



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 11th October 2025

**Amersham Town v Edgware & Kingsbury
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 Edgware & Kingsbury. Last season we managed two victories against our visitors with Kyle Clifford scoring from centre back on each occasion. Kyle was our joint third highest goalscorer, 'though of course well behind Jake Tabor.

Am I the only one who has noticed a distinct improvement in the quality of refereeing this season. And not just the referees but also their assistants. I hope I'm not putting the mockers on this afternoon's officials by mentioning it but I have been conscious of it when filling in the MOAS return. When I see some controversial decision on Match of the Day and then look at the VAR I am surprised how often the on-field decision is correct.

But it's not just the decisions. A good referee will stay on top of the game, defusing any likely confrontation before it develops. That is down, amongst other things, to good communication and, this season, the refs seem to be talking more to the players during the match.

Enjoy the game.
Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Saturday 25th October v Broadfields 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		
18.10.25	Kidlington	A		
25.10.25	Broadfields Utd	H		

Amersham Town

1. Ben Clargo
2. Joshua Clay
3. Josh Quadry
4. Mark Webb
5. Archie Sykes
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Kai Bartolo
8. Dominic Jones
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Naz Miah
11. Shaun Aram
12. Shane Johnson
14. Matt Messer
15. Craig Griffith-Dunbar
16. Dan Fogarasy
17. Craig Lett-Stephen
18. Ryan Austin

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

Colours: Black & White

Edgware & Kingsbury

1. Aram Sarkissian
2. Celeany Frane-Filho
3. Charles Morris
4. Samuel Odusoga
5. Oliver Modeste
6. Thomas Everitt
7. Levi Young
8. Lucas Da Silva Luz
9. Samuel Adetiba
10. Darell Edgar-Phillips
11. Roqeeb Olanitan
12. Jahed Ahmed
14. Godson Leboko
15. Omar Al-seadi
16. Jade McCrea
17. Takemwa Galukande
18. Romario Gittens

Manager: Lee Grant:

Colours: Green & White

Referee: Mark Baxter

Assn't Ref: Mohamed Zouine

Assn't Ref: Matthew Downey

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League: Premier Division North

As at Saturday 4th October 2025

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	11	8	0	3	9	24
2	Broadfields Utd	12	7	2	3	18	23
3	Windsor & Eton	11	6	4	1	10	22
4	Kidlington	12	6	3	3	6	21
5	Hilltop	12	6	2	4	8	20
6	Wallingford & Cmrsh	12	6	2	4	-1	20
7	Ardley United	9	5	2	2	5	17
8	Milton United	11	5	2	4	3	17
9	North Greenford Utd	9	5	2	2	-1	17
10	Amersham Town	10	4	1	5	-1	13
11	Reading City	8	3	3	2	7	12
12	Wokingham Town	9	3	2	4	2	11
13	North Leigh	11	3	2	6	-6	11
14	Harefield United	9	3	1	5	-8	10
15	Holyport	12	3	1	8	-17	10
16	British Airways	10	3	2	5	-5	8 *
17	Ashford Town (Mx)	6	1	4	1	2	7
18	Abingdon United	8	2	1	5	-5	7
19	Virginia Water	8	1	1	6	-10	4
20	Edgware & K'bury	8	0	1	7	-16	1

Edgward & Kingsbury History

The club were founded in 1939 and played in the Middlesex Senior League until joining the Coronian League in the 1946–47 season. In 1948 they won the Middlesex Senior Cup. In 1963 the club transferred to Division One of the Athenian League. They finished third in their first season, and were promoted to the Premier Division. In 1966–67 they finished bottom of the division, and were relegated to Division One. This was followed by a second successive relegation to Division Two as they finished bottom of the table again.

In 1972 the club was renamed Edgware. When the Athenian League disbanded in 1984 they joined the London Spartan League before changing their name back to Edgware Town in 1987. They won the Premier Division of the Spartan League in 1987–88 and 1989–90, and after their second title win, were promoted to Division Two North of the Isthmian League. After league re-organisation in 1991 they were placed in Division Three, which they won the following season. They were relegated back to Division Three in 2001.

In 2006 the now-renamed Division Two was disbanded and Edgware were transferred to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They won it at the first attempt, also winning the Premier Cup and the Challenge Trophy. The club was promoted to Division One North of the Isthmian League, but folded at the end of the 2007–08 season due to lack of funds.

In 2014 a group including Dan and Antony Manzi, Daz Bloor and Ken Batten secured the clubs inclusion back into non-league football. After a shaky start to the 2014–15 season, the wares finished a credible 9th and Middx Prem Cup Runners up after the management team of Michael Roche, Fabio Valenti and Peter Grant came in. The 2015–16 Season saw “The Wares” finish top with only 2 defeats, and lose in the Divisional Cup Final to Crawley Green.

The ground, Silver Jubilee Park has achieved a C grade rating with 3 new stands, new floodlights and extended changing rooms and new perimeter fence. The Ken Batten Stand should be in place shortly and

then SJP will have 2 seated stands, 3 standing covered stands with a capacity just shy of 2000. Fabio Valenti took over as 1st team manager in June 2016.

Fergus Moore took over the team in 2017 after the departure of Fabio Valenti, and after a difficult start the team finished 10th which showed a marked improvement from the season before. The 2018-19 season was another midtable finish with Fergus pretty much on his own but towards the end of the season he was joined by Joe Pascoe who came over from the Hendon U18's and that's how the 2019-20 season will begin.

The 2019-20 season was cut short because of Covid19 but before that happened the Wares were looking pretty good for a top 10 finish in the league, having started the season well the team went through a horrible period losing 13 of their next 14 games before recovering to win 6 of their next 9 games. The 2020-21 season starts with the return of our title winning manager Michael Roche as Fergus's assistant and also arriving on the coaching staff are Scott McGleish, Glen Parry and Julian Darby.

2020-21 was again brutally cut short with the season being abandoned in December but not before there was a managerial change with Rak Hudson replacing Fergus Moore and having had only three competitive before lockdown 2021-22 means Rak can start afresh with a brand new squad

2021-22 Finally a complete season and our first in the newly formed Combined Counties Premier Division North, Rak assembled a brand new squad and in their first competitive match were beaten 3-0 by Hadley in the FA Cup but in the league they won 3 of their first 4 matches and drew the other to eventual runaway winners Hanworth Villa. The club finished a creditable 8th in the division and had a decent run in the League Cup where they reached the third round losing away at Cobham and but for a dreadful run at the end of the season they may have finished in the top 5.

The 22-23 season saw the club change its name from Edgware Town to Edgware & Kingsbury to reflect the area where our home ground is situated. The season itself saw the club finish 6th in the Combined Counties Premier Division North which was the highest finish since the

club reformed. After a strong start the club went through a 9 game winless streak midway through the season but a few mid season changes saw the club finish the season strongly. The club also reached the 1st Qualifying round of the FA Cup knocking out step 4 side AFC Dunstable after a replay.

The 23-24 season promised a lot with the majority of the squad that finished the previous season remaining and things did start well, a replay defeat to Waltham Abbey in the FA Cup who only equalized in the 95th minute in the first game to send it to a replay, and a decent start in the league, the club did not foresee the horrible run that ensued that saw us avoid relegation by a single point, Last season was slightly more comfortable with a gap of two points.

The American Dream

When we think of football in the United States – and not the Super Bowl kind – we tend to think of it as a fairly modern invention. The North American Soccer League of the 1970s and 80s that attracted the likes of Pele, George Best, Johann Cruyff and, in a slightly bizarre turn of events, a young Peter Beardsley. After its demise, the MLS' faltering start and thus far successful revival after David Beckham's move to LA Galaxy. But soccer has a long history in the USA, and the first national league created was earlier than some of the top European leagues. The inaugural season of the American Soccer League kicked off in 1921.

Football in the USA goes back to the nineteenth century. In 1869, the representatives of Princeton and Rutgers Universities took part in one of the more pivotal games in sporting history. It has gone down as the first gridiron game in history. But the laws used that day were the FA's Laws of the Game, and there was definitely spherical ball. This was a game of European football.

Football in the United States then filtered its way down to the working classes, exploding in popularity, especially among European immigrants. Teams started to spring up in American cities. By 1884 an American Football Association had been formed, just in time to prevent the

formation of what would have been the first league, backed by the owners of Major League Baseball teams to give their players something to do in the winter. The AFA, even at this early stage, was unwilling to lose its control of the game.

They did, however, set up a cup for teams to compete in. This first organised competition drew teams from factory towns, usually made up of factory workers and often sponsored by the company. The first three were won by Clark ONT, owned by the Clark Thread Company. But then it was dominated by Fall River Rovers, who won six of the next seven. They were the only team to win both the American Cup and the later Challenge Cup, although the struggles of their parent company forced Rovers to withdraw by the start of the twentieth century.

Turmoil, it seemed, was catching. When the AFA applied for FIFA membership in 1912, a breakaway organisation (The American Amateur Football Association) applied at the same time. FIFA rejected both, needing just one governing body. The delay in FIFA affiliation did little to hurt the growth of the sport, but did not stop teams from as far afield as Third Lanark in Scotland and Hakoah Wien in Austria to embark on lucrative tours. Third Lanark won 24 of their 25 games in the United States, eventually drawing the last against Fall River Rovers. Hakoah Wien, full of exciting central European talent drew record-breaking crowds and at least one of their players chose not to return to Austria at the end of the tour, finding the life of celebrity and riches too enticing to give up.

As the AAFA gained the upper hand over their rival federation, it changed its name to the USFA and, before eventually turning its attention to a league. The American Soccer League claimed to be a national competition, but because of travel difficulties in reality it was limited to the northeast. Not that this impacted on popularity. Football was never as popular as baseball, but it was very lucrative, and those riches were used to attract European players, much to European chagrin. As a result, early crowds in the tens of thousands threatened to make soccer America's second sport, ahead of gridiron.

Sadly, as so often with football in America, it wasn't to be. The ASL fell out with the USFA when the latter tried to impose new rules to boost popularity even further. These American innovations included end of

season playoffs and a league table sorted by winning percentage rather than points. Also, interestingly, the USFA wanted substitutions. The ASL conceded this and introduced them in 1926; the World Cup didn't allow substitutes until 1970.

In the end, the ASL initiated a boycott of the USFA's challenge cup. Three teams went against the boycott and were kicked out of the league, but the courts found in their favour. Rancour and disharmony within the sport smashed headlong into the collapsing American economy, and fans decided against spending what little they had watching football. By 1932, amid falling crowds and financial problems, the league eventually folded. But not before it sent a team to the first World Cup, to finish third, still the best finish for a team outside of Europe and South America. Enjoy the 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