

FLEET TOWN v THAME UNITED



SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018 – 3.00 P.M

The Evo-Stik League South East



Owen Roberts is pictured above receiving the MOM award after our home game on Tuesday night with Hartley Wintney. Below is an action picture in the same game showing Owen's superb technique as he wins one of the many heading duels he had on the night.



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WELCOME FROM OUR JOINT MANAGER STEVE DORMER



Good afternoon and welcome to the Franki Foundations Stadium for today's match. In particular to the players, Board members, supporters and management team of Thame United our visitors. I wish them all a pleasant stay with us and a safe journey home afterwards.

We put in a very poor performance away to Thame back in early December, so on current form and forgetting recent results we are looking for a much better performance and outcome this afternoon.

Midweek we played local rivals Hartley Witney losing 3-0, however the score line flattered Hartley because the result was not a reflection on the performance from ourselves.

We could easily have been 2-0 up before Hartley scored and the first goal they scored could have been avoided with better defending. Our defending on the second goal was also poor however it was the timing of the goal right on half time that dropped our heads.

In fairness to Hartley Wintney they have the finishing quality that we don't. They had less chances than us but they took them and that was the difference between the two sides on the night, I know Bradley Wilson is more down than anyone because of the chance he missed when more or less on the goal line.

That is football for you and that's what happens when you are down at the bottom end of the table, the luck doesn't go your way often enough.

One thing I am happy with is the commitment we are showing, not many teams will better ours and that's what is really needed this time of the season particularly in our current league position.

On the playing side we have lost our skipper Matt Bunyan for 6-8 weeks with a hamstring issue which is a big blow to us. We have therefore decided to bring in some young strikers who are banging in goals at under 21 and under 23 football for step 3 and 4 clubs in other leagues. In this regard we would like to thank Leatherhead F.C and Whytleafe F.C. for their support and help for the remainder of the season. These are young lads with lots of pace and ability, they just need regular football away from their current clubs and with our current budget this is the only option we have. By bringing some youngsters through and sending them back to their parent clubs with hopefully regular step 4 football experience helps us forge relationships with clubs who are fairly local to us. It really helps that players are allowed dual registrations because of the different leagues we play in.

If these lads enjoy their football with Fleet Town we are hoping they will in the future consider us as an option .

There will be two or three more lads coming in over the next week before the transfer deadline so that we have cover in certain areas on the pitch for players we know in advance are away or not available. We may also have others who may get injured in the run in to the end of the season.

Enjoy your Saturday guys and hopefully we will send you home with another decent performance

"come on you blues"

Steve

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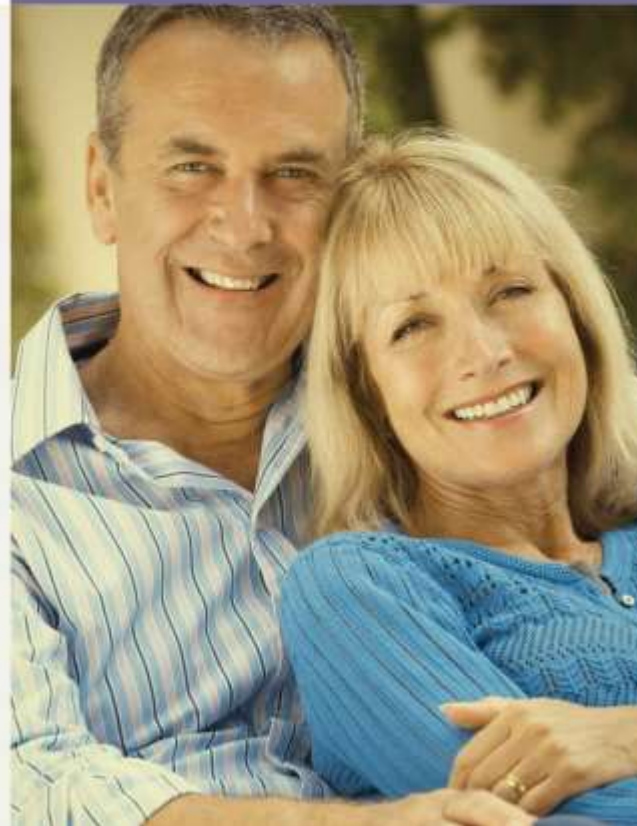
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FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2017/18

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Score	Result	Att.
Sat Aug 12	AFC Dunstable	A	Evo-Stik League South East	4 - 0	L	121
Tue Aug 15	Chalfont St. Peter	H	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 1	D	117
Sat Aug 19	AFC Totton	H	Emirates F.A. Cup Preliminary Round	1 - 1	D	130
Tue Aug 22	AFC Totton	A	Emirates F.A. Cup Preliminary Replay	5 - 0	L	195
Sat Aug 26	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	A	Evo-Stik League South East	7 - 1	L	540
Mon Aug 28	Moneyfields	H	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 3	L	109
Sat Sep 9	Hayes & Yeading United	A	Evo-Stik League South East	3 - 0	L	149
Sat Sep 16	Arlesey Town	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 2	L	109
Tue Sep 19	Farnborough	H	Hampshire Senior Cup 2nd Round	2 - 2	D 3-4 s/o	126
Sat Sep 23	Aylesbury United	A	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 1	D	124
Tue Sep 26	Uxbridge	H	Evo-Stik League South East	6 - 0	W	75
Sat Sep 30	Beaconsfield Town	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 2	L	104
Tue Oct 3	Basingstoke Town	H	The BigFreeBet.com Challenge Cup 17-18 - First Round	2 - 6	L	139
Sat Oct 7	Yate Town	H	Buildbase F.A. Trophy Preliminary Round	1 - 1	D	89
Tue Oct 10	Yate Town	A	Buildbase F.A. Trophy Preliminary Round Replay	2 - 1	L	112
Sat Oct 14	Hanwell Town	A	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 0	L	105
Sat Oct 21	Marlow	H	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 0	W	89
Tue Oct 24	Ashford Town (Middx)	A	Evo-Stik League South East	10 - 0	L	122
Sat Oct 28	Northwood	A	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 1	L	74
Sat Nov 4	Cambridge City	A	Evo-Stik League South East	4 - 1	L	190
Sat Nov 11	Aylesbury	H	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 0	W	78
Wed Nov 15	Liphook United	H	Hampshire F.A. Russell Cotes Cup Round 2	2 - 2	D 3-1 s/o	56
Sat Nov 18	Barton Rovers	H	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 0	W	105
Tue Nov 21	Frimley Green	A	Aldershot Senior Cup Round 2	1 - 3	W	40
Tue Nov 28	Egham Town	H	Evo-Stik League South East	3 - 0	W	98
Sat Dec 2	Kempston Rovers	H	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 2	D	91
Sat Dec 9	Thame United	A	Evo-Stik League South East	4 - 0	L	73
Sat Dec 23	AFC Dunstable	H	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 2	D	98
Sat Dec 26	Moneyfields	A	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 1	D	118
Sat Jan 6	Arlesey Town	A	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 0	D	60
Tue Jan	Chalfont St. Peter	A	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 0	D	67
Sat Jan 13	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 4	L	238
Tue Jan 16	AFC Totton	H	Hampshire F.A. Russell Cotes Cup Quarter Final	0 - 4	L	79
Tue Jan 23	Bedford Town	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 1	L	101
Sat Jan 27	Cambridge City	H	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 2	L	145
Sat Feb 3	Uxbridge	A	Evo-Stik League South East	3 - 2	L	87
Tue Feb 6	Aylesbury	A	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 1	D	51
Sat Feb 10	Aylesbury United	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 1	L	106
Sat Feb 17	Beaconsfield Town	A	Evo-Stik League South East	2 - 0	L	77
Tue Feb 20	Tadley Calleva Res	H	North Hants Senior Cup Round 2	8 - 1	W	58
Sat Feb 24	Hanwell Town	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 0	D	125
Sat Mar 10	Ashford Town (Middx)	H	Evo-Stik League South East	1 - 2	L	125
Tue Mar 13	Hartley Wintney	H	Evo-Stik League South East	0 - 3	L	217
Sat Mar 17	Thame United	H	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Mar 24	Kempston Rovers	A	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Mar 31	Hayes & Yeading United	H	Evo-Stik League South East			
Mon Apr 2	Hartley Wintney	A	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Apr 7	Barton Rovers	A	Evo-Stik League South East			
Tue Apr 10	Marlow	A	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Apr 14	Northwood	H	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Apr 21	Egham Town	A	Evo-Stik League South East			
Sat Apr 28	Bedford Town	A	Evo-Stik League South East			

THE OTHER MATCHES IN OUR LEAGUE TODAY

AFC Dunstable v Northwood

AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Aylesbury

Aylesbury United v Marlow

Barton Rovers v Kempston Rovers

Beaconsfield Town v Ashford Town (Middx)

Chalfont St Peter v Hayes & Yeading United

Egham Town v Arlesey Town

Hanwell Town v Bedford Town

Moneyfields v Hartley Wintney

Uxbridge v Cambridge City

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THE HISTORY OF THAME UNITED F.C.

Thame United were formed in 1883 making it one of Oxfordshires' oldest clubs. Its early years were spent in Oxfordshire Leagues and in 1906, 1909 and 1910 Thame won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup and the Senior League in 1907, 1908, 1910, 1930 and 1931. A switch to the Hellenic League then brought further success culminating in the Hellenic League title in 1961-62 and 1969-70, as well as being runners up in 1960-61, 1976-77 and 1980-81. The Oxfordshire Senior Cup was won in both 1976 and 1981 but a poor spell in the mid eighties preceded a crossing of the pyramid in 1988-89 to join the South Midlands League. The Club finished runners up in both 1988-89 and 1989-90 before eventually winning the title in 1990-91.

Thame received the green light to join the Diadora League in 1991/92. 1994-95 saw the Club win the Division 2 Championship with 93 points - an 11 point margin. In 1995/96 the Club reached the 3rd Round Qualifying in the FA Cup and the FA Trophy. In the league we finished a creditable 13th in our first ever season in the Isthmian League Division One. Andy Sinnott was appointed first team manager in June 1997 and, with a dramatically reduced operating budget, the side were relegated into Ryman Division Two. The Club bounced straight back into Ryman Division One and reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase. 1999/2000 saw the Club come within two points of achieving promotion to the Premier Division.

2000/2001 season the team lead the way for most of the season, putting together a club record of 12 consecutive league wins but a slump in form in the latter part of the season resulted in a 5th place. A mid-table finish followed in 2001/2002 season but the Oxfordshire Senior Cup was retained. Mark West was appointed player/manager when Andy left United during the Summer of 2003. In October 2003 the club reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time in its history, before being beaten 1-2 by Conference side Farnborough Town. After a mid-table finish the Club moved to the newly formed Southern League, Division 1 West. In October 2004 the Club again reached the FA Cup 4th qualifying round and finished the season 11th in the league. Mark West left to join Slough and defender Tony Joyce was appointed player /manager.

By July 2005 the Club were in financial trouble and, following a visit from Bailiffs acting on behalf of HMRC, the landlord enforced a clause in the tenancy agreement and evicted the club from Windmill Road. However, shortly thereafter Thame United reached a formal agreement with the new owners of Windmill Road that secured £1.7 million to enable a new facility to be constructed in the town and, after several options had been explored and found to be available, settled on Church Farm on the northern edge of the town.

Whilst the Club progressed procurement of the new site, and the necessary planning permission, a ground share agreement was reached with neighbours Aylesbury United and, with the side struggling at the foot of the Southern League Division 1 West, Tony Joyce resigned in December 2005, with a new joint managerial partnership of Richard Searl and Alan Thorne appointed. Relegation to the Hellenic League was confirmed later in the season. A ground share agreement was reached with AFC Wallingford for the 2006/07. Mark West returned to the Club mid-way through the season but could not save the Club from relegation to the Hellenic League Division 1 East. The 2007/08 season provided greater stability for the Club, with Mark West and new assistant, Frank Thompson, looking after first team affairs. A mid-table finish resulted, which was followed by a ninth placed finish in 2008/09. 2009/10 saw the Club win the Division 1 East title by six points and reclaim their place in the Premier Division.

The 2010/11 season was the most significant in the Club's recent history. With work on a new £3.1m ground at Meadow View Park commencing in March 2010, United returned to Thame at the ASM Stadium on 11 December 2010, just over five years after their enforced eviction from the town. Boasting eight pitches, a floodlit 3G training pitch and 8000sqft clubhouse, United now have one of the best sporting facilities in the Hellenic League. The official opening against Oxford United on 18th January 2011 set a record crowd of 1,382.

Season 2016-17 was one of the most successful in the recent history of the Club. Going the whole league season without losing at home, United were crowned Premier Division Champions on the final day of the season, defeating Henley Town 9-0 to over-turn a seven goal deficit. United were duly promoted to the Evo-Stick Southern Football League, returning after a spell of twelve years away.

THAME UNITED PLAYER & MANAGEMENT PEN PICS

Craig Hill: Goalkeeper (Age: 22)

Joined earlier in the season having spent much of last season at Oxford City. Previously with Kettering Town.

Calvin Evans: Defence (Age: 25)

Successfully made the transition to right back three years ago and a virtual ever present since. Quick and reads the game well.

Finlay Murray: Defence (Age: 16)

Spent much of his youth football at Barnet FC, before joining the Club last season, playing for the youth side.

David Lynn: Defence (Age: 22)

Solid and assured left back with good technical ability. Now in his third season with the Club having previously been with Oxford United, Chesham United and Banbury United.

Nick Harrison: Defence (Age: 23)

Joined the Club at the start of last season. Good reader of the game with a wide range of passing.

James McGowan: Defence (Age: 25)

Signed in October and made an immediate impact in the Central Defensive role. Previously with Albion Rovers and Queen of the South, and Southern League experience with Kidlington.

Matthew Johnston: Defence (Age: 25)

Versatile defender who can, and has, played in any position across the back four. Progressed from Thame United Reserves.

James Essex: Midfield (Age: 25)

Joined the Club in December 2017 from Flackwell Heath, scoring on his debut at Kempston Rovers. Versatile player with previous experience at Abingdon United and Chinnor.

Adam Morris: Midfield (Age: 29)

Hard working midfielder with a great range of passing. Previously with Didcot Town, Oxford City and Flackwell Heath. In his second spell with the Club.

Thomas Ashworth: Midfield (Age: 19)

Progressed through the youth team to be an ever-present in the Championship winning side. Keeps it simple, but scorer of important goals.

Ben Sturgess: Midfield (Age: 30)

Arrived in the close season from Flackwell Heath. Vastly experienced central midfield player who commands respect and expects nothing less than winning.

Daniel West: Midfield (Age: 24)

Joined five years ago from Oxford United, creative and energetic midfield player, who is equally at home playing up front, and scored 25 goals last season.

Harry Mephram: Midfield (Age: 19)

Joined the Club in the close season from Southern League side Beaconsfield Sycob. Ball winner who reads the game well.

Ben Connelly: Midfield (Age: 31)

Longest serving player at the Club, having progressed from youth football to make his debut in the 2005/06 season in the Southern League. Quick and capable of creating a goal from nothing.

Luke Ricketts: Midfield (Age: 26)

Regular first team player for the last eight years having been part of the youth set-up. Strong, quick and energetic midfielder with a good touch and passing ability.

Liam Tack: Midfield (Age: 22)

Joined in January 2018 from Egham Town, having previously been with Flackwell Heath. Versatile midfielder with pace and good passing ability, who also chips-in with his fair share of goals.

Aston Goss: Midfield (Age: 30)

Joined in January 2018 from Aylesbury. A tricky winger/midfielder with an ability to go past players. Has had spells in the Premier Division with St Albans City and St Neots Town .

Abdi Farah: Midfield (Age: 21)

Another new recruit this season, having joined from Reading FC. Good touch and passing ability, and already proved he knows where the back of the net is.

Lynton Goss: Forward (Age: 22)

Winner of the Golden Boot award last season, scoring 53 goals. Lightning quick, great control, and tremendous strength. Previously with Aylesbury FC.

Andy Gledhill: Forward (Age: 28)

Joined the Club four years ago from Launton Sports, and scorer of 35 goals last season. One of the most hard working players at the Club who creates as many goals as he scores.

Ben Gray: Forward (Age: 26)

Been with the Club for a number of years. Enigmatic but unplayable on occasions. Scorer of some great goals.

MANAGEMENT

Mark West: Manager (Age: 51)

Former player with Thame United who re-joined the Club for his second spell as Manager in January 2007. Prolific goalscorer with Wycombe Wanderers, Slough Town and Farnborough Town.

Stuart Blaik: Assistant Manager (Age: 46)

FA Level 3 Coach now in his fourth season with the Club. Previously with Aylesbury United, Corby Town, Nuneaton Borough, Brackley Town, Buckingham Town and Tring Town.

Hugh McCluskie: Coach (Age: 37)

Now in his third season with the Club and a keen member of the backroom staff. Works with all age groups within the Club and is keen to develop the next crop of first team players.



**Fleet Town's next away game is at Kempston Rovers on Saturday March 24th
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THE EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH EAST



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JOINT MANAGERS:

Steve Dormer & Andy Hunt

Colours ; Blue/Navy/Blue

1	Liam Beach
2	Chris Wales
3	James Haworth
4	Owen Roberts
5	Chris Musgrove
6	Billy Stratford
7	Bradley Wilson
8	Ashley Lloyd (C)
9	Graeme Purdy
10	Toyosi Olusanya
11	Danilo Cadete

SUBS

12	Billy Oram
14	Hamid Kanu
15	Denis Asante
16	Owen Coleman
17	Ryan Marklew



THAME UNITED

MANAGER : Mark West

ASST. MANAGER : Stuart Blaik

Colours : Red & Black/Black/Red

1	Craig Hill
2	Calvin Evans
3	Harry Mephram
4	David Lynn
5	Jamie Essex
6	James McGowan (C)
7	Matt Johnston
8	Tom Ashworth
9	Luke Ricketts
10	Ben Connelly
11	Aston Goss

SUBS

12	Adam Morris
14	Dan West
15	Lynton Goss
16	Ben Sturgess
17	Liam Tack

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Referee:

Michael Chard of Sandown, Isle of Wight

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