



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 13th December 2025

**Amersham Town v Virginia Water
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 Virginia Water. Last season we enjoyed victories in both games against today's opponents, winning six nil at home and two one away with Jake Tabor scoring four of the eight goals. We really could do with a win of any description this afternoon,

It is greatly to Jason and Alfie's credit that, amongst the debris that is our recent track record, morale in our squad seems to remain remarkable high. They say losing becomes a habit and that seems to have set in with us. Until the defeat at British Airways However, the reverse is true and success breeds success. There are some excellent young players in our team and it needs only one good win to revive the good football and results which we gained earlier in the season.

If you are one of our regular supporters you will have noticed the improvements in the clubhouse, especially behind the bar. This is all due to David Edwards, our volunteer clubhouse manager. He has made a huge difference to the state and appearance of the whole area, for which all of us are truly grateful.

Enjoy the game and a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all.

Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Saturday 27th December v North Greenford Utd: Combined Counties League: kick off 3.00pm.

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

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 Senior Cup
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		
20.12.25	Ashford Town	A		
27.12.25	North Greenford	H		
10.1.26	Hilltop	H		
20.1.26	Windsor & Eton	H		
24.1.26	Wallingford & C	H		
31.1.26	Burnham	A		

Amersham Town

1. Pompeyo Castillo
2. Joshua Clay
3. Josh Quadry
4. Mark Webb
5. Archie Sykes
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Jayden Gibson
8. Dominic Jones
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Naz Miah
11. Shaun Aram
12. Shane Johnson
14. Matt Messer
15. Craig Griffith-Dunbar
16. Daniel Fogarasy
17. Rhys Rabess
18. Charles John

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

Colours: Black & White

Virginia Water

1. Matthew Jones
2. Shuaib Jalloh
3. Ashley Hitchinson
4. Jamie Di Giuseppe
5. Rayan Djouadj
6. Kai Boylen
7. James Goodey
8. Jack Mills
9. Aderi Dede
10. Lewis Flatman
11. Aston Nunn
12. Armarni Church
14. Jehovany Kinzonzi
15. Billy Murphy
16. Ryan Blake
17. Josh Baines
18. Freddie Babbage

Manager : Adam Sands

Colours: All Maroon

Referee: Adel Abdel Rasoul
Assn't Ref: Mohamed Zouine
Assn't Ref: David Cox

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League: Premier Division North

As at Saturday 6th December 2025

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Broadfields United	21	12	5	4	26	41
2	Ardley United	18	13	2	3	26	41
3	Wallingford & C'sh	22	12	4	6	1	40
4	Hilltop	25	11	3	11	10	36
5	Windsor & Eton	16	10	5	1	21	35
6	Burnham	17	11	2	4	16	35
7	Ashford Tn (Middx)	17	10	4	3	17	34
8	Milton United	20	10	2	8	3	32
9	Kidlington	18	8	6	4	6	30
10	North Greenford Utd	19	9	3	7	0	30
11	Reading City	14	7	4	3	14	25
12	Wokingham Town	18	7	4	7	6	25
13	Abingdon United	17	6	2	9	-3	20
14	Harefield United	18	6	2	10	-5	20
15	British Airways	18	6	3	9	-10	18 *
16	Amersham Town	18	5	3	10	-20	18
17	Virginia Water	16	4	4	8	-9	16
18	North Leigh	20	4	3	13	-17	15
19	Holyport	22	4	1	17	-39	13
20	Edgware & K'bury	22	1	2	19	-43	5

* adjustment made

A history of Virginia Water FC

Virginia Water Football Club was formed during the 1919-1920 season, and celebrated its centenary in 2020. During the reign of King Edward VIII, Waters gained financial support (Royal Patronage) from the Crown, in the sum of £2 per annum. This continued throughout the reign of King George VI, who actually 'gifted' VWFC their current ground.

Until 1964 Waters were part of the Woking & District League, at which time they joined the Surrey Intermediate League, moving on to the Spartan League soon after. In 1969 the clubhouse at the Timbers was erected and opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, who was then President of FIFA. The Timbers was given this name after the late Harry Timbers, one of the founder members of our Club. In 1970 Waters gained promotion from the Spartan League to the Combined Counties League, and steady progress saw them gain entry into the FA Vase.

The 1980's were a disappointing period in our history, that saw successive relegations to the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League. The 1990/91 season proved a turning point, with Waters winning the Surrey Intermediate Cup, beating Colney Hall 3-0 in the final. This was followed with promotion to the Surrey Premier League and Combined Counties League, but we were only allowed to stay there for one season due to league ground grading rulings. Despite that relegation, Waters won three Surrey County Premier Cups in 1995, 1996 and 1997, the latter being part of a historic League and League Cup Treble! With league name changes the norm,

in 2000 the Surrey Premier League became the Surrey Senior League, where Waters stayed until 2002, before joining the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), for three seasons before another relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010 Waters won promotion to the Surrey Elite League. Despite winning the County and League Cups, further promotion proved elusive. Ceri Jones was appointed manager in 2015-16, finishing fourth in his first season in charge. The following season he appointed Richard Banks as Head Coach, and Waters duly won back-to-back promotions to the Hellenic League Division One, then Premier

(competing at Step 5 for the first time in the club's history) - including a cup double in 2016-17. After a period of consolidation in the Hellenic Premier Division, there was to be another FA National League System adjustment, that saw Waters moved across to the Combined Counties Premier League (North).

At the end of the 2021-22 season, after 7 successful years as manager, Ceri became Director of Football, and appointed Adam Bessent as his successor along with Jake Bessent as Assistant Manager. The 2022/23 season saw us reach the Senior County Cup final, finishing second to Met Police in the final, and also our highest ever league position - a respectable 7th place. The Bessent's sadly resigned their positions early in to the 2023/24 season. An internal promotion saw Adam Sams take over the reins as the new First Team manager, ably assisted by Ben Warren as first team coach, and successfully lead the club to another 7th place League finish and reach the Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final where we were narrowly beaten by Burnham FC 2-1 to be Runner's Up.

The club still aims for continued success, both on and off the pitch, in the future and the move, under a new Ground Share arrangement, to the great facilities at Slough Town is seen as a step forward for the 2024/25 Season. Waters also have a youth section at the club (VWFC Youth), which the club proudly aspires to, and uses as a direct pathway to adult football. The Youth Section continues to flourish; it now stands at 19 teams and growing rapidly, especially our girls program, in partnership with the FA Wildcats scheme, which saw 4 Girls Teams (U9, U10, U11 and U13) play under the Waters Banner in the 2024/25 season.

Danny Bergara: Pioneer

'I believe, and I honestly believe, that I am one of the best coaches in this country, and parts of the world anywhere. I've been around the world, I've got more experience than anybody else.' If you're unfamiliar with Danny Bergara, this introduction to the man might come as a shock. It is downright ludicrous, when you realise that this was his belief as he led Doncaster Rovers to the worst season in the history of the Football

League, in 1998. But Danny Bergara was a character. A Uruguayan youth international who made England his home, and while the level of confidence was perhaps misplaced, he doesn't deserve to be remembered as the worst Football League manager either.

The events surrounding Bergara's time at Doncaster are well documented. A few years after owner Ken Richardson was charged with arson, or attempting to burn down Doncaster's stadium, and still awaiting his trial, the team was in disarray. Training had become voluntary, because players wages couldn't be guaranteed. Youth players were filling in for seniors who left for a more secure paycheque. Heavy defeats were commonplace. And, behind the scenes, was Bergara. Doing everything from first team manager to youth team scout. Doncaster were relegated from the Football League, with the worst record in its history.

But, long before Bergara turned up at Belle Vue, he was a star in Spain. He had started his career at 16 with local Montevideo side Racing Club, and earned himself a few youth call ups before Real Mallorca took notice. They took the then 20 year old to Spain, where he looked good. He scored nearly a hundred goals in the Iberian peninsula, across spells at Mallorca, Sevilla and Tenerife. Barcelona even came sniffing around, more than once, but nothing ever came of the interest. In 1972, with his goalscoring, and his legs, slowing, he retired. He moved with his English wife to St. Albans, but he couldn't keep himself out of the game for long.

Bergara was an amiable personality in the local area, and made friends with, among others, Paddy Sowden, who happened to be chief scout at Luton Town. After being shown some newspaper clippings of Bergara's time in Spain, he approached the Uruguayan first as a player, and when he was turned down, as a coach. Bergara took charge of the youth side.

He was ahead of his time, in many ways, in the 1970s. Sessions focused heavily on technical quality, and the different style saw first team players coming to watch, to see what they could learn from the Uruguayan. It was no surprise that his services became so in demand. First, he moved to Sheffield United to help with their youngsters, in 1978, before he earned another international call-up in 1980. This time it was from Ron Greenwood, and Bergara was brought into the England youth setup. He

was described as a 'revelation' by similarly pioneering Technical

Director Charles Hughes, and oversaw the development of the likes of Danny Wallance and Neil Webb. With so many accolades, one would have thought a managerial role was in the near future, but instead Bergara found himself unemployed by 1983, a victim of Sheffield United's relegation to the fourth tier. His nationality was widely regarded as significant.

In fact, it took until 1988 for Bergara to finally get a top job, via stints in Brunei and at Middlesbrough. Taking up the reins at Rochdale, he became the first foreign-speaking coach in the Football League, a real pioneer given the prevalence of foreign coaches today. He didn't hang around long though, moving to close rivals Stockport a few months later. Finally, Danny Bergara was somewhere he could show off his talents.

In his first season at Edgeley Park, with the season coming to a close, he was able to stave off relegation out of the Football League. But that summer, with a full pre-season of his ideas behind them things started to change. Bergara's side played exciting, continental football, and reached the playoffs where they lost to Chesterfield. Confidence was never a problem for Bergara though, and it rubbed off on his team. The following season, they finished second, losing the title by a single point. They made the playoffs in the third tier, at the first time of asking. He also became the first overseas manager to lead an English side at Wembley, losing in both the playoffs and the Football League trophy. Wembley would prove to be an unhappy place for Bergara, losing finals over the next couple of years and unable to put the seal on a remarkable rise at Stockport.

In 1995, he parted company with the club after falling out with the chairman (there were reports of him throwing a punch), and took charge at Rotherham, before finding another home at the ailing Doncaster Rovers. In later years, he scouted for Sunderland.

When he passed away in 2007, Stockport arranged a 'Danny Day' friendly against Cardiff City. In 2012, they announced the naming of one stand after him, and still fly the Uruguayan flag at every home match.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green The Untold Game

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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 125th anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on michaelgahagan89@gmail.com