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Camberley Town V
Guildford City

25th January 2025 1500 KO



Combined Counties Premier Division South







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Combined Counties League

Premier Challenge Cup winners 2008–09, 2014–15

Surrey Senior League

Champions 1930–31, 1931–32, 1932–33 Charity Cup winners 1937–38, 1951–52

West Surrey League Champions 1913–14

Aldershot Senior
Civilian League
Champions 1912–13

Ascot & District League

Champions 1904–05, 1907–08, 1908–09, 1909–10

Surrey Senior Cup Winners 1978–79 **Surrey Junior Cup**

Winners 1897–98, 1909–10

Southern
Combination
Challenge Cup
Winners 1980–81

Aldershot Senior Cup

Winners 1996–97, 1997–98, 2006–07, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2018-19

#TheKrooners

From the editor

I'd like to wish you all a warm welcome to Krooner Park for this afternoons match. I'd especially like to welcome the Players, Supporters, and officials from todays visitors Guildford City..

As this is our first Home game of 2025 I Hope you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year, everyone at the club wishes you a fabulous 2025.

We are now 23 games into our league season, and we are sitting 16th. The league seems to be taking shape now with little groups emerging. Top 5 are pulling away from the rest then the 6th to 10th, then 11th to 18th, then the bottom 2 seem to be slowly drifting away. Long way to go still and you often see 1 team put in a run and 1 starts sinking but often the mid point table is not far off from what we see at the end. Lets hope it is us who puts the run in.

Only 1 game since our game here against Alton and that was the 4-4 draw at Corinthian-Casuals. It was a shame to concede so late and not come away with the 3 points but with the team we had mix of youth and new lads we have to be pleased with it.

As we go into the winter months now the pitches get heavy the weather gets colder I know coming to football may not be the first thing on peoples minds, this is when we need your support the most.

I'd like to mention our YouTube page where we are now putting highlights of our games. We can always do every match but Billy our Videographer does his best to get to as many as he can.

If you are able we are always looking for sponsors. We have a number of packages available, Ball sponsorship, Match day, players, Programme, hoardings. Social media.

Be it individual or a company we will be able to find something that works. Please

drop us an e-mail at info@camberleytownfc.co.uk

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Redevelopment

After lots a behind the scenes work we are pleased to show you pictures of plans for the future of Krooner Park. It's been a long time coming, and we are now in the hands of the council to give us the go ahead. More information is available on the Surrey Heath planning website (Search Krooner)

We are near the end of the process now and hopefully we will get a response in the next couple of weeks. We have had a few spanners thrown at us but nothing that should be seen as a barrier to what we want to do for the Club and the town.







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On this Day 25th January

1533 The Bishop of Lichfield secretly married King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, the second of Henry's six wives. She had, ten days previously, discovered that she was pregnant.

1858 Mendelssohn's Wedding March was first played at the wedding of Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Victoria and Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia.

1972 The world's first kidney and pancreatic tissue transplant was carried out in London

1990 The so called Burns' Day Storm occurred on this day over north-western Europe, and was one of the strongest storms on record. It started on the birthday of poet Robert Burns, lasted for two days, caused widespread damage and was responsible for 97 deaths.

2013 Thorpe Park ordered experts to redesign its £20m new rollercoaster 'The Swarm', due to open on 15th March, after dummies lost limbs during dry run tests.





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Our History

Founded | 1895
Nickname | 'The Krooners'
Home Colours | Red & White
Away Colours | Blue & White
Ground | Krooner Park
Capacity | 1,976
2023 - 2024 | 15th Combined Counties Premier South



The club was established in 1895 after a discussion at St Michael's church, and was originally named St Michael's Foot-ball Club, although they became known as St Michael's, Camberley. The first match, a friendly, was played on 16 October against D Company from the Royal Military College in nearby Sandhurst, St Michael's won 4–2. In January 1896 they joined the Surrey County Football Association, entering and winning the Surrey Junior Cup in 1897–98; the club's first competitive game was played on 16 October 1897, a Junior Cup first round match against Farncombe which St Michael's won 5–2. After winning the cup, the club joined the East & West Surrey League for the 1898–99 season.

In January 1901 a public meeting was held, at which it was decided to establish a new club that would absorb both St Michael's and Camberley Magpies. The name Camberley & Yorktown was adopted and the club took St Michael's place in the East & West Surrey League. However, they dropped into the Aldershot Combination in 1902, before switching to the Ascot & District League in 1903. The club finished as runners-up in their first season and went on to win the league in 1904–05. They were runners-up again in 1905–06, before winning a hat-trick of successive titles in 1907–08, 1908–09 and 1909–10, remaining unbeaten throughout the third of the title-winning seasons. The season also saw them win the Surrey Junior Cup for a second time, beating Sutton United 2–0 in the final. In 1910 Camberley & Yorktown returned to the East & West Surrey League, which had been renamed the West

Surrey League. In 1912–13 the club also entered the three-club Aldershot Senior Civilian League, which they won. They went on to win the West Surrey League the following season. In 1922 Camberley & Yorktown were founder members of the Surrey Senior League. They won three successive titles in 1930 –31, 1931–32 and 1932–33 and were runners-up in 1938–39. After World War II the club was renamed Camberley, and were Surrey Senior League runners-up in 1946–47,

before winning the league's Charity Cup in 1951–52 with a 4–3 win over Chertsey Town. The club were league runners-up again in 1961–62, and adopted their current name on 2 June 1967 after merging with former Parthenon League club

Camberley Wanderers. In 1973 they joined the Spartan League, but left to join Division Two of the Athenian League in 1975. In 1977 they switched to Division Two of the Isthmian League, and were promoted to Division One after finishing as Division Two runners-up in 1978–79. Two seasons later they were relegated, and after a single season back in Division Two, they rejoined the Athenian League, which now had a single division.

In 1983 Rick Wakeman became the club's chairman while he was living in Camberley. He remained in this post until 1986 when he was elected Vice-President, and left the club when he moved to the Isle of Man in 1988. In 1984 the Athenian League disbanded; Camberley rejoined the Isthmian League and were placed in Division Two South, where they remained until being placed in Division Three following league reorganisation in 1991. In 1998–99 the club reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. Drawn against away to Third Division Brentford, they lost 5–0. Division Three became Division Two in 2002, and Camberley remained members until the end of the 2005–06 season, when they dropped into the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League through the FA's re-structuring of non-league football. They were runners-up in the division in 2013–14 and 2014–15.

They came third in the 2015-16 season in the North division of the Combined counties league 2016-17 saw a sixth place finish and seventh the season after. 2018-19 saw a sixteenth place finish and with the 2019-20 season not finishing and the 2020-21 one not even starting due to covid, they started the 2021-22 season in the Combined Counties Premier Division South and Manager Luke Turkington oversaw a twelfth place finish on 44 points. 2022-23 Season was an improvement on the previous finishing tenth with 52 Points, with a fantastic run of 1 defeat in the last 14 league games of the season, that was at a time when games were coming thick and fast as the season had to be extended by 2 weeks to make up for the bad weather earlier in the campaign. 2023-24 was a disappointing season which was entered into with the hope to push on from the prior years and maybe see if we could get in the top 5 for the newly instigated playoffs.

GROUND

In 1898 the club started playing at the new Recreation Ground on London Road, although they also used a pitch near Southwell Park Road when the Recreation Ground was unavailable and had moved there permanently by 1905. They played there until moving to Martin's Meadow in 1909. However, when the tenancy came to an end, the club returned to the Recreation Ground.

Since 1923 the club have played at Krooner Park on Wilton Road. The ground was paid for with the winnings of a horse named Krooner who won two races at Haydock Park Racecourse in 1920.

It was officially opened on 22 December 1923. Due to financial difficulties Krooner Park was sold back to the local council in 1939 with the council guaranteeing that the ground would be retained in perpetuity and that it would be rented to the football club, giving them priority whilst they remained in existence. In the mid-1960s the club asked thee council to leave Krooner Park and build a new ground at South- cote Park Farm, but the request was rejected due to the amount of engineering that would be required. Floodlights were installed at the ground in 1974, with the first floodlit match being a friendly against Crystal Palace on 14 October. The attendance at the match, which ended in a 1–1 draw, was around 3,100, a ground record. The highest confirmed attendance at Krooner Park was 2,066 when the newly-formed Aldershot Town visited for an Isthmian League Division Three match on 10 November 1992.







CAN YOU HELP?

As a local community football club we are in need of help and are asking for support from local business leaders to get through this challenging time for grassroots sport. Below are a number of sponsorship packages that we have drawn up, as we aim to raise funds to get us through the season. Can you help?



Match Sponsorship

As match sponsor the business will receive 4 complimentary tickets to the game and will receive Tea or Coffee in the hospitality area. Along with this; the businesses logo will be placed on all match day social media adverts and the company will receive a special shout out on our social media outlets directing all of our followers to their service. Finally the Sponsor will receive a full colour page advert in our E-Programme.

FA CUP / FA VASE - £150.00

1st Team - £100.00 U18 - £50.00

Match Ball Sponsorship

As match ball sponsor the business will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the game and will receive Tea or Coffee in the hospitality area. The company will receive a special shout out on our social media outlets directing all of our followers to their service. Finally the Sponsor will receive a half page colour advert in our E-Programme.

1st Team - £50.00

U18 - £25.00

Man of the Match

As the Man of the Match Sponsor, the company representatives will choose and present the Man of the Match award post match with the photos being used on our social media platforms. In addition the business will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the game and will receive Tea or Coffee in the hospitality area. The company will receive a special shout out on our social media outlets directing all of our followers to their service. Finally the Sponsor will receive a half page colour advert in our E-Programme

1st Team - £50.00

U18 - £30.00

Player Sponsorship

Help the club provide all of the kit and equipment that it requires in the season by sponsoring a player. Have the players photo placed above the bar along with your company logo. Get a special media shoutout every time that your player makes a big in game contribution or wins an award. Meet your player at an arranged sponsors evening.

All Players - £50.00

Player of the Month Sponsorship

The company sponsoring the Player of the Month award will be provided the opportunity to present the award to both the U18 and 1st Team player. The sponsoring company will receive 2 free tickets to the game and will receive extensive social media shoutouts.

Season - £350.00 1 Month - £40.00

Email the club at info@camberleytownfc.co.uk to make the arrangements to fix your sponsorship.



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Guildford City

Formed: 1921

Home Ground: Spectrum

Last Season: 18th Combined Counties Premier South



1921 - 1974

In May 1921 Guildford were accepted into the Southern League, the equivalent of today's National League. 1927 saw Guildford become a Diocese and coupled with the planned cathedral the club was renamed Guildford City. In 1928-29 City were drawn at home to Queen's Park Rangers in the FA Cup First Round proper and won 4-2 in front of almost 8,000 spectators. The immediate pre-war years saw another famous FA Cup victory, this time over Reading, whilst 1937/38 saw Guildford City lift the Southern League Championship trophy for the first time. The following year a record crowd of 9,932 spectators crammed into Joseph's Road to watch an epic FA Cup First Round replay versus local rivals Aldershot. In 1951, City sold future England cap Jimmy Langley to Leeds. Another League Championship was achieved in 1955-56, and then in 1967-68 Guildford embarked upon a memorable FA Cup run. Leading 2-1 at Brentford in the First-Round proper, the match was abandoned due to snow. A 2-2 draw in the rearranged fixture saw 7,289 fans cram into Joseph's Road to roar City on to a famous 2-1 victory in the replay. A further 8,774 saw City fall narrowly to Newport County in the Second Round, but the heroes of that era, players like Tony Burge and long-serving Darby Watts, will long be remembered. In 1974 on-going financial problems came to a head and it was announced that the Club was to merge with Dorking. Subsequently the final game at Joseph's Road was played on 12 February 1974, when City beat Folkestone 2-0 in front of 625 fans. The club limped on for a further two seasons playing as Guildford & Dorking at Meadowbank before finally succumbing on 9 December 1976.

1996 - Present

The club re-emerged initially as AFC Guildford in 1996, and then for one season Guildford United, when the then Mayor John Woodhatch persuaded Burpham FC to change its name and move to the Spectrum Leisure Centre. After a brief spell in the Surrey Premier League, Guildford joined the newly formed Combined Counties League, winning Division One in 2003-04. In 2005 the club was re-named the historically significant 'Guildford City' after an absence of thirty years. 2007-2008 saw City claim a runner up finish in the CCL Premier League, under the management of Scott Steele and Lloyd Wye. Then a period of struggle was halted by the inspirational appointment of Kevin Rayner who took charge in spring 2009. Rayner's second season saw a good run in the FA Vase, an incredible FA Cup victory at Isthmian Premier Tonbridge Angels, but also the CCL Premier Division Championship. A second CCL Championship was gained in 2012, resulting in an emotional return to the Southern League after a gap of 38 years. That first Step 4 season saw a creditable ninth place finish in the Central division. At the conclusion of 2012-13 Rayner departed for a new chapter in his career. In November 2013 Rayner returned to lead an ultimately unsuccessful battle against relegation. After a poor start to the 2014-15 CCL season, Kevin Rayner departed in November to be replaced by Donovan Chislett who saved the club from relegation in an exciting climax to the season. Chislett himself departed in September 2015 to be replaced by former Godalming & Farncombe manager Dean Thomas, who in turn was succeeded by Steve Dormer and Chris Balchin. After four seasons Balchin departed in December 2020 to be replaced by ex-Staines Town manager Paul Barnes whose tenure proved to be short lived. Pete Ruggles and then Tristan Rees took the reins for a year each, before in May 2024, the experienced Carl Taylor arrived to manage the side in the 2024-25 season. Off of the field in a major restructure the Club became a limited company in July 2024 headed up by George Haddad and Azmir Begovic.

Carl Taylor (Manager): Taylor will be known to many for his time at Banstead Athletic, but few will be aware of his experience at higher levels of the game. In his formative years he played for Brentford, Kingstonian and Staines Town before moving into management at Feltham. He subsequently spent seven years at Maidenhead United in the Isthmian Premier and Conference South as manager or assistant, before 12 months at Hornchurch in Conference South. After a break Taylor returned to manage Burnham in the Southern League Premier, before a later spells at Chertsey Town and Banstead Athletic.

Cornelious Nwadialor (Head Coach): A UEFA A qualified coach who was previously joint manager of Tooting & Mitcham in the Isthmian League, before moving to QPR where he is an academy coach.

Manny Acheampong: An exciting wide player with huge energy who can both create and score goals. He stepped up from local football when signing for City in July 2023. A big favourite of the supporters.

Elvis Kwashie: A young defender who played last season for Bagshot.

Joshua Adjei: A full back who signed for City in August 2024, His previous clubs include Thatcham Town and Westfield.

Joe Atkin: A powerful midfielder who has returned after two years out of the Saturday game. He formerly played for Banstead Athletic and Chipstead.

Leevi Bassett: A forward player with considerable potential. He played last season at Bagshot and also has Step 4 experience at Tooting & Mitcham.

Sam Bell: A 20-year-old goalkeeper who signed for City from Ash United in July 2024. A fine shot stopper.

Jake Brown: A versatile defender who is strong in the tackle. He also poses a goalscoring threat from set pieces. His former clubs include Bedfont, Bedfont Sports, CB Hounslow and Hanworth Villa.

Malachai Cole: An attacking midfielder who has impressed this season. His previous clubs were Redhill and Chessington & Hook.

Ben Drake: A stylish and versatile player who signed for City in July 2024. He formerly played for Horley Town and Banstead Athletic.

Reuben Duncan: An influential midfielder who has joined us on dual registration from Kingstonian. He came through the Millwall academy system, and has also played for Banstead Athletic and Redhill.

Azeez Elegushi: A powerful wide player who signed for City from Horley Town in August 2024.

Keoindre Ellis-Vassell: Played last season for both City's Under 18's side and Guildford United. A pacy wide player he is now looking to make his mark in senior football.

Tobi Falodi: An experienced full-back whose former clubs include Stotfield, Brockenhurst, Sholing, Banstead and Horley Town.

Joshua Fitzgerald-Smith: A ball playing defender who joined City from Sheerwater in October 2024. He came through the AFC Whyteleafe youth and U23 sides and also played for Rising Ballers Kensington.

Benji Gambrah: A young left back who signed for City in July 2024. A former Fulham and Woking academy player who played last season for Colliers Wood United.

Tywon Gray: A defender who has impressed in training. His former clubs include Sutton Common Rovers and Alfold.

Nick Inwugwu: A central defender who signed for City from Westfield in August 2024. He formerly played for Epsom & Ewell and AFC Whyteleafe.

Darnell Jon-Peter: After originally playing at the MK Dons, Aldershot Town and Maidenhead United academies, Darnell has returned to senior football after a lengthy absence from the game. He is a striker or attacking midfielder who can excite the crowds.

Karim Kamhouri: An experienced midfielder who joined City from Knaphill in August 2024. He initially played for Stevenage, before subsequently playing for Staines Town, Merstham, Frimley Green and Harrow Borough.

Nikolai Krokhin: A commanding central defender with experience at higher levels of football having played for Hastings United, Sheppey United, Tooting & Mitcham and Cheshunt.

Luca Le Page: A powerfully built midfield player who has graduated this summer from City's U18 side. He made his first team debut at Jersey Bulls in March 2024. He has impressed during pre-season.

Abayomi Obafemi: A wide player or striker with Step 4 experience at Tooting & Mitcham, and who played for Frenches Athletic last season.

Kainen Oragbade: A skilful wide player who came through the Carshalton Athletic junior sides. He has since played for Farnham Town and Colliers Wood United.

Freddie Robins: A tigerish midfield player who gained Step 4 experience at Badshot Lea, but also played last season for Alton.

Reece Robins: Brother of Freddie. An attacking wide player who joined us from Uxbridge in September 2024. His former clubs include Walton Casuals, Leighton Town and Badshot Lea.

Alex Rodway-Brown: A full back who has signed for City from Kingstonian. He has also played for Leiston, Mulbarton Wanderers, Sheringham and Fakenham Town.

Tobi Shoyoye: A powerful forward who has just returned after 18 months out with injury. A regular goal scorer at Banstead Athletic, he also played for Thatcham Town.

Alex Stingelin: Captain of the side this season. A composed central defender who formerly played for Ashford Town and Banstead Athletic.



PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

<u>Tuesday 17th December 2024</u> Chipstead 3-2 Corinthian-Casuals Epsom & Ewell 1-2 Sandhurst Town

Saturday 21st December 2024
Abbey Rangers 2-5 AFC Whyteleafe
Alton Town 2-2 Fleet Town
Corinthian-Casuals 3-3 Horley Town
Jersey Bulls 6-0 Spelthorne Sports
Redhill 4-0 Balham
Tadley Calleva 1-1 Chipstead
Tooting & Mitcham 1-2 Guildford City

Saturday 28th December 2024
AFC Whyteleafe 5-1 Corinthian-Casuals
Balham 0-1 Tooting & Mitcham
Chipstead 1-4 Knaphill
Epsom & Ewell 2-4 Redhill
Fleet Town 1-4 Jersey Bulls
Guildford City 2-0 Abbey Rangers
Spelthorne Sports 0-1 Cobham

Saturday 4th January 2025
Alton 4-2 Horley Town
Cobham 2-2 Balham
Guildford City 1-1 Sheerwater
Jersey Bulls 5-1 Epsom & Ewell

<u>Saturday 11th January 2025</u> Alton 2-3 Tadley Calleva Sheerwater 0-1 Horley

Saturday 18th January 2025
Alton Town 2-0 Balham
Cobham 3-0 Abbey Rangers
Horley Town 1-0 Knaphill
Jersey Bulls 0-1 AFC Whyteleafe
Redhill 6-0 Spelthorne Sports
Sandhurst Town 4-5 Tadley Calleva
Sheerwater 6-1 Chipstead

League Table (2024-25)

			Home							P .	<u> </u>							
			Р	W	ne	L	P	W	/ay D	L	P	W	D	L	Total	A	+/-	Pts
0	1	AFC Whyteleafe	15	10	2	3	12	11	0	1	27	21	2	4	72	28	+44	65
0	2	Redhill	12	10	2	0	13	11	0	2	25	21	2	2	64	20	+44	65
	3	Jersey Bulls	11	9	1	1	12	9	3	0	23	18	4	1	69	14	+55	58
-	4	Cobham	16	10	2	4	14	6	6	2	30	16	8	6	63	30	+33	56
0	5	Fleet Town	12	9	2	1	9	4	4	1	21	13	6	2	41	21	+20	45
*	6	Tadley Calleva	10	4	4	2	12	8	0	4	22	12	4	6	43	37	+6	40
-	7	Knaphill	13	7	2	4	13	4	4	5	26	n	6	9	42	43	-1	39
1	8	Corinthian-Casuals	15	5	4	6	15	5	2	8	30	10	6	14	52	61	-9	36
(9	Tooting & Mitcham United	14	7	2	5	9	3	3	3	23	10	5	8	41	28	+13	35
	10	Abbey Rangers	11	4	3	4	12	6	1	5	23	10	4	9	39	43	-4	34
涯	11	Horley Town	14	5	2	7	11	3	4	4	25	8	6	11	49	57	-8	30
111	12	Sheerwater	14	5	5	4	15	2	1	12	29	7	6	16	48	58	-10	27
U	13	Guildford City	11	3	2	6	14	4	3	7	25	7	5	13	37	43	-6	26
	14	Alton	14	4	3	7	12	2	5	5	26	6	8	12	32	46	-14	26
	15	Chipstead	10	4	1	5	15	4	1	10	25	8	2	15	35	73	-38	26
0	16	Camberley Town	10	4	3	3	13	2	3	8	23	6	6	11	35	45	-10	24
(8)	17	Sandhurst Town	12	5	2	5	12	2	0	10	24	7	2	15	43	64	-21	23
(18	Epsom & Ewell	12	2	2	8	11	4	2	5	23	6	4	13	30	52	-22	22
0	19	Balham	12	1	4	7	14	1	3	10	26	2	7	17	26	59	-33	13
	20	Spelthorne Sports	11	1	1	9	11	0	4	7	22	1	5	16	12	51	-39	8

David in a Land of Goliaths

'The best ideas are made in pubs'. Or so goes the old Czech saying. So when, a few months after the conclusion of the Second World War, nine men met in U Kovore pub in a village deep in hops-growing country, 50 miles to the west of Prague, it's no surprise that the best idea they ever had was that they needed a football team to represent themselves and their neighbours. A whip round the residents raised the equivalent of £3000 for a blue and yellow kit, and so Blšany founded a football team, appropriately named Chmel; hops. Half a century later, with a population of less than 400, that tiny village very nearly upset the established European order.

The village team were happy playing in the lowest reaches of the Czech league system. With such a tiny local population, it would have been near-impossible for them to achieve any notable success. They developed players from the village, occasionally bringing in outsiders, and lived and died, like most non-league teams, on the efforts of their volunteers. The nearest town, Zatec, only has 19,000 residents, just enough to support their own team in the lower leagues. So when goalkeeper Frantisek Chvalovsky joined their youth team, it is fair to say nobody would guess how he would change the fortunes of Chmel. He graduated to the first team, and spent his two decade career with the club, making connections in the local and then national FA, whilst building a successful business career. He bought the club in the mid1980s, and was appointed chairman of the Czech FA in 1991. He only hung up his gloves after achieving all that, in 1993.

During his time as his country's chief administrator he oversaw a golden period of Czech football, culminating in the side's defeat in the final of Euro 96. His business interests, meanwhile, were booming, bringing in €100m each year. He bought the club he had played for, ploughing money in with a serious ambition; reach the top flight, if only for one season. Remarkably, with his ambition and his money, it worked.

Chmel progressed up the leagues in the 1990s, settling in the second tier, until the arrival of Miroslav Beranek in 1996. The manager had lost his job at Czech giants Slavia Prague the previous season for failing to win the league, and Chvalovsky paid handsomely for his services. Alongside the owners generous investment, the club worked hard to develop young players and sell them on for significant profit. Following Beranek's arrival, Jan Simak became the first high profile player to join the club, from top flight Ceske Budejovice. By 1998, Chmel were winning promotion to the top flight.

Chvalovksy had initially intended for his club to spend 'at least one season' amongst the Czech elite, but exceptional recruitment meant they were destined for much greater heights. First up was goalkeeper Ales Chvalovsky; the owner's son. The media cried nepotism, but Ales had established himself as a regular in the U21 national side, losing the Euro U21 final in 2000 and 2001. He was first choice for Chmel's first season in the top flight, and spent seven years in that division before moving to Cyprus. Future Czech international Vaclav Drobny joined him, and Chmel surprised everyone by not only surviving relegation, but fighting their way into the European places. The 1999-2000 season would see the tiny village of 400 people represented in the Intertoto Cup.

A teenage Petr Cech was recruited for that European campaign, and unsurprisingly lifted the performances to a whole new level. The quiet rolling hills around Blšany were perfect for training retreats, so Chvalovsky invested €3.6m in a hotel complex, bringing in welcome additional revenue for the club. Everton, Marseille and Bayern were among the visitors. As the season started, other European sides made their way to the 4000 seater Mestsky Stadium. Belorussians Dnepr Mogilev were dispatched 8-2 over two legs before Kalamata made the trip from Greece to concede just as many, without scoring. Chmel found themselves in the semi-finals of the Intertoto Cup, but compatriots Sigma Olomouc proved too much for them.

The following season, Chmel once again got to the semi-finals but lost, in heartbreaking circumstances, to Brescia. But the good times were beginning to end. Petr Cech was sold to Sparta Prague for €750,000, and a further half a million when he moved to France. Drobny went direct to Strasbourg for €1m. Jan Simak moved to Germany for €1.25. And Chvalovsky, ever the maverick character, was arrested for fraud. Chmel held their ground in the top flight for a while, but once the decline came, it was fast and it was terminal.

The village team finally suffered relegation in 2006. It was the first of four relegations in four years as funding in the side collapsed. Despite attempts to revive their fortunes, in 2016, with no new funding and difficulty attracting players, Chmel announced their ultimate demise, and ceased to exist.

They were, for a time, the smallest settlement in Europe to host a top-flight team, and were a goal away from a European final in 2001. They proved that David can compete with a whole host of Goliaths, but when it goes wrong, Goliath exacts punishing revenge.

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Appearances 2024/25

	Starts	Sub	Total	Goals	Yellow	2xY/R	Sin Bin	Straight Red
Tom Wensley	27	0	27	3	3	0	1	0
Denny Roberts	24	2	26	1	3	0	0	0
Luis Hamblin	23	3	26	14	5	0	0	0
Stan Jones	22	2	24	4	0	0	0	0
Josh Ewing	20	4	24	5	1	0	0	0
Luke Benton	18	6	24	0	3	0	0	0
Jacob Wheeler	21	1	22	2	4	0	0	0
Ben Grummitt	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Brad Passfield	20	0	20	5	6	0	0	0
Xander Ewing	13	7	20	1	0	0	0	0
Brandon Vangrove	19	0	19	3	5	0	0	0
Kayode Conteh	18	1	19	0	10	0	0	1
Ellis McLean	11	4	15	1	1	0	0	0
Stan Pickup	9	5	14	0	1	0	0	0
Louis Lindsay	5	8	13	0	3	0	0	0
Callum Kenny	8	1	9	1	5	0	0	0
Isaac Amujo	1	8	9	1	0	0	0	0
Regan Hitch	8	0	8	0	1	0	0	0
Sam Bartlett	7	1	8	1	1	0	0	0
Owen Crawford	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Gael Muyonge	2	4	6	0	1	0	0	0
Isaac Dinsdale	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0
Ben Jordan	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Herschel Mukaro	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Bobby Lawrence	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Max Cunningham	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hayden Stedman	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
James Wells	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Archie Mills	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Dom West	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Macca Martin	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Smart	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Whitehead	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Camron Grant	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
MacKenzie Clayton	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Erim Dinctop	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ollie Bennett	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Masimba Bare	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Walton	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gianluca Botti	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Suckling	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Roy Gayle	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marcus Ball	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Billy Murphy	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shanazar Muhammetnazarov	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Louis Pask	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0



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Monty Conway (GK) Joshua Adjei Sam Sesav Alex Rodway-Brown Ben Gambrah Joe Atkin Nikolai Krokhin Alex Stingelin (Capt) Luca Le Page Jake Brown Freddie Robins Micah Fraser Ben Drake Jaiden Chang-Brown Azeez Elegushi Reece Robins Deven Reid-Solanki Manny Acheampong Keoindre Ellis-Vassell Darnell Jon-Peter **Qasim Khan** Dominik Vakulya Sam Harper

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