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# Ascot United



## Today's Visitors

We welcome back Ascot United to Barlow's Park today in the 2nd Round Qualifying Round of the FA Vase. Our previous encounter in this competition was back in season 2018-19 when we ran out 3-1 victors. Danny Vickers and a brace from Brett Denham for Tadley. Nathan Minhas on target for Ascot.

We met in our first ever league encounter a few weeks back in mid-August and were soundly beaten 5-1 at home. Harry Laflin opened the scoring for Ascot with Luke Williams equalising for Tadley before goals from George Lock, Taylor Morgan, Jonathan Denton and a second from Laflin sealed a comprehensive win and the three points for the visitors.

Ascot United was founded in 1965 by a men's team that played their games at Sunninghill with 'after match meetings' in The Wells public house in Cheapside Village (now The Marrakesh). Within three seasons, the club had gained permission from the Ascot Racecourse Trustees to convert the land north of coach park 10 into a football pitch. A wooden clubhouse was built and this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed. Various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, but the size of the club never exceeded 8 boys' teams. From 1989 there was a

gradual increase in demand and in 1992 there came a turning point where small sided games were introduced for 7 & 8 year olds and the men's team re-formed, (having disbanded in 1980). In 2004, the club were awarded FA Charter Community Club status and in 2006 became Champions of the Reading Senior League, gaining promotion to the Hellenic League 1st Division East. They also won the Reading Evening Post Cup.

The club has grown to become one of the largest football club's in the UK. Currently there are over 750 registered players, embracing all ages from 5 years old and at all levels of ability.

Ascot United field 55 teams every weekend including 4 adult teams and 5 girls' teams. It is supported by 46 businesses that provide various forms of sponsorship. It is run by over 100 volunteers - 80 of whom have formal FA coaching qualifications. Last season they were in 6th position of the Combined Counties League Premier Division when the season was curtailed with Harry Laflin their top scorer with 15 goals.

They play their home games at The Ascot Racecourse, Winkfield Road, Berkshire, SL5 7LJ.

# Difficult Times...



## Message from the Chairman...

First, I'd like to welcome everyone attending today's FA Vase tie here at Barlows Park. An extended warm welcome to all Ascot United management, players, committee, their travelling fans and also to today's match officials.

You will now be aware that First Team Manager Gareth Thomas has made the difficult decision to step down from his role after our midweek league defeat away at Wokingham & Emmbrook.

The news is possibly not a major surprise to some of our supporters, as positive results have been difficult to come by since the start of the season. Without going into too much of the detail, various mitigating circumstances had made the job difficult for someone new to management at this level. In saying all that, I'd like to add for the record my sincere thanks to Gareth for his time with us. I have nothing but admiration and respect for the way he went about his job, including the hard work, professionalism and commitment necessary for the role. I wish him every success for the future.

Many of you will be wondering what the club's future holds and what plans are being put in place. Well, for today's game, I have asked former manager Adam Clark to step in and help us out

in the short term. Thankfully, Adam has agreed to help us out whilst the committee go through the process of appointing a new management team. He took the first team squad through a very positive training session on Thursday night in preparation for today.

Due to the urgency of the situation I had to act quickly with today's game coming so soon after Gareth's departure. Adam was the obvious candidate as he knows the club well including many of the players who are still here. The next step in the process will take slightly longer, but rest assured you will be kept fully informed of future developments.

We now need to fully focus on today's FA Vase tie so here's hoping we have a good competitive game and I hope you will get behind the team as we go through this very difficult transitional period.

Thank you for your continued support.  
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*Sandy Russell*  
Chairman Tadley Calleva FC

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Sat 2nd Oct

WINDSOR v TADLEY CALLEVA

Combined Counties League - Premier Division (North)

Stag Meadow, Windsor, SL4 3DR - 3pm kick-off



# League Table

FULL TABLE DETAIL >

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Southall	9	6	0	3	14	18
2	St Panteleimon	6	5	1	0	14	16
3	Abbey Rangers	6	5	0	1	5	15
4	Hanworth Villa	6	4	2	0	13	14
5	Edgware Town	7	4	2	1	12	14
6	North Greenford United	8	4	1	3	9	13
7	Windsor	8	4	1	3	0	13
8	Egham Town	6	4	0	2	5	12
9	Wembley	7	4	0	3	3	12
10	Spelthorne Sports	6	3	1	2	1	10
11	Reading City	7	2	2	3	-2	8
12	Ascot United	4	2	1	1	0	7
13	Burnham	7	1	4	2	-6	7
14	Holyport	6	1	1	4	-12	4
15	CB Hounslow United	8	1	1	6	-19	4
16	Wokingham & Emmbrook	6	1	0	5	-7	3
17	Virginia Water	6	0	2	4	-9	2
18	Tadley Calleva	9	0	1	8	-21	1

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Kieran Maylen in action against Wokingham & Emmbrook  
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Gareth Thomas who stepped down from his role in midweek



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# Hitting Rock Bottom...

Wokingham & Emmbrook 3 Tadley Calleva 1  
*Combined Counties League - Premier Division (North)*  
*Tuesday 21st September 2021*

We made the relatively short journey to Wokingham & Emmbrook on Tuesday night in the 'battle' of the bottom two hoping to get our first league win of the season. Unfortunately, we left with loss of all three points plus the impending loss of our manager.

Manager Gareth Thomas was still able to name a strong squad for the game despite missing several key players through injury. New signings Lloyd Snell from Basingstoke Town and goalkeeper Matthew Crowther from Hungerford Town were included after Lee Johnson picked up a groin injury against Southall

The home side started the game on the front foot. An early free-kick on the edge of our box for handball was driven high over the crossbar. This was soon followed by a great defensive header from Brad Neal after a well taken Wokingham corner. Tadley took the lead on 13 minutes after a superb cross from Jordan Goater was powerfully headed home by the aforementioned Neal for us to go 1-0 up.

The next 20 minutes belonged to the visitors with some excellent football at times, but unfortunately we failed to capitalise on a number of good opportunities to make things comfortable. Opportunities that we would be eventually punished for missing as the game progressed. Recent signing Lukas Burt was played in by a great pass from Kieran Maylen, but home keeper Woodward got down to stop what looked like a certain goal.

We did have the ball in the net again on 20 minutes when Snell thought he had opened his account after driving past two strong tackles, but unfortunately the flag went up for someone standing in an offside position. A decision we thought was extremely harsh. The game turned massively on 35 minutes after we failed to deal with a speculative long ball down the middle and Brandon Curtis was able to equalise for the home side. It was 2-1 only a few minutes later when Curtis broke clear to steer the ball under the diving Crowther. HT 1-2

Although Tadley's confidence had taken a visible hit, we started the second half well. A couple of powerfully struck long range efforts by Snell and Sanchez Parkes just missed the target. The home side added their third from a corner after Liam Eagle rose the highest to head the ball home. We had a glimmer of hope when Curtis was red carded for a flying elbow with 15 minutes still remaining, but unfortunately we were unable to break down a well organised home defence. Both sides finished the game with 10 men after Tom Walsh was sin binned with 5 minutes remaining. FT 1-3

Unfortunately Manager Gareth Thomas made the difficult decision to step down from his role the next day.

Team; Crowther, Harris, Walsh, Smith(Tennant), Neal, Maylen, Goater (Darboe), Burt, Snell, Parkes, Stubbs-Alleyne (Western)  
Subs (not used); Watroba, Gundry





# The History

Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900's. In the modern era the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995-96, gaining promotion to Division Two.

The club changed its name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007-08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also very successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year on year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010-11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4-1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013-14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3-2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2-2 draw in 90 minutes.

The club had its best run in the FA Vase in season 2015-16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4-2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (IoW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3-1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016-17, again at The Camrose, and then 5-4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017-18 at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved its ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division last season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field.



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**Brad Neal opened the scoring at  
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# Tadley Calleva



## Squad

LIAM HIPPLE  
NATHAN BOVELL  
GARY SMITH  
TOM WALSH  
CONNOR THORNE  
BRAD NEAL  
AIDEN HARRIS  
CALLUM CLEARY  
JORDAN GOATER  
ANDREW CHARLEY  
JAMES TENNANT  
SANCHEZ PARKES  
KAI STUBBS-ALLEYNE  
BRETT DENHAM  
KIERAN MAYLEN  
FINLEY GUNDRY  
OUSMAN DARBOE  
JACOB ROLFE  
MIKOLAJ WATROBA  
JEFF GYEMPEH

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*Yellow Socks*

*Manager*  
*Adam Clark*

*Assistant Manager*  
*Barrie Auberry*

*Physio*  
*Carolyn Tuttle*

***Referee***  
***Tom Baines***

***Assistants***  
***Simon Witting***  
***Robert Nicholas***

# Ascot United



## Squad

SAM GRAY  
CALUM FERGUSON  
CHRIS ELLIS  
DAN BAILEY  
GEORGE LOCK  
DAN PRICE  
JOSH MASTERS  
DANNY WALDEN  
DUARTE SURPANU  
HARRY LAFLIN  
IAN DAVIES  
JONNY DENTON  
JOSH MASTERS  
KEATON AUGUST  
LOUIS BOUWERS  
RORY MERRICK  
SAM EVANS  
SEAN MCCORMACK  
TAYLOR MORGAN  
TOM SCOTT

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*Blue Socks*

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*Assistant Manager*  
*Bjorn Dunkley*

*Coach*  
*Steve Quelch/Jamie Ashdown*

*Physio*  
*Chad Smith*