



## **Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**Amersham Town v Milton Utd**  
**CCFL Premier Division North**

**Kick off 3.00pm**

**Chairman: Paul Serkis**  
**Secretary: Bryan Fisher**  
**Manager: Jason Owens**



Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Milton Utd to this game, postponed from earlier in the year. We lost a tight game three two at Holloways Park in October with goals by Chris Martin-Thomas and Shaun Aram.

Since the turn of the year the weather has played an increasingly intrusive role. We are by no means the only club, nor is England the only country, to have suffered. Other parts of Europe have also suffered badly. For example, in the Bundesliga, the games between St Pauli and RB Leipzig and Werner Bremen and Hoffenheim were postponed.

And then Storm Geratti hit!. On 7<sup>th</sup> February of only four of the nine games in Prem North and only one in Prem South survived the weather.

Very sadly our game last Saturday at Edgware & Kingsbury, played on a 4G pitch, had to be abandoned due an accident to Jayden Gibson. In going for a through ball he collided with the keeper and suffered a bad break to his leg. He was treated on the field and the ambulance called. We hear that he broke his leg in two places, requiring surgery. It goes without saying that everyone at the club wishes him well. Credit must also be paid to the officials and to all connected with Edgware & Kingsbury for their sportsmanship and understanding throughout.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

**Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February v Kidlington, KO 3.00pm: CCFL Premier North.**

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**ENTRY: Adults £8, Senior Citizens £6, Children under 16 free**

### **Amersham Town**

1. Ben Clargo
2. Archie Sykes
3. Kevin Fernandes
4. Mark Webb
5. Dominic Jones
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Callum Coen
8. Naz Miah
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Ronan Ishmaili
11. Shaun Aram
12. Riley Durkin
14. Craig Stephen-Lett
15. Joshua Quadry
16. Matt Messer
17. Josh Penemo
18. Kai Bartolo

Manager: Jason Owens  
Head Coach: Alfie Sanger  
Coach: Ben Clargo  
GK Coach Mark Bonnick.

Colours: Black & White

### **Milton Utd**

1. Caiden Matthews
2. Casey Groves
3. Harry Sturgess
4. Tyler Webb
5. Noah Parsons
6. Oliver Thomas
7. Ollie Nadin
8. Josh Richardson
9. Harry Thomas
10. Seth Humphries
11. Twariq Yusuf
12. Sammy Parker
14. Jordan Okwesa
15. John Mills
16. Jayden Buchanan
17. Lewis Hayden
18. Fin Baker

Manager: Christian Lawrence

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Colours: All Blue

**Referee:** Bimi Sherifi  
**Assn't Ref:** Thomas Raffan  
**Assn't Ref:** Jean Mbisa

## Amersham Town FC: results and fixtures.

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
29.7.25	North Greenford	A	1 - 1	Miah
2.8.25	Cinderford Town	A	1 - 0	Johnson. FA Cup: extra preliminary round
9.8.25	Wokingham Tn	H	3 - 0	Aram 2, Georgiou
16.8.25	Royal Wootton Bassett	A	1 - 3	Roman. FA Cup Preliminary Rnd
19.8.25	Holyport	A	1 - 2	Bartolo
23.8.25	Brook House	H	0 - 1	FA Vase
25.8.25	Harefield Utd	A	0 - 3	
30.8.25	Ardley Utd	H	2 - 0	Aram, Georgiou
3.9.25	Hilltop	A	2 - 4	Jones, Sennett
9.9.25	Holmer Green	H	2 - 3	Aram, Austin B&B SC
16.9.25	Windsor & Eton	A	2 - 4	Bartolo, Sykes. CCFL Challenge Cup
20.9.25	North Leigh	A	1 - 2	Johnson
27.9.25	Burnham	H	1 - 0	Johnson
4.10.25	British Airways	A	0 - 2	
11.10.25	Edgware & K'y	H	1 - 0	Aram
18.10.25	Milton Utd	A	2 - 3	Aram, Martin-Thomas
22.10.25	Kidlington	A	0 - 0	
25.10.25	Broadfields Utd	H	0 - 4	
1.11.25	Wallingford & C	A	0 - 0	
8.11.25	Wokingham Tn	A	1 - 6	Martin-Thomas
15.11.25	Abingdon Utd	A	0 - 2	
22.11.25	Harefield Utd	H	1 - 9	Bartolo
13.12.25	Virginia Water	H	0 - 2	
20.12.25	Ashford Town	A	1 - 3	Martin-Thomas
27.12.25	North Greenford	H	1 - 4	Martin-Thomas
10.1.26	Hilltop	H	2 - 2	Coen, Sykes
20.1.26	Windsor & Eton	H	0 - 0	
31.1.26	Burnham	A	1 - 3	Bartolo
14.2.26	Edgware & K'by	A	A - A	
21.2.26	Milton Utd	H		
28.2.26	Kidlington	H		
7.3.26	Abingdon Utd	H		

14.3.26	Windsor & Eton	A		
17.3.26	Ashford Tn Mdx	H		
21.3.26	North Leigh	H		
24.3.26	Ardley Utd	A		
28.3.26	Reading City	A		
31.3.26	Edgware & K'by	A		
4.4.26	Broadfields Utd	A		
6.4.26	Reading City	H		Kick off 11.30am
11.4.26	British Airways	H		
18.3.26	Holyort	H		

## Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League:

### Premier Division North

As at Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1	Burnham	29	17	7	5	27	58
2	Ashford Town (Mdx)	26	16	5	5	30	53
3	Broadfields United	26	15	7	4	30	52
4	Wallingford & C'msh	29	15	5	9	2	50
5	Windsor & Eton	22	13	8	1	27	47
6	Kidlington	27	12	9	6	8	45
7	Ardley United	22	13	3	6	19	42
8	North Greenford Utd	24	12	4	8	2	40
9	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
10	Milton United	24	11	4	9	3	37
11	Virginia Water	27	10	6	11	0	36
12	Reading City	19	10	4	5	16	34
13	Wokingham Town	25	9	6	10	4	33
14	Abingdon United	25	9	4	12	-3	31
15	Harefield United	26	8	5	13	-7	29
16	British Airways	22	8	4	10	-4	25 *
17	Amersham Town	24	5	5	14	-29	20
18	North Leigh	25	5	3	17	-24	18
19	Holyport	28	5	1	22	-52	16
20	Edgware & K'bury	29	3	2	24	-50	11

\* adjustment made

## A History of Milton Utd

Under the name Milton Hill, the club were founder members of the [North Berks League](#) in 1909, becoming members of the Wallingford Division.<sup>[1]</sup> They were transferred to the Abingdon Division the following season and finished bottom of the section,<sup>[2]</sup> after which they left the league. The club returned to the league in 1921 as Milton, joining Division Two (Wantage), finishing bottom of the division in 1921–22.<sup>[3]</sup> By the following season they had become Milton United, and were runners-up in the Wantage division, also playing in Division Two (Didcot).<sup>[4]</sup> In 1923–24 they played only in the Didcot division, before being transferred to Division Two (Abingdon) in 1924.

In 1926–27 Milton were Division Two (Abingdon) champions,<sup>[5]</sup> going on to win the overall Division Two title with an 8–2 win over Wallingford division champions Aston Tirrold,<sup>[5]</sup> and were promoted to Division One (Wantage). They finished bottom of the division in 1929–30 and were relegated to Division Two (Faringdon & Wantage). The club were transferred to Division Two (Abingdon) in 1933, before being placed in a combined Division Two in 1935. They were Division Two runners-up in 1937–38, earning promotion to Division One. After [World War II](#) the club returned to the league in 1946 and were placed in Division Two. League reorganisation saw them placed in Division One (East) in 1947–48 and then back in Division Two the following season. After finishing fourth in Division Two in 1950–51, the club were promoted to Division One. However, after finishing bottom of Division One the following season, they were relegated back to Division Two.

Milton finished bottom of Division Two in 1953–54,<sup>[6]</sup> after which they left the league and folded.<sup>[7]</sup> After reforming in 1958, the club rejoined the North Berks League, entering Division Three. They went on to win the Division Three title at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division Two. The following season saw them win the Division Two title, winning all 22 league matches and promotion to Division One.<sup>[8]</sup> The club went on to secure a third successive promotion when they won the Division One title the following season, earning promotion to the Premier Division.<sup>[9]</sup> They were Premier Division champions in 1962–63 and retained the title the following season. The club won the Premier Division

title again in 1965–66 and 1969–70. The division was renamed Division One in 1974.<sup>[10]</sup>

In 1978–79 Milton finished second-from-bottom of Division One and were relegated to Division Two.<sup>[10]</sup> However, they won the Division Two title in 1980–81 and were promoted back to Division One.<sup>[11]</sup> The club were Division One runners-up in 1984–85 and won the league the following season.<sup>[11]</sup> After winning the league again in 1987–88 and 1988–89,<sup>[11]</sup> they moved up to Division One of the [Hellenic League](#).<sup>[12]</sup> The club were Division One runners-up in their [first season](#) in the division, earning promotion to the Premier Division, also winning the Division One League Cup and the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup.<sup>[7]</sup> They went on to win the Premier Division title in [1990–91](#) and retained the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup.<sup>[7]</sup>

Milton were demoted to Division One in 1994 as they did not have floodlights.<sup>[7]</sup> They were Division One runners-up in [1994–95](#), and after moving to a new floodlit ground and finishing fourth in [1998–99](#), the club were promoted back to the Premier Division. They went on to finish bottom of the Premier Division the [following season](#).<sup>[12]</sup> Despite avoiding being relegated, the club finished bottom of the Premier Division again in [2000–01](#) and were relegated to Division One East.<sup>[12]</sup> A third-place finish in Division One East in [2003–04](#) saw the club promoted back to the Premier Division. They were relegated back to Division One East at the end of the [2008–09 season](#).<sup>[12]</sup>

In [2013–14](#) Milton won the Division One East title and were promoted to the Premier Division. However, they were relegated from the Premier Division at the end of the [2015–16 season](#) and were placed in Division One West. The club were transferred to Division One East for the [2017–18 season](#).<sup>[12]</sup> They went on to finish bottom of the division with only nine points and two wins during the league season. In 2021 Division One East and Division One West were merged into a single Division One. The club finished third in the division in [2022–23](#), qualifying for the promotion play-offs. After defeating [Clanfield](#) 3–2 on penalties after a 3–3 draw in the semi-finals, they beat [Hartpury University](#) 4–1 on penalties in the final (after a 2–2 draw) to earn promotion to the Premier Division North of the [Combined Counties League](#).

## **Goals win Games, but Points win Prizes**

‘Attack wins you games, defence wins you titles.’ When Sir Alex Ferguson tells you how to win a league championship, it’s probably in your interest to sit up and listen. We usually think of great champions as dominant, free-flowing attacking sides, scoring goals for fun and, if possible, high on the entertainment factor. But really, it doesn’t matter if you score the most goals, or have the meanest defence, or 98% possession. It’s all about the points on the board, and however you accumulate them, in the end, the name on the trophy is all that anybody remembers. That’s what Swedish side AIK realised in 1997-98, when they not only failed to score the most goals on their way to winning the Allsvenskan title; they scored the least.

In the middle of the 1990s, AIK were in a bit of a rut. One of Sweden’s most successful clubs, their Allsvenskan titles had all come before the war, except for one in 1983. They had more consistent success in the Swedish Cup, winning it in both 1996 and 1997, as well as embarking on a run to the quarter finals of the Cup Winners Cup where they faced Barcelona. But that European run was to prove a double-edged sword. Success saw the poaching of AIK’s prized talent: Magnus Hedman moved to Coventry, Gary Lundgren to Zaragoza, and both forwards ended their time in Sweden – one for Norway, the other for retirement. They retained Johan Mjallby, and placed a lot of faith in teenage defender Olof Mellberg, but in 1997 they finished a lowly eighth, far closer to the relegation zone in the 14 team league than was comfortable.

A change was needed, and AIK director Stefan Soderberg set off to Japan to find it. There, managing Vissel Kobe, was Stuart Baxter, and Englishman who had played and managed in Sweden and, for tax reasons, was looking to leave the Far East. Soderberg refused to leave until he got his man, and contracts were signed. Baxter was left with a stack of Swedish football tapes and a ticket to Scandinavia.

Baxter’s first job was to replace some of the talent that had set off around Europe, and in Anders Limpar he did just that. The former Arsenal man was beginning to wind down his career, but was still plenty good enough

for the Allsvenskan. But more importantly, Baxter changed the way AIK played. Throughout Sweden, a flat 442 with balls down the line reigned supreme. So Baxter tried something different. Possession football, passing through the middle, pressuring the fullbacks. Mixed early results masked some impressive performances, such as the opening 1-1 draw in which AIK produced 23 shots on goal to their opponent's, Örgryte, three. Two defeats and two draws in the opening six games led up to the big game against IFK Göteborg. Something clicked, the players played out of the skins, and recorded a 1-0 victory. That was the confidence inducing moment, and another single goal victory against Malmö the following week set out the course for the rest of the season.

Far more draws than were comfortable followed, but AIK went unbeaten from that moment to the end of the season. Baxter's system was working, producing huge numbers of chances, but the quality wasn't quite there. AIK only scored more than one goal four times over the course of the season, never scoring more than two. They only won by more than a single goal twice. But they racked up the 1-0 victories, giving them a chance going into the final day. They would need to beat 12th placed Örgryte, the team against whom their season had started, while they needed already relegated Helsingborg to pull off a miracle against table topping Malmö. AIK did what they had done all season, with a solid performance and a 1-0 win, never really being threatened by Örgryte's struggling side. For the last 15 minutes of the match, supporters in the stand crowded around handheld radios, desperate for news from Helsingborg. The relegated side had gone behind, but pulled one back through Mathias Larsson. As the game ticked on, Larsson broke through, and slotted another into the net. AIK fans erupted as the final whistle went. Only 25 goals scored, just 15 conceded, and champions. It was an incredible achievement.

Baxter is insistent that his team didn't play defensively, they just so controlled the game that their opponents couldn't get at them. The following year, they conceded even fewer, 14, and finally got their shooting boots on, hitting 42 goals. But it didn't matter; Malmö got their revenge, and pipped AIK to the title by a single point. So, maybe, Sir Alex was right. Attack doesn't always win titles.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, *The Untold Game*

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**Stuart Baxter**

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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC**

Amersham Town FC was formed in 1890. An inaugural meeting took place at the Crown public house, now a hotel, on 10 October 1890. The Chairman was a local headmaster who was very friendly with W. G. Grace and was, in fact, recommended by that great cricketer. Among the original rules were no bad language on the pitch, that no player should wear any nails, an annual subscription of 1/6d ( or 7.5p ) and an agreement that the club colours would be black and white.

The club originally played at Barn Meadow, down the road from the current ground. Amersham Town moved to Spratleys Meadow in 1920, thanks to the generosity of a local entrepreneur - a Mr Brazil - who founded the famous sausage and pie company bearing his name.

Amersham joined the Hellenic League in 1952 and then the Spartan League in 1972. The Clubhouse, a former school room, was erected in 1968 and extended to its current size in 1983. New floodlights were installed in 1977. In 1998 the Club secured a ninety nine year lease on Spratleys Meadow and built a new stand. In 2000, new pitches were provided across School Lane for the Youth Section.

In 2006/07 the club enjoyed a major refurbishment. The original changing rooms, which were commandeered in the war as an emergency mortuary in the event of an air raid on Amersham, were demolished and modern facilities constructed. The pitch, which had a slope of 11ft 4 inches from touchline to touchline, was levelled and now provides an excellent playing surface. In 2022 the clubhouse was comprehensively remodelled and modern floodlights installed for this season.. Amersham Town was granted Charter Standard Club status in 2013.

The club moved to the Cherry Red Combined Counties League in season 22/23 and was promoted to the Premier Division North for last season. The team is managed by Jason Owens and the club has developed close links with Kings Church FC, a well organised local club which runs more than twenty junior teams.

A hard copy or an on-line booklet recording the club's history, prepared for its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on [michaelgahagan89@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgahagan89@gmail.com)