



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 7th March 2026

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

Kick off 3.00pm

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



Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Abingdon Utd. We lost two nil to Abingdon at Northcourt Road back in November.

Unfortunately that defeat was in a run of poor results which we have struggled to reverse.. The game last Saturday against Kidlington was a perfect example of our troubles. We had a fair share of possession and defended well. But we struggled to trouble the goalkeeper and when we did get the ball in the net the offside flag was raised. However, there were some hopeful signs so let's hope that we can now start to put together a run of more positive results.

If any of you are seeking an enjoyable evening look no further than Saturday 18th April. That is when the club's Race Night is being held in the clubhouse. It is a most enjoyable event with the bar and food available as well as good company and the chance to beat the bookies. Tickets are £12 each and are available at the bar.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Tuesday 10th March v Wallingford & Crowmarsh: KO 7.30pm: CCFL Premier North.

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

Amersham Town

1. Ben Clargo
2. Josh Quadry
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. Josh Penemo
15. Archie Sykes
16. Matt Messer
17. Daniel Fogarasy
18. Kai Bartolo

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

Colours: Black & White

Abingdon Utd

1. Eddie Cavanagh
2. Clive Gwavava
3. Tyrae Njugu
4. Joshua Edwards
5. George Gilmore
6. Tom Lawyer
7. Pablo Haysham
8. Loius Bloomfield
9. Anaclet Odhiambo
10. Freddy Dunham
11. Oliwier Bach
12. Harry Walters
14. Leo Cole
15. Finlat Beckett
16. Matthew Hardwick
17. Aaron Woodley
18. Finlay Beckett

Manager: John Mills

Colours: Yellow & Blue

Referee: Ka Ho Wong
Assn't Ref: James Bird
Assn't Ref: Laurence Smith

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
21.2.26	Milton Utd	H	1 - 3	Miah
24.2.26	Everett Rovers	A	1 - 4	St Mary's Cup
28.2.26	Kidlington	H	0 - 2	
7.3.26.	Abingdon Utd	H		

10.3.26	Wallingford & C	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 28th February 2026.

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Burnham	31	18	7	6	27	61
2	Broadfields United	28	17	7	4	33	58
3	Ashford Town (Mx)	28	16	6	6	29	54
4	Wallingford & C	31	16	5	10	4	53
5	Windsor & Eton	25	14	9	2	28	51
6	Kidlington	30	13	11	6	10	50
7	Ardley United	25	15	4	6	21	49
8	North Greenford Utd	26	14	4	8	6	46
9	Milton United	28	13	5	10	5	44
10	Hilltop	33	12	4	17	1	40
11	Virginia Water	30	11	7	12	-2	40
12	Reading City	23	11	5	7	15	38
13	Wokingham Town	26	10	6	10	5	36
14	Abingdon United	28	9	5	14	-8	32
15	Harefield United	28	8	5	15	-9	29
16	British Airways	23	8	4	11	-5	25 *
17	Holyport	32	7	2	23	-51	23
18	Amersham Town	26	5	5	16	-33	20
19	North Leigh	26	5	3	18	-26	18
20	Edgware & K'bury	31	4	2	25	-50	14

* adjustment made

A History of Abingdon Utd

The club was founded in 1946 by ex-servicemen as a rival to the already existing Abingdon Town at the Anchor pub on the bank of the River Thames. The new club joined Division One of the North Berks League,^[2] and won the league's Charity Shield in their first season, beating Wallingford Town 3–2 after extra time in the final.^[3] Despite finishing ninth out of twelve clubs in Division One in 1947–48,^[4] they were relegated to Division Two.

Abingdon went on to win Division Two in 1952–53,^[6] and were promoted back to Division One. In 1958 they moved up to the Hellenic League, where for the next 19 seasons the club remained in the bottom division of the Hellenic League, winning the Division One Cup in 1965–66.^[7] After finishing third in 1976–77 they were promoted to the Premier Division. They stayed in the premier division until the 1980–81 season, in which they finished bottom and were relegated back to Division One. However, after a single season in Division One, they made an immediate return, finishing as runners-up. The club then remained in the Hellenic premier Division for another 24 seasons.

In 1982–83 season Abingdon entered the FA Vase for the first time; four seasons later they played in the FA Cup for the first time, losing to Stourbridge after two replays in the first qualifying round.^[8] The 1996–97 season saw the club win three trophies; the Hellenic League's Floodlit Cup, the Hellenic – Hungerford Cup and the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy.^[7] They retained the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy the following season, and won the Hellenic – Hungerford Cup again in 2001–02.^[7] In 2005–06 the club finished third in the Premier Division, and were promoted to Division One South & West of the Southern League.^[8] The club remained in the Southern League Division One South & West until the end of the 2012–13 season, when they resigned from the league and rejoined the Hellenic League Premier Division.

At the end of the 2015–16 season Abingdon were relegated to Division One East. However, after finishing as runners-up in Division One East the following season, they were promoted back to the Premier

Division. The club were relegated back to Division One of the Hellenic League in the 2018–19 season. In 2024–25 they finished fourth in the division, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. After beating Clanfield on penalties in the semi-finals, the club defeated Wantage Town 2–0 in the final to earn promotion to the Premier Division North of the Combined Counties League.

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