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WELCOME NOTES

A warm welcome to Burnham for this Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division North match at The Robert Parker Stadium along with the referee Matthew Leaning and his assistants Steven Williams and Ashley Carley

For those who read this column regularly will remember how excited I became when Jack Arnold and Alex Paine appeared to be scoring all of The Tangerines' goals.

You will be forgiven if youj sigh at the next paragraph for I am excited again with Ashford Town (Middx)'s goalscoring feats.

This time it is not the Arnold and Paine double act. I am going to announce another duo who could go far in the entertainment history - Harris and Kassim.

They were the heroes of the fantastic 4-2 victory against our promotion rivals Wallingford & Crowmarsh two weeks ago. This was the first of four games against sides that are seriously gunning for promotion.

We played some great football against The Wally and were leading 2-0 with just over ten minutes remaining in the enthralling contest with both our goals being scored by Cormac Harris.

However, the visitors refused to give up and managed to level the scores at 2-2 with one of the goals being scored by our former forward Tyler D'Cruz.

When it looked as if the points would be shared, up popped Loqman Kassim with two brilliant efforts in time added on to give us a deserved victory. Loqman is a new arrival at The Robert Parker Stadium, having played for a number of clubs including Maidenhead United Under-23s, Aylesbury United and Marlow.

We had been hoping to follow up this fine performance with another success at Ardley United but unfortunately this game on 14th February was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch.

This evening's match against Burnham will be our first for two weeks as we were not scheduled a game at the weekend. Instead the squad had a team bonding session.

Hopefully this session will pay dividends as Burnham are currently at the top of the CCL Premier Division North table and are playing some good football.

After this evening's game, we entertain Windsor & Eton, who have slipped into the play-off positions but are one of the favourites for the title, noting they have a significant number of games in hand over their rivals. But we have to play them twice.

Enjoy the game.

Graham White

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TANGERINES ON THE ROAD
North Greenford Utd - 14th February



Berkeley Fields,
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UB6 0NX

Directions: From the ground at Short Lane, aim for The Clockhouse Roundabout via the A30.

At The Clockhouse Roundabout, take the 2nd exit on to The Great South West Road/A30.

After 2.5 miles approx turn left on to The Parkway/ A312. At The Waggoners Roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on The Parkway/A312.

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At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to Church Road/A312. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to the A40 slip road to C London/ Wembley/Harrow//Greenford/Northolt/Industrial Est.

Take the slip road on to Western Avenue/A40. After 1.1 miles approx, take the exit towards Harrow/SudburyGreenford/A4127. Continue onto Karoline Gardens.. At the roundabout, take the 1st exitongto Greenford Rd/A4127.

Turn right onto Berkeley Avenue to reach destination.

HALF-TIME TEASER

1. Which current Premier League sides have played in League Two since 1992?

2. Which current Premier League sides have played in League One since 1992?

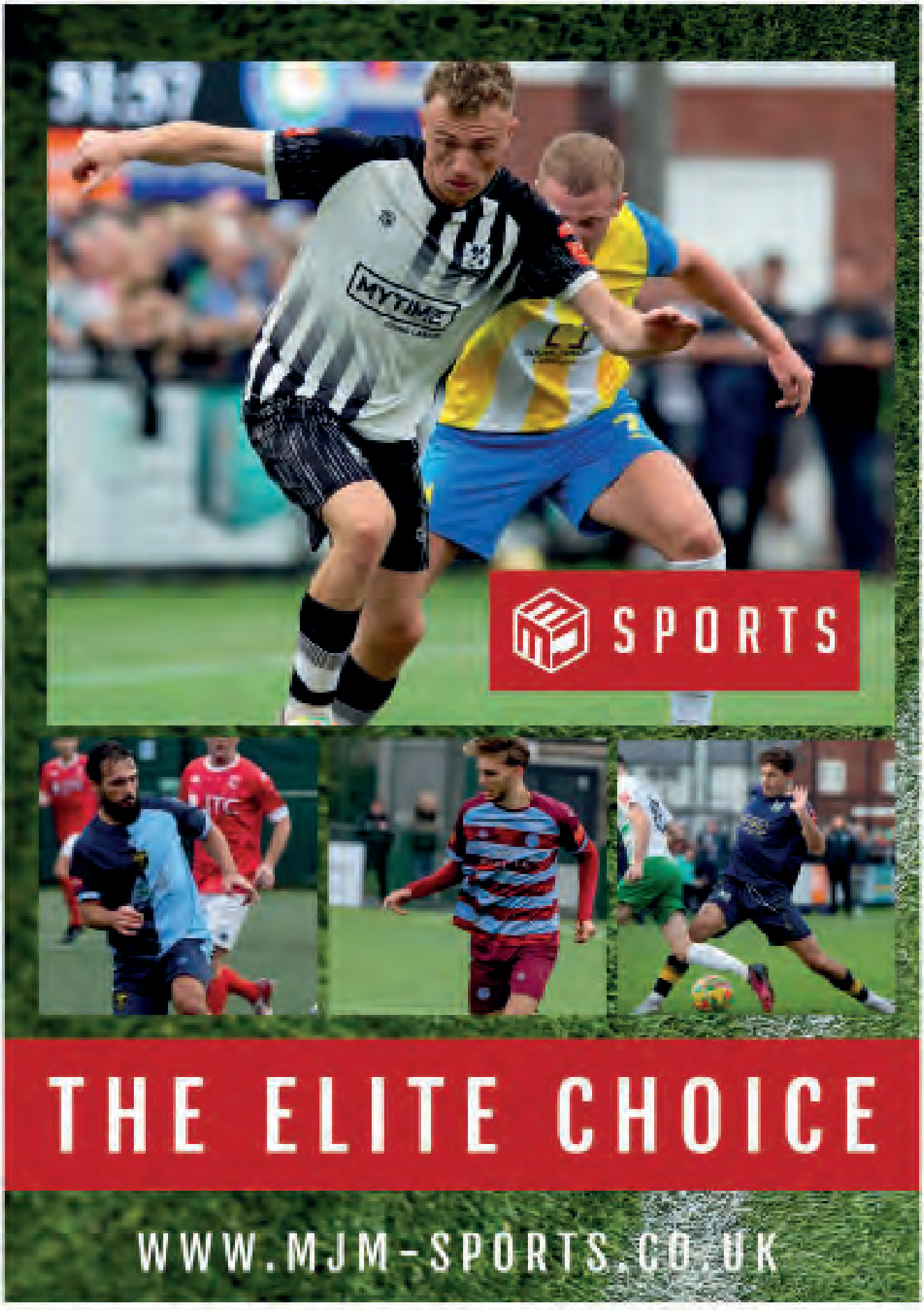
3. Which side has played in the top flight of English football since the end of the Second World War?

4. Which side has the greatest number of seasons in the top flight of English football?



WHO IS THIS MANAGER?

Answers on Page 12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THE CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE NEWS

LEAGUE: Ashford Town (Middx) will play their first game this evening for two weeks when they entertain fellow promotion hopefuls Burnham.

The Tangerines had their key match at Ardley United postponed on February 14th due to a waterlogged pitch. They were also without a game at the weekend due to a scheduled break.

Promotion challengers Broadfields United, Wallingford & Crowmarsh all clinched wins on Saturday.

Broadfields United defeated Reading City 3-2 with goals from Abdiraham Mohamed, Jordy Mumbiny and David Levy.

Wallingford & Crownarsh eased to a 3-0 victory at Virginia Water where Aiden Higgs, Kai Boyden and Ryan Sheppard all netted.

Windsor & Eton continued their move up the table with a 2-0 home success against Abingdon United where Luke Phillips and Isaiah Chase-Kelly were both on target in front of a 310 crowd.

CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION NORTH

CCL PREMIER DIVISION NORTH 25-26 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Burnham	29	17	7	5	27	58
Broadfields United	27	16	7	4	31	55
Ashford Town (Middx)	**26**	**16**	**5**	**5**	**30**	**53**
Wallingford & Crow	30	16	5	9	5	53
Windsor & Eton	23	14	8	1	29	50
Kidlington	29	12	11	6	8	47
Ardley United	23	13	4	6	19	43
Milton United	26	12	4	10	4	40
North Greenford Utd	24	12	4	8	2	40
Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
Virginia Water	29	11	6	12	-2	39
Wokingham Town	26	10	6	10	5	36
Reading City	21	10	5	6	15	35
Abingdon United	27	9	4	14	- 8	31
Harefield United	27	8	5	14	-8	29
British Airways	22	8	4	10	-4	25*
Holyport	30	7	1	22	-48	22
Amersham Town	25	5	5	15	-31	20
North Leigh	25	5	3	17	-24	18
Edgware & Kings	30	3	2	25	-51	11

As at 22nd February ***Points Adjustment**

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24th February

League

Ardey United v Reading City
Ashford Town (Middx) v Burnham
Holyport v Milton United
North Greenford United v Windsor & Eton
North Leigh v Broadfields United
Virginia Water v Abingdon United

St Mary's Cup

Everett Rovers v Amersham Town

Saturday 28th February

League

Amersham Town v Kidlington
Ashford Town (Middx) v Windsor & Eton
British Airways v Ardley United
Edgware & Kings v Wallingford & Crowmarsh
Holyport v North Greenford United
Milton United v Burnham
Reading City v Harefield United
Wokingham Town v North Leigh

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

2025-26 SEASON

FIX	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/ RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5
M1	Jul 29	**Virginia Water**	CCL	0-0	184	--	Brzozowski	Larkham^	Church	Humphries	Elliott
M2	Aug 02	Eastbourne Town	FAC	2-2	279	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Church	Humphries	Elliott
M3	Aug 05	**Eastbourne Town**	FAC	3-2	216	-	Brzozowski	Kazi	Church	King	Elliott
M4	Aug 09	Reading City	CCL	1-1	110	16	Brzozowski	Kazi	Poley	Elliott	Humphries1
M5	Aug 16	**Snodland Town**	FAC	3-2	113	-	Brzozowski	Larkham	Kazi	Humphries	Goulter
M6	Aug 23	Chalfont St Peter	FAV	2-1	83	-	Brzozowski	Slater*	Paine	Humphries^	Goulter
M7	Aug 25	Holyport	CCL	3-0	115	13	Brzozowski	Larkham	Church	B-Balogun	Elliott
M8	Aug 30	**AFC Whyteleafe**	FAC	3-2	188	-	Brzozowski	O'Neill	Church	Humphries	Elliott
M9	Sep 06	**Kidlington**	CCL	2-3	124	16	Brzozowski	O'Neill!	Church*	Humphries^	Elliott
M10	Sep 13	Ebbsfleet United	FAC	0-5	547	-	Brzozowski	O'Neill!	Church^	Humphries*	Elliott
M11	Sep 16	Epsom & Ewell	CRC	1-1*	64	-	Brzozowski	Kenlock*	Kazi	King	Poley
M12	Sep 20	**Kidlington**	FAV	1-3	108	=	Brzozowski	Church!	Kazi^	Ridgley	Elliott
M13	Sep 23	North Greenford Utd	MSC	0-3	N/A	-	McCarthy	O'Neill+	Church*	Elliott	Poley
M14	Sep 30	**British Airways**	CCL	1-1	96	18	Brzozowski	McDonald+	Church*	B-Balogun^	Paine
M15	Oct 04	Wokingham Town	CCL	0-0	118	16	Brzozowski	Humphries	Paine	B-Balogun	Kazi
M16	Oct 07	**Knaphill**	SSC	1-3	N/A	-	Brzozowski	Kazi*	Poley	Paine	Elliott
M17	Oct 11	**Ardley United**	CCL	1-2	102	18	Brzozowski	Rowan=	Paine	Ridgley*	Elliott
M18	Oct 18	**Hilltop**	CCL	5-4	96	16	Brzozowski	Larkham^	Wooliscroft*	B-Balogun+	Elliott
M19	Oct 22	Milton United	CCL	3-0	88	13	Brzozowski	Larkham*	Rowan	Humphries	Elliott
M20	Oct 29	Burnham	CCL	3-1	95	13	Brzozowski	Larkham	Wooliscroft	Humphries	Elliott
M21	Nov 01	**Harefield United**	CCL	2-1	122	11	Brzozowski	Larkham	Wooliscroft+	Humphries*	Elliott
M22	Nov 08	Broadfields United	CCL	1-0	108	10	Brzozowski	Larkham+	Rowan	Humphries*	Elliott
M23	Nov 11	Edgware & Kingsbury	CCL	2-0	52	8	Brzozowski	McDonald	Rowan	Balogun	Grant
M24	Nov 15	**North Leigh**	CCL	2-0	151	7	Brzozowski	Lalustani	Rowan	Ihid	Elliott
M25	Nov 22	Wallingford & Crow	CCL	1-2	87	9	Brzozowski	Grant*	Rowan	Ihid	Elliott
M26	Nov 29	**Holyport**	CCL	4-1	192	8	Brzozowski	Larkham	Rowan	Ihid2*	Elliott1+
M27	Dec 06	Abingdon United	CCL	3-1+	159	7	Brzozowski	Larkham	Rowan	Balogun	Elliott
M28	Dec 13	Kidlington	CCL	1-1	48	7	Brzozowski	Lock+	Larkham	Dua^	Grant
M29	Dec 20	**Amersham Town**	CCL	3-1	181	4	Brzozowski	Larkham	Rowan^	Dua	Elliott
M30	Dec 27	Virginia Water	CCL	0-1	102	5	Brzozowski	Larkham	Rowan	Dua	Elliott
M31	Jan 03	**Reading City**	CCL	1-0	182	5	Brzozowski	Larkham*	Rowan	Harris^	Elliott
M32	Jan 10	**North Greenford Utd**	CCL	5-1	201	3	Brzozowski	Rowan	Lock	Dua!	Elliott
M33	Jan 17	Harefield United	CCL	3-0	175	2	Brzozowski*	Rowan	Lock	Dua	Elliott
M34	Jan 20	**Abingdon United**	CCL	2-3	153	2	Ross	Rowan	Lock^	Dua	Elliott
M35	Feb 06	Hilltop	CCL	3-0	N/A	2	Allen	Larkham	Lock	Rowan	Dua
M36	Feb 10	**Wallingford & Crow**	CCL	4-2	201	2	Allen	Rowan+	Lock=	Dua!	Wooliscroft
M	Feb 24	**Burnham**	CCL	7.45							
M	Feb 28	**Windsor & Eton**	CCL	3.00							
M	Mar 07	North Greenford Utd	CCL	3.00							
M	Mar 10	**Broadfields United**	CCL	7.45							
M	Mar 14	North Leigh	CCL	3.00							
M	Mar 17	Amersham Town	CCL	7.45							
M	Mar 21	**Milton United**	CCL	3.00							
M	Mar 28	Windsor & Eton	CCL	3.00							
M	Apr 04	**Edgware & Kings**	CCL	3.00							
M	Apr 07	British Airways	CCL	7.45							
M	Apr 11	**Wokingham Town**	CCL	3.00							
M	TBA	Ardley United	CCL	7.45							
M	Apr 18	Play-offs	CCL	3.00							
M	Apr 25	Play-offs Final	CCL	3.00							

Key

CCL: CCL Premier Division North
FAC: Emirates FA Cup
FAV: Isuzu FA Vase
MSC: Middlesex Senior Cup
SSC: Surrey Senior Cup
ASC: Aldershot Senior Cup
* Decided on Kicks From The Penalty Spot
CRC: CherryRed Records Premier Cup
PP: Postponed
\+ Score includes own goal

BOLD FIXTURES - HOME GAMES
(1,2) - GOALS SCORED

*** First Sub; + Second Sub; ^ Third Sub ! Fourth Sub = Fifth Sub Bold Blue: Man of the Match**

6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S	FIX
Poley	Paine+	Goulter	Arnold	D'Cruz	Tesfu*	Kenlock*Bitmead+Kazi^			M1
Poley	Paine+	Beadle1	Arnold1^	D'Cruz	Bitmead*	Day*King+Harris^			M2
Poley	Paine	Goulter	Arnold1	D'Cruz1	Bitmead*	Beadle*1			M3
King	Paine	Goulter	Arnold	D'Cruz	Beadle				M4
Paine	Bitmead*	B-Balogun	Arnold1	D'Cruz2	Beadle	Day*			M5
Poley	George+	B-Balogun	Arnold1	Day1	Beadle	Doona*Harris+Elliott^			M6
Poley	Paine	Goulter	Arnold1	D'Cruz1	Beadle1				M7
Poley	Paine	B-Balogun*	Arnold2	D'Cruz1	Beadle+	Iqbal*Kenlock+			M8
Wooliscroft=	Paine	B-Balogun	Arnold2	D'Cruz	Beadle+	Kenlock*Stewart+Iqbal^Kazi!Harris=			M9
Poley	Paine	B-Balogun	Arnold=	D'Cruz+	Iqbal!	King*Bitmead+Kenlock^Kazi!Harris=			M10
Harris	Ridgley	Elliott^	Bitmead+	Day	Bomelanga	Church*1Iqbal+Paine^			M11
Poley	Paine	B-Balogun+	Arnold	D'Cruz	Iqbal*	Beadle*1Day+O'Neill^Bitmead!			M12
B-Balogun!	Humphries	Day^	Arnold=	D'Cruz	Beadle	McDonald*Paine+Bitmead^Iqbal!Harris=			M13
Poley	Beadle1	Ridgley	Pepple	Iqbal	Bitmead	Kazi*Day+Humphries^			M14
Poley	F-Jones+	Harris	Flatman	Church	Bitmead*	O'Neill*Day+			M15
B-Balogun!	McDonald+	Harris	Beadle	Flatman1	Pepple^	O'Neill*Day+Iqbal^Humphries!			M16
Poley	Beadle!	B-Balogun^	Arnold1	Flatman+	Lalustani	McDonald*Harris+Humphries^Iqbal!Larkham=			M17
Poley	Beadle2	Paine1	Arnold2	McDonald	Lalustani!	Rowan*Humphries+Harris^Day!Flatman=			M18
Poley	Beadle	Paine1+	Arnold2	McDonald	Lalustani^	Mason*B-Balogun+Harris^			M19
Poley	Beadle	Paine	Harris*	Mason1	Lalustani1	Jalaoui*Fried-Jones1			M20
Poley1	Beadle	Paine	Jalaoui1^	Mason!	Lalustani	Fried-Jones*Rowan+Arnold^Balogun!			M21
Poley	Beadle	Paine	Arnold1^	Mason	Jalaoui!	Balogun*McDonald+Harris^Grant!			M22
Poley	Beadle	Paine	Arnold2	Mason*	Jalaoui	Ihid*			M23
Poley	Beadle	Paine	Arnold2	Mason+	Harris*	Fried-Jones*Balogun+			M24
Kakembo1	Beadle	Paine	Arnold	Mason	Lalustani	Poley*			M25
Poley	Beadle	Paine^	Kakembo1	Mason	Lalustani!	Harris*Balogun+Grant^ F-Jones!			M26
Poley	Jalaoui	Mason	Kakembo1	Dua	Lalustani	Harris*1Grant+			M27
Poley	Jalaoui	Balogun*	Arnold	Mason1	Lalustani	Harris*Rowan+Mealing^			M28
Poley	Jalaoui*	Balogun	Arnold3	Beadle+	Lalustani	Paine*Harris+Lock^			M29
Poley	Jalaoui*	Paine	Arnold	Beadle+	Mason	McDonald*Lock+			M30
Poley	Paine=	Mason+	Arnold1	Dua!	Lalustani	Beadle*Mealing+Jalaoui^Wooliscoft!Grant=			M31
Wooliscroft	Harris^	Mason	Arnold4	Paine1+	Lalustani*	Beadle*Balogun+Mealing^Humphries!			M32
Wooliscroft	Beadle+	Paine1	Arnold1	Mason	Lalustani^	Mealing*Kakembo+Harris^			M33
Wooliscroft1	Beadle+	Paine*	Arnold1	Mason	Lalustani	Kakembo*!Ihid+Mealing^Harris!			M34
Mealing	Lalustani*	Paine	Arnold2+	Ihid	Harris1	Humphries*Jalaoui+			M35
Poley	Harris2^	Paine	Arnold	Mason*	Lalustani	Ihid*Kassim+2Mealing^Humphries!Larkham=			M36

TANGERINES NEWS

Our manager Luke Tuffs was delighted with the effort put in by his lads in the 4-2 victory against promotion rivals Wallingford & Crowmarsh two weeks ago.

This was an entertaining clash where the Tangerines took a two-goal lead only for the visitors to level at 2-2.

"We had most of the play for 70 minutes then we tired," said Luke on the club's Facebook page.

"We tired and allowed them to get back into the game but we refused to give up."

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION NORTH
2025-26 Appearances and Goalscorers

	League			Cup			Total		
	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals
Marcin Brzozowski	24			8			32		
Archie Larkham	14	2		2			16	2	
George Lock	6	2					6	2	
Adam Humphries	8	6	1	6			14	6	1
Luke Elliott	20		1	8	1		28	1	1
Elliott Poley	20	1	1	9			29	1	1
Alexander Paine	24	1	4	8	3		32	4	4
Marcus Mealing	1	6					1	6	
Jack Arnold	20	1	26	8		6	28	1	32
Oliver Rowan	16	3					16	3	
Usman Lalustani	17		1				17		1
Benjamin Kakembo	3	2	3				3	2	3
Mark Bitmead	2	1		4	3	1	6	4	1
Mo Ihid	4	3	2				4	3	2
Jack Beadle	18	2	4	6	2	4	24	4	8
Scott Day		3		3	4	1	3	7	1
Gary Ross	1						1		
Cormac Harris	7	12	4	2	3		9	15	4
Sam Bello-Balogun	10	6		7			17	6	
Alfie Grant	3	4					3	4	
Abdellah EL Jalaoui	7	3	1				7	3	1
Germaine Dua	10						10		
Naison O'Neill	1	1		3	2		4	3	
Oliver Mason	15	1	2				15	1	2
Tre Wooliscroft	8	1	1	1			9	1	1
Dontai Stewart		1						1	
Wayne Ridgley	2			2			4		
Stephane Bomelanga					1			1	
Liam Allen	2						2		
Darnell McDonald	4	3		1	1		5	4	
Luqman Kassim		1	2					1	2
Cass Fried-Jones	1	4	1				1	4	1
Lewis Flatman	2	1		1		1	3	1	1

Tyler D'Cruz 11 (0) **5**;, Samuel Tesfu 1; Danyaal Iqbal 3(5); Charlie George 1; Toby Slater 1; Samad Kazi 7(4); Nathan Kenlock 1(4);Connor Doona (1); Armani Church 11 (1) **1**; Chad Coulter 5; James King 3 (2); Paul McCarthy 1; Daniel Pepple 2;

BURNHAM

Founded in 1878, Burnham Football Club is the second oldest club in Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948.

We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season ,1970-71, in the Reading Combination. In 1971 the club was elected to the Hellenic League. Winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975-76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup too.

In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984. We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984-85, winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC, who had lost their ground and were about to fold.

We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon and reverted back to the former name of Burnham in 1987.

Season 1994-95 saw us finish bottom. resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.

After three seasons in the Hellenic League, finishing fifth, third and again third, in 1998-99. the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. Therefore,we gained promotion back to the Southern Football League.



● **A Burnham team shortly after the club was formed in 1878.**

The 2006-07 season saw us achieve our highest league position, finishing third and thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi final. Unfortunately we lost to the eventual winners – Swindon Supermarine.

The 2012-2013 season was, without doubt, the most successful in the football clubs history. The first team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship. Earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League).

Our Reserves won the UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking.

This earnt promotion to Division One East where they came up against the first teams of many of the previous season's opposition.

FOCUS ON BURNHAM

Burnham have suffered only one defeat in 15 games in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division North since thay went down 3-1 at home to Ashford Town (Middx) in October.

During their current impressive run of results, their only League loss was a 2-0 setback at North Greenford United.

Since this loss against United on 20th January, Burnham have regained their impressive form with two wins and a draw.

The Blues eased to a comfortable 4-1 win at Ardley United where Shyon Dennis scored twice with the other effort coming from Rafael Bertoli.

This was foillowed by a 3-1 success at Amersham Town where Youssef Bouimane, Jordan Brown and Shyon Dennis were on target.

In their latest outing, Burnham managed a 1-1 home draw with Windsor & Eton.

Jabir Laraba gave the visitors the lead on the stroke of half-time but Burnham fought back with an equaliser from Kevar March-McKenzie.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIPS

Ashford Town (Middx) have arranged the following Player Sponsorships for the 2025-26 season. We thank all sponsors for their generous support.

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Darnell McDonald	Eddie Hutchinson
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TANGERINES NEWS

A few words were said by the management team during Ashford Town (Middx) Under-17s home match against Croygas Falcons on Sunday.

The Tangerines certainly put in a below-par performance during the first half.

It was a much-improved effort in the second half and Ashford fought back from 2-1 down at the break to lead by a 3-2 margin.

However, there was frustration with minutes remaining in the game when Croygas Falcons bagged a late equaliser.

The hodts' goals came from Frankie, Roberto and Rayaan while the man-of-the-match was Sheedy.

A team spokesman said it was a vast improvement by the group in the second half.

He said: "In fairness to the lads,the lads took everything we said on board at the break.

"The second half was the polar opposite of what we witnessed before the interval.

"We did well to take the lead but we caught on the counter-attack for their equaliser."

HALF TIME TEASER ANSWERS

1. AFC Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton & Hove Albion, Fulham, Burnley and Sunderland.

2. Manchester City, Leicester City, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Brighton & Hove Albion, Nottingham Forest, AFC Bournemouth, Brentford, Fulham, Sunderland.

3. Arsenal

4. Everton

Picture Answer:Pep Guardiola (Manchester City)

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) PLAYER PROFILES

Marcin Brzozowski - Goalkeeper: Marcin came in last season from Farnham as we are very excited that he has decided to stay. Without doubt, a top, top keeper.

Jay Mears - Goalkeeper: A youth team product, Jay has impressed this pre season and has really come on over the last year or so. Fantastic shot stopper.

Archie Larkham - Right Back / RWB:. Archie has been promoted to vice captain despite being just 19. Versatile, consistent, and tenacious.

Oliver Rowan - Full Back: Oliver Rowan is a recent signing and has previously been at Tadley Calleva. Is a product of the Aldershot Town Academy.

George Lock - Defender: George has signed from Ascot United where he helped them win the Isuzu FA Vase.

Elliott Poley - Centre Back: Elliott returns again this year and is looking sharper and sharper. Always calm, always relaxed, and so collected on the ball.

Tremayne Wooliscroft - Centre Back: We worked hard to sign him from Abbey Rangers! Quick, clever and good understanding of the game, a top signing beating many rival clubs to his signature. Currently on loan at Guildford City.

Luke Elliott - Centre Back: Captain. A real coup to sign Luke who was Westfields captain last season. Well known around the circuit, he is solid and reads the game like it's a book.

Alex Paine - Midfield: The engine in the engine room. Calms everything down with his quality and gets around the pitch efforts

Scott Day - Midfield: Scott returns for his third season at the club. A match winner with his tenacity and commitment when the going gets tough, he is the joker amongst the pack and we are very happy to see him return.

Germaine Dua - Midfield: Has previously played for a number of clubs including Beaconsfield Town and Rayners Lane. Can also play in defence.

Samuel Bello-Balogun - Midfielder: Returns to Ashford Town (Middx) having signed from Westfield. Sam has also played for Ascot United, Potters Bar Town and Daventry Town.

Adam Humphries - Midfielder: Leader in the middle that is good in the air and glues our shape together. Returns to the club after a long stint at Egham Town.

Darnell McDonald - Midfielder: Looking to establish himself in the side at Ashford Town (Middx) having previously played for Lewisham Borough.

Cass Fried-Jones - Midfielder: Is on dual registration terms with The Tangerines along with his parent club Farnborough Town.

Jack Beadle - Winger: Jack returns to the club from Westfield after signing stints at various clubs including Uxbridge and Bedfont Sports. Dynamic with quality, intelligent, and has a set piece or two in him.

Jack Arnold - Forward: Another fans favourite, quick, and lethal in behind, we are delighted that Jack has returned to terrorise defenses this season.

Usman Lalustani - Forward: A promising front runner who has been at Ascot United.

Oliver Mason - Forward: Another arrival from Ascot United and has Step Four experience.

Marcus Mealing - Forward: Marcus has joined from Ascot United as an assistant coach and as cover for the forward line.

Cormac Harris - Forward: Beginning to establish himself in the Ashford Town (Middx) side.

Abdellah El Jalaoui - Forward: Made his debut for Ashford Town (Middx) when he came on as a substitute against Burnham. Has also been at Flackwell Heath and Chalfont St Peter.

Billy Murphy - Versatile: Billy signs from Camberley Town where he ended last season. Billy has lots of Step Four experience having also played for Uxbridge. A great touch and excellent link play.

Benjamin Kakembo - Forward: Joined The Tangerines in November having previously been at Aylesbury United and King's Langley.

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Charlie Wyke must be the bravest, but also unluckiest, footballer going.

Four years ago, the striker, now at Carlisle United, suffered a heart-attack during a training session for Wigan Athletic and actually died for four minutes.

But that traumatic experience was nothing compared to the physical and mental anguish the 33-year-old has endured over the last 16 months.

In October 2024, shortly after coming on as a substitute for Carlisle in a League Two match against Cheltenham, Wyke was felled by a heavy tackle from Luke Young.

"I broke my leg, dislocated my ankle, tore every ligament, damaged the cartilage - it was like six or seven different injuries in one," the former Bradford City, Sunderland and Rotherham striker exclusively told The NLP last week.

"I had multiple operations, screws and pins put in my leg. And the pain - I honestly can't describe it.

"Everybody knows about my cardiac arrest, and objectively that's 100 times worse. But there was no pain with that. I had to have a lot of tests, missed a lot of football. Day to day, though, it didn't really bother me.

"This was so much harder. I was battling the pain literally every day. I had to call an ambulance like three times because the pot on my ankle was too tight. At one point, I didn't sleep for six nights straight and started hallucinating.

"I'd been watching Black Mirror on Netflix and there was an episode where somebody turns into a werewolf. One night, I thought the werewolf was in my bedroom. I was screaming and shouting. I felt like I was going mad.

"On top of that, I had the surgeon telling me I was done. I went up to see him five or six times, and the message was always the same. He said 'You're 33, it's a massive injury - my advice is to retire immediately'.

"He said that nobody fully recovers from something like this, and even if I did get back to running and playing football then I'd struggle badly with arthritis for the rest of my life. You hear that, and your whole life just stops. It's been horrendous, absolutely horrendous."

Wyke defied his doctor's orders to continue a 14-year career that saw him score 130 goals in 358 EFL appearances, featuring in last month's 3-1 National League victory over Altrincham at Brunton Park.

Or at least, it should have been emotional. Unfortunately for Wyke, part of the medication for managing his heart condition includes an adrenalin suppressant.

"The reception I got coming on, I should have been absolutely buzzing," he says. "But it's just a bit... different. It's the same when you score a goal. There isn't that rush.

"I think if I went on a rollercoaster these days, I'd just be sitting there bored, waiting for it to finish! It's a very strange feeling."

Sadly, he won't be back for long. Wyke may have won the battle, but acknowledges that the war is lost. He can barely train, suffers constant swelling and can't even manage half an hour of competitive action.

Chris Dunlavy

THE TEAMS

Tuesday 24th February

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)		BURNHAM
Tangerine		Blue
LIAM ALLEN	1	ARCHIE CUNNINGHAM
OLIVER ROWAN	2	KEVAR MARCH-McKENZIE
GEORGE LOCK	3	SOLE HALE
GERMAINE DUA	4	YAHAYA KAMARA
TRE WOOLISCROFT	5	SEAN BASAYE
ELLIOTT POLEY	6	JOEL AMPABENG
CORMAC HARRIS	7	SHYON DENNIS
ALEXANDER PAINE	8	YOUSSEF BOUIMANE
JACK ARNOLD	9	JORDAN BROWN
OLIVER MASON	10	RAFAEL BERTOLI
USMAN LALUSTANI	11	HUSSEIN MAHDI
	SUBS	
ARCHIE LARKHAM	12	BILAL BAKALI
LUQMAN KASSIM	14	JORDAN IKALA
ADAM HUMPHRIES	15	SAMAD KAZI
MARCUS MEALING	16	CHRISTIAN MULINDWA
MO IHID	17	MOHAMED ABDI
Manager		**Joint Managers**
Luke Tuffs		Mo Bakali, Omar Bakali

Referee: Matthew Leaning
Assistants: Steven Williams, Ashley Carley

OUR NEXT HOME GAME

ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)
v
Windsor & Eton
Saturday 28th February

COMBINED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE
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