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RINGWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



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VS



ASH UNITED FC



DATE
SAT 26 SEP 2026



COMPETITION
**WESSEX LEAGUE
DIVISION 1**



KICK-OFF
3.00PM



VENUE
**RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HUB
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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Ringwood Community Hub for this afternoon's Wessex League Division1 fixture against Ash United.

We welcome our visitors' players, committee members, and spectators, together with match officials, referee **Paul Abrahams**, and his assistants **Cayden Josiah**, and **Allan Finn**.



Match officials are a crucial part of our game. Without them, quite simply, we wouldn't have a game to play.

At grassroots level, referees can sometimes become an easy target, particularly when results don't go our way. It's easy to look elsewhere for an explanation, when sometimes the reality is closer to home — a missed chance, an individual error or simply a performance that wasn't good enough. It's worth keeping some perspective. Players, managers and coaches make mistakes throughout every game, so perhaps we should consider how often officials actually get things wrong compared with everyone else involved.

For me, a good referee is often one who goes largely unnoticed. On that basis, I'm delighted to praise **Chris Carpenter**, who refereed our game against Lymington Town on Tuesday night. Chris delivered a performance I really admired. He was respectful and considerate, while remaining firm with players and managers. His professionalism was evident throughout the evening, including during post-match hospitality, where he welcomed comments about the game.

Chris also requested a copy of the VEO footage to review several incidents, including a penalty appeal. He subsequently watched every minute, identified a few questionable 50/50 throw-in, not key incidents, but remained satisfied with his penalty decision. That level of thoroughness and self-reflection is admirable.

Respect has to work both ways. Players, managers, supporters and officials all have a role to play in making grassroots football enjoyable and sustainable. A genuine thank you to Chris and his fellow officials.

Enjoy the game
Phil

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MANAGER'S NOTES

An excellent response to a difficult second half against Amesbury last weekend. Another three goals in the first half from a slightly depleted Ringwood side set us on our way v Lymo. New addition Sam Danvers came in with a solid debut, alongside our returning midfield stalwart Jesse Rabin, who made a decent cameo appearance against his old club. Good to see both in Ringwood colours.

In truth, it was a very comfortable first half, and we raced into a deserved 3-0 lead. Conceding just before half-time was frustrating, as I felt the game was effectively over, and it gave them a little hope. In the second half, we controlled the game reasonably well, securing an important three points and a derby win.

I'm really pleased to see Ollie Brown hitting some form, with five goals in three games, while Benny Harris continues to cause all sorts of problems for the opposition and is in great form too. I also felt Denys had one of his best games for us, and it was great to see Cruz announce himself properly at first-team level.

There were plenty of positives, particularly in the first half, with the chances we created and the way we controlled the game. A decent playing surface made all the difference, and I felt we were good to watch at times.

Ash will be a different beast, and their results have improved throughout the season. We'll need to be at our best to get something from the game.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Ash United FC

Club History

Ash United Football Club was founded in 1911 and started playing matches at Ash Common. They soon became well established in the Surrey Intermediate League, winning every honour possible. After the Second World War, Ash United restructured and the 1947/48 season was the most successful in their short history, winning the League Championship and four-cup competitions.

They then had to wait until the 1966/67 season for their next successful campaign where they dominated the Surrey Intermediate Premier "A" League. The title was won with only two points dropped out of a possible fifty-two. This included a long unbeaten record with 121 goals for and only 19 against.

The reserve team followed suit winning the Division "A" title scoring 137 goals in only 26 games. With the club having a strong squad of players, promotion to the Surrey Senior League was achieved in 1968. Finishing runners up in both the league and the cup in the first season their first spell in the Surrey Senior League came to an end in 1971 when being forced to change grounds. Ash United were re-admitted to the Surrey Senior League when a new permanent ground was found, which happens to be the current ground at Youngs Drive (Third Generation Services Stadium).

The next successful season was 1977/78. They won the Charity Cup beating Dorking 2-1. The following season they were runners-up in both the newly named Combined Counties League and the Philips Football Floodlighting Cup Competition. Several seasons later, 1981/82, not only did they win the Combined Counties League, but also came runners up in the Concours Trophy and the George Allen. The 1984/85 season they were runners-up in the Concours Trophy again, but also made it through to the quarterfinals of the Surrey Senior Cup. The 1986/87 season saw Ash United win the League for the second time under the management of Chris Penny.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Ash United FC

Club History

In the 1996/1997 season improvements in the facilities at Shawfield Road were made, most notably the installation of floodlights, improvements to the changing rooms, dugouts, and fencing. Subsequent seasons saw the installation of the stands. The 1997/98 season saw a revival in Ash's fortunes under the new player/ manager Jamie Horton with his new squad of players that won the Challenge Cup and the Fair Play Trophy in his first season. His team also created a new league and club record with 29 games unbeaten in league and cup, which included a run of 21 straight wins.

The following season not only did they win the League title by a massive 13 points but also won the Aldershot Senior Cup beating Fleet Town and reached the last 32 of the FA Vase losing to the Holders & winners Tiverton Town in front of a record crowd at Shawfield Road. Jamie briefly left and then came back for a second stint as manager.

During the 2001/2002 season Ash United gained their highest points total for a season, 100, but they finished runners-up to AFC Wallingford. They did, however, regain the Aldershot Senior Cup beating 3 RSME Regiment, also reaching the last 32 of the FA Vase before losing to Tow Law Town. League performances between 2002 and 2012 saw the club remain broadly mid table, apart from two good seasons when a 3rd and a 4th place was achieved. During the same period there were some good performances in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase.

In 2012/13 however, the club's fortunes took a turn for the worse and they ended up second-to-bottom but staved off relegation. Regrettably a similar placing the next season saw Ash United drop into Division One. It was the first time the club had been out of the Premier Division for a considerable number of years.

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Ash United FC

Club History

Rebuilding the first team began from season 2013/14, however, the club struggled to improve on mid- table finishes. Until last season, 2018/19, when Ash United achieved a 7th place, hitting 82 league goals – a tally not seen for over 12 years. Goals against was narrowed down to 66, a big improvement on the previous season, which had only been bettered once in the previous 12 years.

During 2017/18, Sam Wilson was appointed Head Coach, with Colin McCormack as Coach and Physio, Harry Broad as first team Coach and Ryan Weeks as Goalkeeping Coach. Sam Wilson also saw out the season additionally as U18 manager, assisted by George Kennedy and Rob Collins.

The club also followed up winning the Division One Fair Play Trophy in 2016/17, with Runners-Up in season 2017/18 and winning Best Matchday Programme for Division One. The U18's won the Allied Counties South Division, with leading scorer, Jake Wilson, getting the Division's "Golden Boot". The U17's under the guidance of Manager Stuart Warren, won the Surrey Primary League's U17 Premier Elite Division.

Following two abandoned seasons due to the Covid pandemic, the club was laterally moved across to the Wessex League Division One in 2021/22, where they continue to ply their trade.



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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

ASH UNITED FC

Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	
DIV1	19/09/26 15:00	Ash United		2 - 2	 Newport (IOW)
DIV1	15/09/26 19:45	Ash United		4 - 1	 Alresford Town
FAV	12/09/26 15:00	Fawley AFC		1 - 2	 Ash United
DIV1	05/09/26 15:00	Ash United		4 - 2	 Totton & Eling
DIV1	29/08/26 15:00	Ash United		1 - 1	 Sandhurst Town
DIV1	22/08/26 15:00	New Milton Town		4 - 1	 Ash United



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Results

Date	H/A	Opponents	Comp	Result	H	A	Scorers
Sat 01-Aug	H	AFC Aldermaston	Wx Lg1	Draw	2	2	Bradwell, May
Tue 04-Aug	H	Newport (IOW)	HSC	Won	3	0	Correia (2), Bradwell
Sat 08-Aug	A	Whitchurch Utd	Wx Lg1	Lost	1	2	Harris
Tue 04-Aug	H	Ham Utd	Wx Lg1	Draw	1	1	Vint (pen)
Sat 15-Aug	H	Frimley Green	Wx Lg1	Won	3	2	Harris (2), Bradwell
Tue 18-Aug	H	Christchurch	HSC	Won	3	1	Brown (pen), Harris, Bradwell
Tue 25-Aug	H	Blanford Utd	Wx Lg1	Won	1	0	Bennett
Sat 29-Aug	H	Totton & Eling	Wx Lg1	Won	5	0	Bradwell (3), Claxton, Bignell
Sat 05-Sep	A	Cove	Wx Lg1	Draw	0	0	
Sat 05-Sep	H	Ham Utd	FAV	Lost	1	1	(3-4 pens) Harrison
Wed 16-Sep	A	New Milton Town	Wx Lg1	Won	2	0	Brown
Sat 19-Sep	A	Amesbury Town	Wx Lg1	Lost	2	5	Brown, Harris
Tue 22-Sep	H	Lymington Town	Wx Lg1	Won	3	1	Brown (2), Harris



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FIXTURES COMING UP

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	
DIV1	29/09/26 19:45	Romsey Town		VS	 Ringwood Town
DIV1	03/10/26 15:00	Hedge End Rangers		VS	 Ringwood Town
IBLC	06/10/26 19:45	Bashley		VS	 Ringwood Town
DIV1	10/10/26 15:00	Ringwood Town		VS	 Colden Common
SDFA	13/10/26 19:45	Ringwood Town		VS	 Hythe & Dibden
RCC	20/10/26 19:45	Cowes Sports		VS	 Ringwood Town



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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE DIV 1 TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Milton Town	9	7	1	1	22	9	13	22
2	Amesbury Town	12	6	2	4	24	29	-5	20
3	Frimley Green	11	6	0	5	28	18	10	18
4	Ringwood Town	10	5	3	2	20	14	6	18
5	Fawley AFC	8	5	2	1	15	8	7	17
6	Folland Sports	9	5	1	3	24	16	8	16
7	Cove	8	5	1	2	17	11	6	16
8	Whitchurch United	9	4	3	2	20	21	-1	15
9	Sandhurst Town	10	4	2	4	19	14	5	14
10	Newport (IOW)	6	4	1	1	19	9	10	13
11	Hedge End Rangers	7	4	1	2	11	12	-1	13
12	Alresford Town	10	3	2	5	15	19	-4	11
13	Romsey Town	7	3	1	3	15	13	2	10
14	Colden Common	8	3	1	4	17	18	-1	10
15	Ash United	8	2	3	3	12	14	-2	9
16	Kintbury Rangers	10	2	3	5	14	24	-10	9
17	AFC Aldermaston	9	2	2	5	13	15	-2	8
18	Blandford United	8	2	2	4	14	17	-3	8
19	Lymington Town	11	2	3	6	12	29	-17	8*
20	Hamworthy United	8	1	2	5	15	17	-2	5
21	Totton & Eling	8	0	0	8	8	27	-19	0

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Today's Squads

Sat 26th Sep 2026
KO 3pm

Wessex League
Division 1



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Sam Danvers	
Pat Corria	
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Josh Stoodley	
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Riley Claxton	
Zach Bennett	
Cruz-Diego Dodson	
Ollie Brown	
Ben Harris	
Denys Tysplakov	
Lee Vint	

MANAGER: FRAN MATHERS

Assistant Manager: Oscar Easton

ASH UNITED FC

Yellow shirts, blue shorts

Ben Taylor	
Callum Lawrence	
Charlie Breese	
George Tims	
Harris Saunders	
Harry Conlon	
James Frudd	
Jayden Wheeler	
Lous Lindsey	
Minhaz Chowdhury	
Ollie Mcaleese	
Paras Gill	
Tayo Adekoya	
Tom Weston	
Tom White	
Tommy Stephens	

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