for the Eagles from Langley FC. Fleet footed full-back who likes to get forward. Made his Reds debut at Kingstonian in August 2024.

#### Alex Witham (Midfield)

Former Arsenal youngster who played alongside Jack Wilshire for the Gunners. Talented player who is in his fourth season at Honeycroft. Former player of the year who has made over 100 appearances for the Reds.

#### Leo Decabo (Midfield)

Leo joined The Reds in September 2024 from Hartley Wintney and made an instant impact with two goals on his debut against Phoenix Sports in the FA Trophy. Scored an impressive 22 goals for Burnham last season.

#### **George Moore (Midfield / Forward)**

Attacking midfielder who joined us from Harrow Borough in 2023. Last season's top scorer, which saw him voted the Supporters Player of the year. Was regularly amongst the goals at Step three.

#### **Andrio Brandao (Midfield)**

Skilful, attacking midfielder who joined from Virginia Water last season. Made a big impression during the latter part of the campaign and everyone at the club is excited to watch his progress this season.

#### Harry Rush (Midfield)

Harry was Captain of Hanwell Town during their promotion winning season in 2021/22, scoring 13 goals from midfield. Made his debut against Harrow Borough on New Years Day, after joining from Chesham United.

#### Wilson Chingoka (Midfielder)

All action midfielder who joined the club in January 2024. Big personality who has experience at Step 3. Previous clubs include Nuneaton Borough, Potters Bar Town, Lewes, Bedford Town, Staines Town and Northwood.

#### Leo Donnellan (Midfielder)

Former Queens Park Rangers youngster who has played for Finn Harps in the League of Ireland, and Portadown in Northern Ireland. Joined The Reds in October 2024 from Hanwell Town. Previous clubs include Harrow Borough, Dagenham & Redbridge, Enfield Town and Maidstone United.

#### Fabio Sole (Midfield/Forward)

Young attacking midfielder signed from Hendon in November 2024. Played for Hanwell Town in season 2023-24. Started his career with Reading U-18s, moving on to Oxford United U-18s from whom he went on loan to Farnborough. On leaving Oxford United he took a career break, then joined Slough Town and Met. Police before joining Hanwell in July 2023, and then onto Hendon in July 2024

#### Robert Bunn (Midfield)

A bright prospect who has impressed in the Youth Team this season. Only just turned 17 Robert has gained valuable first-team experience during this campaign.

#### Ada Okorogheye (Forward)

Came through the Academy at Slough Town before moving to the United States to study and play "soccer". Played last season at step 3 with Beaconsfield Town. Scored a hat-trick on his Uxbridge debut at Cobham in the FA Cup.

#### Daniel Fosu (Forward)

January signing from Binfield. Dan was Thatcham Town's top scorer in 2021/22 and moved to Scottish Championship side Arbroath the following season. Also played for Peterhead north of the border before moving back South to Hanwell Town.

#### Jonathan Hippolyte (Forward)

Experienced striker who has played at Step Three of the pyramid for a number of clubs. Began his career at Maidenhead United and has also represented Chesham United, Staines Town, Leatherhead, Chertsey Town, Met. Police and Beaconsfield Town. Joined The Reds in January.

# .Uxbridge FC Club History

In the late 19th century, the game of "football" was growing in popularity and on the 3rd of February 1871 a group of eminent local businessmen held the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Football Club. Alocal solicitor, Mr. William Gardiner, was elected as the Club's President and the club's colours were chosen as white shirts with a light blue Maltese cross and a light blue velvet cap with silver tassel.

Friendly games against local opposition were played in the early years, until the FA Cup was entered in 1873. A First Round Victory over Gitanos set up a Second-Round tie against eventual finalists Royal Engineers, which the Engineers narrowly won 2-1. It was at this time that Uxbridge could boast amongst its ranks a Full England International. Hubert Heron played for England on two occasions whilst an Uxbridge player before he moved to Wanderers FC where he gained further international honours. His brother Francis, formerly of Uxbridge, also played for England after joining him at Wanderers FC. The club changed its colours to Oxford Blue and Cambridge Blue shirts in 1874, but they were in financial difficulties and folded later that year.

The main problem for Uxbridge was the lack of a permanent home ground (a problem that was to plague them until the middle of the next century), the committee searched the town for a suitable base but were thwarted at every turn and they led a nomadic existence, moving ground every few years. The enthusiasm for a team in Uxbridge was still prevalent and the Club was reformed in 1879. In 1886 Uxbridge FC amalgamated with another local club, Uxbridge Crescents, and played under thisname in season 1886/87, before reverting to plain old Uxbridge the following season. It was at this time that the Red Shirts, which are still worn today, were adopted and the nickname "The Reds" wasborn. Their first trophy was won in 1889 when they lifted the West Middlesex Cup, defeating Colnbrook 1-0 in the Final.

The end of the 19th century was a particularly successful period for The Reds as they won the West Middlesex Cup on three further occasions and also won the prestigious Middlesex Senior Cup twice. In 1894 they beat the 3rd Grenadier Guards 2-0 and repeated that success two years later with a 3-2 victory over local rivals Southall in a replay in front of over 5000 spectators. The outstanding achievement however was in reaching the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1898. This was the club's first season in the competition, and they had to win eight ties before meeting Middlesborough in the final at Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, their Northeast rivals proved too strong for them on the day and ran out 2-0 winners.

During this successful period for the club, they became founder members of Division Two of the Southern League in 1894, finishing fourth in their first four seasons. However, in season 1898/99 they finished next to bottom and the dwindling crowds (averaging around 500) meant that financially the club was once again in trouble. A decision was therefore taken to withdraw from the Southern League and join the local Middlesex League to try and stabilise the club. However, a majority of the more talented players joined other clubs, and they struggled in their new surroundings, finishing bottom with only one point from their 14 games. At the end of the season the club had a deficit of £130 and with few players the club once again folded.

For two years much fund raising amongst the local community finally saw the club's debts paid and the reformed Uxbridge FC joined the West Middlesex League for the 1902/03 season. In 1904 the Great Western Suburban League was entered and here they stayed until the outbreak of the First World War. Their best finish during this period was as Runners-up to Brentford Reserves in 1910/11. They also won the Middlesex Charity Cup on two occasions in 1908 and 1913, as they looked to reestablish themselves as a force in the football world. Following the end of hostilities Uxbridge joined the Athenian League and added "Town" to their name. An unsuccessful first Athenian League campaign saw them relegated back to the Great Western Suburban League in 1920.

A successful four seasons saw them back in the Athenian League in 1924 where they remained until 1937. The Middlesex Charity Cup was won for the third time in 1935 as Finchley were beaten 4-3.

Two poor seasons saw them finish bottom of the Athenian League in 1936 and 1937 and the club failed to be re-elected. They joined the Spartan League for the 1937/38 season, dropping "Town" from their name at the end of the campaign stood proudly at the summit. Championship celebrations, however, were cut short when it was discovered that The Reds had played an ineligible player and were deduced six points, placing them in third position behind Champions Marlow.

Following the debacle of their one and only season in the Spartan League they resigned and joined the London League prior to the Second World War. During the war years they continued to play and joined the newly formed Great Western Combination League before re-joining the London League in 1945, finishing as Runners-up to Edgware Town.

Uxbridge were founder members of the Corinthian League in 1946 and remained in this league for the next seventeen years. Finally, in 1948, after over three quarters of a century of searching, a ground of their own was purchased. A piece of land in Cleveland Road, Cowley was bought for £5,800 by then President Mr. W.S. Try. The ground was named after a large house that stood on the land and "Honeycroft" was the new home of Uxbridge Football Club. During this period, they won their only Championship to-date when they were crowned Corinthian League Champions at the end of the 1959/60 season. They also won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the third time in 1951 when they defeated Hayes 2-1.

This was a successful period in the club's history as they finished in the top five of the Corinthian League on no less than eight occasions and crowds were averaging around the thousand mark. A reorganisation of non-League football saw the end of the Corinthian League in 1963, and the club found itself once again in Division One of the Athenian League. This was a lean time for The Reds, they were relegated to Division Two in 1967 and financial problems once again beset them. They gained national publicity in 1976 when England were looking for a side to play as part of their warmup for the forthcoming World Cup campaign. Uxbridge took on a full-strength England at Wembley, losing 8-0. The ground problems that had blighted Uxbridge throughout their history surfaced once again and the club had to find a new home. In 1978 they moved to their current headquarters in Horton Road, Yiewsley. A former works Sports & Social Club they have developed the site to the superb standard you see today.

Over the past 43 years they have added floodlights (opened by the visit of Arsenal in 1981), new stands, fencing and in more recent times a new clubhouse was opened and car park laid. On the playing front the club won the Middlesex Charity Cup for the fourth time in 1982, their first silverware for 31 years, and moved to the Isthmian League in the same year, winning promotion to Division One in 1985. The Final of the AC Delco Cup (League Cup) was reached in 1986, where they met Premier Division Champions Sutton United. The Reds failed to stop Sutton completing "The Double" though, losing 3-1 in the Final in front of over a thousand spectators at Imber Court, the home of Metropolitan Police FC, Uxbridge entered the London Challenge Cup for the first time in the 1992/93 season and hence followed a love affair between the Reds and the magnificent trophy. In the eight seasons they entered the competition they reached five finals, winning on three occasions in 1994,1997 and 2000.

They won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the fourth time in 2001, defeating Harrow Borough 3-0 in the Final held at Honeycroft. In 2004 the club were moved across the pyramid to the Southern League and have reached the Play-Offs on three occasions. In 2004/05 they lost on penalties, after leading Maldon Town in extra-time, in 2007/08 they narrowly lost 0-1 at Oxford City and in 2011/12 they lost 2-1 at Bedworth United in the Semi-Finals. In 2018 Uxbridge were moved back across the pyramid, re-joining the Isthmian League in the South-Central Division.

In 2019 Uxbridge appointed only their sixth manager in over fifty years. Ron Clack was in charge for 18 years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Michael Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992. In 2006 Tony Choules became the man in charge, being replaced by our current manager Danny Edwards in 2019. Danny is a UEFA A licensed coach who spent 15 years as manager of Chalfont St Peter AFC. He steered Chalfont St Peter to Step 4 of the league system in 2011, as well as reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup on three occasions. Danny has with him a confident team which includes Fred Cummings as his Assistant Manager. Fred is well known to the followers of the Red Army as a combative centre half with 320 First Team appearances for Uxbridge in the 1980's. The Middlesex Chairty Cup was won for the 8th time in 2022, with a 2-0 victory over Hanwell Town. This feat was repeated last season when North Greenford United were defeated 2-1 in the final at Bedfont Sports.

In recent times the club has mourned the passing of several club stalwarts. President Alan Odell, who had been associated with The Reds for eighty years, in 2016. Chairman Alan Holloway in 2021 and the club's long-standing Treasurer, David Tucker, passed away in 2022. "Mr. Uxbridge" had been associated with the club for over 50 years and was a massive influence in the running of Uxbridge Football Club.

From his legacy the club have been able to undertake the installation of a state-of-the-art 3G pitch, upgraded LED floodlights, a new 158-seat stand, dug-outs and both pitch-surround and perimeter fencing. More improvements are planned!

Watch this space!

## Rayners Lane FC – A Brief History

Rayners Lane FC was originally founded in Harrow, Middlesex, in 1933 and spent their formative years playing in local football. By the early 1960's they had joined the Spartan League, a tenth spot finish in 1966-67 their highest placing. In 1978-79 they had joined the Hellenic League and they were crowned Division 1 champions on goal difference in 1982-83, earning promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division where they stayed for eleven seasons before lack of floodlights saw the club returned to Division 1.

Two seasons in Hellenic Division 1 were followed by two seasons in the Middlesex League before they joined the Chiltonian League Premier Division in 1998-99. The Chiltonian and Hellenic Leagues merged in 2000-01 and Rayners Lane found themselves in Division 1 East which they won in 2012-13. However, they were denied promotion due to ground grading issues and stayed in Division 1 until the 2017-18 season when they moved to the Spartan South Midlands Division 1. That summer work began on installing a 3G playing surface along with a new club house and the Tithe Farm Sports & Social Club was eventually opened in October 2019. A year later long-time club stalwart Tony Pratt was recognized by the FA with Volunteer Of The Year Award for over 50 years of service, a fine achievement for both the club and Tony.

The club remained in the Spartan South Midlands League until the 2021-22 campaign when restructuring by the FA saw them moved over to the Combined Counties League Division 1. A fourth-place finish saw them reach the Play-Offs where they lost in the semi-final to eventual winners Wallingford Town. The following season saw them again finish fourth which resulted in another Play-Off spot where this time they overcame London Samurai Rovers in the semi-final and then Langley in the final to earn promotion. They also beat British Airways FC to win the Middlesex Premier Cup to chalk up a first ever League and Cup double.

2023-24 saw Rayners Lane under the stewardship of Gary Meakin and Wes Daly and they won promotion from CCL Premier North via the Play-Offs and also became the first Step 5 side to win the Middlesex Senior Cup with a memorable victory over Hayes & Yeading United.

The 2024-25 season sees The Lane competing at Step 4 for the first time in their history.





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