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Runners-up: 2008–09

**Middlesex County League Premier Division**

**Cup:** Runners-up: 2007–08

**Southern Combination Challenge Cup:**

Winners: 2016–17; Runners up: 2018–19

**Surrey Premier Cup:**


Runners-up: 2009–10


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**Vs**



**Pitching In  
Isthmian League  
South Central Division**

**Marlow FC**

# WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

Good evening ladies and gentleman,

Wishing you a warm SCR welcome to the Whyteleafe Sports centre for this evenings Isthmian South fixture.

We would like to welcome the players, committee and supporters of Marlow FC, we hope they enjoy their stay with us this evening.

We would also like to welcome tonight's match officials, referee Mr Adam Steele and his assistants Mr Daryl Ann and Mr Sobastian Frazer, again we trust they enjoy their brief stay with us this evening.

# WELCOME, SALUT, HOWDY, WILLKOMEN

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So first up, an apology, unfortunately with the Christmas break our printers are shut, so this programme was written before the Leatherhead cup game, and we are missing the latest match report. It was that or go online, and we won't ever do that. It does mean that this programme does not contain as much content as our usual offerings.

With five straight defeats in the league we need to start finding some form and arrest our drop down the table. Of course it can be done, you only have to look at Chipstead who have lost just once in seven games and hauled themselves into mid-table. We need to do the same.

Tonight's opponents need the points for a completely different reason, they currently sit in third spot in the table, four points off leaders Northwood but with a game in hand, so a win for them tonight will really put the pressure on the two sides above them.

When we met back in August two first half headers from Tony Halsey, a spirited rear-guard action in the second half and the rub of the green on one or two decisions (what we would give for that now) gave us our first win over Marlow, holding on despite a late goal, and picking up a 2-1 win.

Darren has strengthened the squad and management team over the last week, with Shakeel Morris coming on board from Witham Town where he made 13 appearances this season and young goalkeeper Dan Donovan adding some competition to Endurance Johnson.

On the management front the experienced Sam Morgan, latterly of Haywards Heath Town and Epsom & Ewell has stepped in to replace the now departed Lee Flavin.

On that note, we want to go on record and thank Lee for all his efforts over the last season or so, Lee bought in a lot of new players and his enthusiasm certainly lifted the club. He will be missed, but we wish him all the best in the future.

With all the comments about the World Cup Final being the greatest game ever (well probably it was if you ignore the dross of the first 75 minutes), our Spot the Ball this week goes back into the archives, and to what was actually the greatest game ever. Yep, our 4-4 draw with Horley Town in a game where the losers would have been relegated—instead (and with the great and good expecting a no shot 0-0 draw) the two sides turned in a staggering game with the lead changing hands three or four times, and only with five minutes to go did an "agreement" come into place.

Next up, we face a 2nd January trip to Leatherhead for another crucial game at the bottom of the table, before we host Chipstead here at Church Road on the 7th January

Enough from me, enjoy the game, have safe trips home, and have a fantastic New Year

**Briggers**

# TODAY'S OPPONENTS

## MARLOW FC



**FORMED: 1907**

**NICKNAME:**  
**The Blues**

### THE 2010's

The following two seasons saw some good results against the top sides but indifferent ones against the lower teams and ended with mid-table finishes even though a bright start in 2010/11 saw them briefly at the top of the table.

2011/12 did not start at all badly but soon developed into one where victories were very hard to come by and following a string of poor results long-standing manager Stone left just after Christmas. Assistant Steve Croxford took over and although performances and results improved towards the end it was not enough to avoid relegation.

Season 2012/13 found Marlow in new surroundings in the UHlsport Hellenic League with a new management team, headed by Mark Bartley, eager to recapture some of the glories of the past. This they did, winning the league championship by a 16 point margin and scoring 123 goals in 36 games to regain their previous status in the Southern League where 2013/14 season saw them consolidate their newly-regained status followed with finishes in and 17th and 11th positions respectively.

For 2015/16 Marlow found themselves moved once again – to the South & West division – which again meant increased travelling and associated costs, the loss of some key players and being deprived of several local derbies making life much more difficult than it really needed to be.

In the circumstances a mid-table finish was achieved and a return to the Central Division for this season looks to be more appealing.

A return to the Central Division for 2016/17 aided a finish in 4th place (on goal difference) and achieved a play-off place, with third-placed Barton Rovers running out 2-0 victors at their ground.

Season 2017/18 ended with a mid-table finish followed by a return to the Isthmian League after a lengthy absence to take a place in the newly-formed South-Central division with a resultant reduction in travelling which is most welcome.

Season 2018/19 was a successful one and generally good results saw Marlow FC maintain a position near the top of the table throughout the season and qualify for the play-offs where they lost out 1-2 in a closely fought semi-final to eventual winners Cheshunt at their ground.

Season 2019/20 saw MFC remain in the South Central division and as expected after a successful previous season, a few players left, some to join other higher placed teams. After a reasonable start results deteriorated due principally through a serious spate of injuries to key players which took some time to recover from. Eventually things began to improve in 2020 but the Covid-19 virus pandemic caused a halt to all football games in March throughout the UK and no decision has yet been made as to a resumption and what will be decided on the status of league positions and its bearing on season 2020/21.

## DID YOU KNOW:

Marlow F.C are the only football club in England to have applied for entry into the FA Cup every season since its inception in 1871.

Cuthbert Ottaway played for Marlow F.C. He was the first captain of the England football team and led his side in the first official international football match (1872).

Marlow is recorded in the Domesday Book as Merlaue.

Marlow Rowing Club, founded in 1871, is one of Britain's premier rowing clubs and has produced many Olympic oarsmen including Sir Steve Redgrave and former member and fellow Olympic medallist Zac Purchase.

Naomi Riches MBE lives in Marlow and has a gold postbox on the High Street as a commemoration for winning gold in the London 2012 Paralympics for adaptive rowing

Marlow was the subject of a poem by Joseph Ashby-Sterry, A Marlow Madrigal.

## SELECTED HONOURS:

Isthmian League  
Division One champions 1987–88

Spartan League  
Division One champions 1937–38  
Division Two West champions 1929–30

Hellenic League  
Premier Division champions 2012–13

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup  
Winners 1990–91, 1993–94

## THE GROUND:

Marlow moved to the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground in 1928, named after their long-serving secretary who had died in 1924. A wooden grandstand was built on one side of the pitch in 1930, with a covered area erected on the Green Verges side in 1950 and replaced in 1950. Terracing was installed on all four sides in 1985, and another covered stand was built at the Trinity End in 1991.



# MEET THE PLAYERS

## THE BLUES



### MANAGEMENT:

#### **MARK BARTLEY - Manager:**

Manager who as a player was at Hayes, Slough Town, Burnham and Thame United before taking over at Reading Town in the latter part of season 2011/2012 and guiding them to safety. Then went on to win the Hellenic Premier Division with Marlow in his first season here. Now into his eleventh season.

#### **PHIL BROWN - Asst Manager:**

Goalkeeping coach (who makes an occasional appearance) and is in his seventh season here. Previously a professional with Reading F.C.

### THE PLAYERS:

**MO AYOUB** - Goalkeeper who was on the books of Chesterfield as a youngster and more recently was with Thatcham Town and Reading City.

**JUNAID BELL** - Combative midfielder who arrived via the John Majedski academy and who has any eye for a goal.

**JORDAN BROWN** - Skilful forward/midfielder who tends to play in the wider positions and who signed after a successful spell with Highmoor-Ibis of the Hellenic League. Member of the FA Vase winning side whilst with Thatcham Town who has also played at Bracknell Town.

**TRISTAN CAMPBELL** - Left-sided midfielder who has arrived via Beaconsfield, Highmoor-Ibis and Binfield, missed most of season 20/21 through injury

**CURTIS CHAPPLE** - Quick, hard tackling defender who likes to get forward and chips in with the odd important goal.

**GEORGES EHUI** - Attacking full back who has previously played for Wycombe Wanderers, Waltham amongst others.

**JENSON MANSEL** - Youngster who is another to have come to the club through the John Majedski Academy.

**BEN MULLEY** - Last season was a member of Slough Town's under 23s and has also played at Holyport.

**CHRIS OVENDEN** - Right-sided defender or midfielder who was with Henley Town before joining and who has also played for Hartley Wintney. Season 2014-15 Manager's Player-Of-The-Year and 2015-16 Supporters Player of the Season.

**DAWID ROGALSKI** - Played professionally in his native Poland and for Chalfont St. Peter here in the UK. Scored a hat-trick on his debut v Walton & Herisham.

**LOUIS ROGERS** - Composed midfielder or defensive player who signed following his release from Watford FC. Supporters' Player Of the Season for the last 2 years.

**ALEX SALMON** - Tall and very quick defender who can play anywhere across the back four. Joined from Reading Town to become very important in Hellenic League title win before injury ruined the following 18 months for him. 2015-16 Player of the Season.

**CURTIS UJAH** - Commanding defender who first signed in September 2019 from Cheshunt FC having been with Egham Town previously. Debut 31/08/19. Last season was with East Thurrock United.

**AARON WATKINS** - Played a couple of games for us last season but has now signed for 2022-23 A highly-regarded keeper who has also seen service with Flackwell Heath, Thatcham Town, Binfield and Reading City



## BACKROOM STAFF:

COACHES: Leon Bird, Harry Pelling and Aaron Steadman

PHYSIO: Anna Wright



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# SPOT THE BALL



So here it is, action from the greatest games, keeper Gavin Dilley appears to have claimed the Horley forwards head, but where is the ball...

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# LEAGUE TABLE (as at 21.12)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Northwood	18	12	1	5	32	20	+12	37
	2 Walton & Hersham	18	12	0	6	42	24	+18	36
	3 Marlow	17	10	3	4	30	16	+14	33
	4 Basingstoke Town	17	10	2	5	39	18	+21	32
	5 South Park	17	10	1	6	21	19	+2	31
	6 Westfield	16	8	4	4	25	13	+12	28
	7 Binfield	15	8	3	4	30	18	+12	27
	8 Southall	16	7	6	3	24	16	+8	27
	9 Chertsey Town	16	7	5	4	32	18	+14	26
	10 Hanworth Villa	16	6	6	4	24	25	-1	24
	11 Chipstead	16	6	4	6	24	24	0	22
	12 Uxbridge	15	6	3	6	19	16	+3	21
	13 Ashford Town (Middx)	15	6	1	8	16	33	-17	19
	14 Thatcham Town	16	4	4	8	22	26	-4	16
	15 Leatherhead	16	4	4	8	15	25	-10	16
	16 Sutton Common Rovers	18	5	1	12	20	37	-17	16
	17 Bedfont Sports	17	3	6	8	17	26	-9	15
	18 Tooting & Mitcham United	16	2	5	9	16	30	-14	11
	19 Guernsey	16	2	5	9	9	35	-26	11
	20 Merstham	17	1	6	10	16	34	-18	9



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# 2022 in NUMBERS

## ALL COMPETITIONS

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
42	11	4	27	46	81	34

**Biggest  
Win  
Home  
Vs Staines  
5-0  
(26/3)**

**Clean  
Sheets  
#8**

**Most  
Appearances  
  
Shawn  
Lyle  
#34**

**Most  
Cautions  
  
Kevin  
Diomande  
#9**

**Top  
Scorer:  
  
Christoph  
Aziamale  
#8**

**Heaviest  
Defeat  
Home  
V Chertsey  
0-5  
(27/8)**

**Most  
Dismissals  
Rhamar  
Garrett-Douglas  
Matt Tanton  
Ryan Healy  
#1 Each**

## Streaks

Winning run: 3

Losing streak: 6

## Streaks

Games without a goal: 3

Unbeaten run: 3 (twice)

# Rovers Round-Up (Fixtures & Results)



DATE	COMP	H/A	OPPONENTS	H/T	F/T	SCORER(S)	ATT
2022							
6th Aug	FAC EP	A	Fisher	0	0 0	0	168
10th Aug	FAC EP Rep	H	FISHER	0	0 0	1	114
13th Aug	ILSC	A	Chipstead	3	2 4	3 Lyle 2 (1p), Lloyd, Richards	115
27th AUG	ILSC	H	CHERTSEY TOWN	0	1 0	5	78
29th Aug	ILSC	A	Marlow	2	0 2	1 Halsey 2	190
3rd Sep	ILSC	H	GUERNSEY	0	0 0	1	68
10th Sep	FAT	A	East Thurrock Utd	0	0 1	3 Diomande	185
21st Sep	ILSC	H	BEDFONT SPORTS	0	1 0	3	64
24th Apr	ILSC	A	Northwood	0	2 1	2 Mampolo	162
1st Oct	ILSC	H	SOUTHALL	1	1 1	1 Lyle (p)	47
4th Oct	ILSC	A	Binfield	1	2 2	3 Dougan, OG	104
8th Oct	ILSC	A	South Park (Reigate)	0	0 0	1	137
15th Oct	ILSC	A	Thatcham Town	1	0 2	1 OG, Lyle	116
18th Oct	VT R2	A	Three Bridges	1	1 2	2 Dougan, Surmon (SCR win 4-3 on pens)	65
22nd Oct	ILSC	H	TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD	2	0 3	0 Richards, OG, Tanga	96
5th Nov	ILSC	A	Basingstoke Town	1	1 1	2 Surmon	402
12th Nov	ILSC	H	WALTON & HERSHAM	1	0 1	0 Lyle (p)	114
15th Nov	SCC	A	Abbey Rangers	4	2 4	4 Sutherland, Baker, Tanga, Uzor (SCR 9-8 on pens)	122
19th Nov	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa	1	2 1	3 Halsey	122
23rd Nov	ILSC	H	UXBRIDGE	0	1 0	2	81
26th Nov	ILSC	A	Ashford Town (Middx)	0	0 1	2 Lloyd	67
29th Nov	VT R3	A	Binfield	0	0 1	0 Sutherland	92
3rd Dec	ILSC	H	WESTFIELD	0	2 0	2	56
6th Dec	SSC	A	Egham Town	0	1 0	3	
10th Dec	ILSC	H	NORTHWOOD	0	1 1	5 Testolin	65
21st Dec	VT R4	H	LEATHERHEAD				
28th Dec	ILSC	H	MARLOW				
2023							
2nd Jan	ILSC	A	Leatherhead				
7th Jan	ILSC	H	CHIPSTEAD				
14th Jan	ILSC	A	Guernsey				
21st Jan	ILSC	H	BASINGSTOKE TOWN				
28th Jan	ILSC	A	Walton & Hersham				
4th Feb	ILSC	A	Hanworth Villa				
11th Feb	ILSC	A	Uxbridge				
15th Feb	ILSC	A	Bedfont Sports				
18th Feb	ILSC	H	SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)				
25th Feb	ILSC	A	Southall				
4th Mar	ILSC	H	BINFIELD				
11th Mar	ILSC	H	THATCHAM TOWN				
18th Mar	ILSC	A	Tooting & Mitcham Utd				
25th Mar	ILSC	A	Chertsey Town				
1st Apr	ILSC	H	MERSTHAM				
10th Apr	ILSC	H	LEATHERHEAD				
15th Apr	ILSC	A	Westfield				
22nd Apr	ILSC	H	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)				
TBC	ILSC	A	Merstham				



## **The Untold Game**

### **The Other 44 Days**

Brian Clough's ill-fated tenure at Leeds is well trodden ground. Taking over the side he had spent the previous seasons criticising, replacing his long-term nemesis Don Revie who had been awarded the ultimate honour in English football – the national team job – he struggled to win round the dressing room, won only one of his seven games, and was summarily dismissed, just 44 days after arriving in Yorkshire. Four years later, another footballing genius would turn up at Elland Road. His own time would, in a twist of fate, last only 44 days. But unlike Clough's rancorous period in charge, there was nothing but disappointment when Jock Stein left the job.

By 1978, Jock Stein's legacy at Celtic was secured. The first Protestant manager at the club, he had ended an unprecedented eight-year dry spell at Parkhead in his first season. In his second, he retained his title and became the first British manager to win the European Cup. A further seven titles in a row followed, a dominance that was only ended in a season in which he suffered a near-fatal car crash. Despite returning to the team, and leading them to the 1977 title, he was eventually persuaded to resign as Celtic manager. Offered a token role as a figurehead, rather than the position of influence he felt he had earned, he left the club completely. In 1978 he was probably the most successful British manager ever, and he was looking for a job.

Leeds had recovered after the trauma of Clough's time in charge, and under Jimmy Armfield had even reached the European Cup final in 1975, but were never able to recapture the dominance they had enjoyed under Revie. Armfield did what he could with what was available, but the ageing team started to slide and were beginning to feature at the wrong end of the table. And the conclusion of the 1977-78 season he was dismissed. It would be too much to claim that they acted because of Stein's availability – they sounded out other managers before him, and in a panic at the protracted negotiations even asked Armfield back at one point – but once Stein was approached and accepted, it seemed a perfect fit.

Stein (pictured right at Elland Road) walked into a different Elland Road to the one Clough had left. No longer looking to maintain dominance, they were more concerned with arresting the decline that had started four years earlier. In securing a European Cup manager, they must have been certain of a period of stability, especially given that the one job Stein had also been linked to – as Scotland manager – didn't seem to be available for some time, after the Scottish FA confirmed that Ally MacLeod had done enough at the 1978 World Cup to keep his job.

His first game in charge was against Manchester United, having missed the first game against Arsenal. As fierce as that rivalry was becoming, it was all the more significant because of the sale of Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen to Old Trafford in the previous season, a symbol of the breaking up of Revie's old squad. Leeds slipped to a 3-2 defeat, but if the performance of the team was disappointing, the new manager made all the right noises. Quiet, thoughtful and respectful, he was much more in the Revie mould than the Clough.

He focussed on making Leeds hard to beat, and initially at least, it worked. Four clean sheets followed, before a growing injury crisis started causing problems. Already mixing and matching at the back, a Bryan Robson challenge robbed Stein of his creative outlet, Tony Currie, and in their next match away at Maine Road, Man City beat them 3-0. A defeat to Tottenham followed, a draw with Coventry. Frustrated in his attempts to sign players, living in a hotel room, his family still in Scotland, it was no surprise that he was interested when, just a few weeks after confirming his future, the SFA sacked Ally MacLeod.

Popular folklore says that Stein asked a commentator friend to spread the rumour that the SFA wanted him. Certainly he wanted them. A 3-0 win over bottom of the table Birmingham was followed up with a victory over West Brom in the cup, before the Leeds board saw the writing on the wall. On the 3rd October 1978, they gave him permission to talk to the SFA. Two days later, he was Scotland manager.

While his record wasn't markedly better than Clough's, it was much more acceptable four years after Revie's departure than four weeks. The cruel irony, however, wasn't in the record, it was in the time. Like Clough, Jock Stein had lasted just 44 days as Leeds United manager.

## Enjoy the game.

**Martyn Green, The Untold Game (Find more at [TheUntoldGame.co.uk](http://TheUntoldGame.co.uk) and on social media, @TheUntoldGame)**



# U23'S MID-SEASON REPORT

We had a busy summer this year trying to recruit a number of young players to replace a lot of last season's squad, in fact only six returned. This meant that our preseason was very long but at the end of it we felt we were ready and prepared for the season ahead.

We kicked off with an away trip to Redhill in the league. We played okay but ended up losing 2-1. It was clear that we still had a bit of work to do before we played again.

Our next game was away at Frimley where we played well, taking our first points of the year with a 3-2 win. This was followed up with a 4-0 win away to a very strong Molesey side who dominated the first 20 minutes only for us to hit three goals in a devastating 15 minute spell.

Our next two games saw us score 10 goals, seven against CB Hounslow Utd and three against Spelthorne Sports, but uncharacteristically we conceded six, three in both games, however we still picked up a win and a draw.

We were back to winning ways in our next game when we beat Frimley 3-0 at our ground, a very good performance all over the park. Our run in the cup didn't last long though, a strong Dorkinians side saw to that, romping home 4-0 winners.

Talking of cups, seven of the U23s had the opportunity to play with the 1st team against Abbey Rangers in the Southern Combination Cup. Even though a couple found it hard it was a great experience for them.

The game went to penalties and all five of the U23s that were on the pitch scored theirs.

Moving into the second half of the season we will be looking to keep up our fine form in the league, and hopefully a better run in the league cup.

There's some good young players in the U23s and if they continue to perform well then hopefully more 1st team opportunities will come their way.

Vinny (Cibardo) - Manager.

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# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF:**

## **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS**

**FORMED: 1978**

**NICKNAME:**  
**THE COMMONERS**

### **JUST A S..T SUNDAY SIDE**

Ah, the cry from the Eastbourne Town fans back in the day as they romped to a 2-0 lead in the Vase, before we struck back to win 3-2.

Well, truth be told that's where it all started back in 1978, when INRAD FC took to the field, the club being founded by current Chairman Alan Salmon. Not long after Centre 21 came about following a sponsorship deal with a local youth centre.

Once players left having reached 21, a new name came about: Sutton Common Rovers FC, which quickly abbreviated to SCR followed by whichever public house sponsored the team.

Seasons followed in the Leatherhead & District, Mitcham & District, and Croydon & District Sunday league, with varying degrees of success before Darren Salmon took the plunge and moved the team into Saturday football.

### **SATURDAY SUCCESS**

The 2004/5 season saw that Saturday move. After a couple of seasons in the Surrey South East Combination and the Middlesex County League we took our place in the Combined Counties League for the 2008/09 season.

Darren made the bold statement that he wanted to be an Isthmian side within five seasons. Well, it took a bit longer but we eventually got there.

Our time in the CCL was full of ups and downs. Missing out on promotion in our opening season on goal difference, by 1 goal (as it turned out a missed penalty against Dorking in our penultimate game was key as it meant they had a 1 goal better goal difference than us).

Promotion followed the next season, and two seasons in the Premier culminated with relegation back to Division 1 in 2011/12. We bounced back up immediately, but then spent three seasons struggling in the Premier division before a change in fortunes in 2016/17 saw a mid-table finish.

It was all upwards after that, missing out on promotion with 3rd and 2nd finishes by one place in consecutive seasons. However, we finished top on PPG after two abandoned seasons to finally move to the Isthmian League.

## IT'S A FAMILY THING

As said, chairman Alan Salmon founded the side back in 1978, and his boys, Darren and Justin, both played for the club once the were old enough.

Darren progressed to First Team manager, in around 2000 while we were still a Sunday side, something he has continued to the present day.

Justin has since been co-manager of the First team with Darren and reserve team manager, all along-side managing the Sunday sides. He is now the club secretary.

We were also ahead of the game in terms of getting ladies involved in the club. Alan's daughter Tracy joined the fun when the SCR Colts were formed and quickly established herself behind the tea bar counter.

For good measure her other half Mark became youth secretary, a role that he held until the start of this season.

Throw into that that all Alan's grandchildren (Sam: #forever7, forever missed; Tyler, Reece and Blake, and Ethan) all played for the club, with Blake and Reece now involved on matchdays. As you see, we are truly a family club.



## CUP GLORY (ish)

We have a proud cup-fighting tradition, often getting the better of higher ranked sides.

It's not all been glory though as we suffered heartbreak twice in finals, losing 1-0 to Staines Lammas in the CCL Division 1 final in the 2008/09 season, and the following year we lost to Sutton Utd Reserves in the Surrey Premier Cup Final, 8-7 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

The 2016/17 season saw the club secure it's first Saturday trophy with a 4-1 win over Camberley Town in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

Semi final defeats followed the next season in the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup, which saw a heart-breaking 97th minute goal against Worcester Park to lose 3-2.

In 2018/19 we reached two cup finals, with defeat after extra time against Walton Casuals 4-2 in the Southern Combination Cup. The club finally secured the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup. An 84th minute strike by Matt Farrell securing a 1-0 win over CB Hounslow Utd.

There has been some success in the FA Vase, with the 5th Round reached in the 2019/20 season, but it ended in disappointment away at Western League Bitton AFC when we lost 2-1.

The FA Cup has been hit and miss with exits in the Extra-Preliminary Round before the 2021/22 season saw us reach the 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time.

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