



JMA Reading FC Boys Football Performance Programme

Success Stories 2023-24

SOUTHERN PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS

The Performance Squad (1st Team) are Champions of the National Football Youth League for the 4th time in 8 seasons! They secured the title with a 2-1 win away at fellow title rivals Norwich City earlier this month.

Having been Runners up for 3 seasons in a row and losing out on the title on the last day of the season last time out, it was a relief to get over the line with 3 games still to play.

The Squad:

PIOTR OLSZEWSKI, BOBBY HYLAND, LOUIS NUALART, CALLUM STOKES,
CHARLIE DAVIES, ELDAD ADJEI, OWEN GILES, GEORGE DAY, ARCHIE JOHNSTONE,
JAMES BENHAM, OLLIE GRAHAM, BOBBI EMERY, BRANDON CAMPBELL,
KEVIN DE BARROS, QUAYE VINE, EMIL MURSALOV, ALFIE WARD, SAM TANNER



DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

Both our Boys and Girls 1st team groups won their NFYL Premier Divisions for the first time ever, making us DOUBLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

This is no mean feat and is a rare occurrence at this level but further highlights the high standard of football the programme here at The JMA continues to produce.

Congratulations to the lead coaches Michael Butcher and Liam Thorne as well as all the staff and players who have worked incredibly hard and embody the schools core values. We are incredibly proud.



Berks Schools U18 Walsh Cup

CHAMPIONS

The U18 boys squad won a closely contested game 1-0 v Windsor Boys school. A first half header from captain Luke Butcher was enough to win the game and see us claim a 7th Walsh Cup (winning 5 of the last 8 competitions).

The squad was mainly made up of U17 players with 11 of the 16 still eligible to play in next seasons competition!

The Squad:

EUAN STILES, AARON ASHLEY, JAMES BENHAM, EMIL MURSALOV,
MILES DORE, LUKAS DISE, KUBA ZMIJEWSKI, AJ LUCAS, JESSE BAAFI,
JJ WIGGINS, LOUIS NUALART, LUKE BUTCHER ©, BOBBI EMERY,
JAKE FISHER, LENNON MOORE, SAM GAROFALO



ML League and Cup CHAMPIONS

The Foundation Squad sealed our 3rd Trophy of the season by claiming the ML League Title before they then claimed their 2nd and our 4th with a professional and dominant win over Procision Oxford in the ML Cup Final played at North Leigh FC. A Jacob Doran brace either side of the half saw them run out 2-1 winners.

Development and Foundation Squad Coach Dillan Purewall said “These boys have given me everything this season. It has not always been easy, and the side has constantly changed and evolved throughout the year, but they fully deserve this, and it was great to see them celebrate and create these memories together”



FA Youth Cup

1st Round Proper

This season we again featured in the FA Youth Cup through our partnership with Reading City and were again the only Berkshire based non league side left in the competition as the pro clubs entered for the 1st Round.

Having lost at this round 3 years ago and also again in the 2nd round 2 years ago, both at the hands of Oxford United, we faced another League One side this time around as Exeter City came to town!

After taking the professional outfit to extra time we sadly came up short eventually losing 5-3 on the night.

Another fantastic achievement and opportunity to showcase their talent with top Premier League clubs in attendance at most games.

Road to the 1st Round:
8-0 v Winslow United
5-0 v Brackley Town
2-0 v Thatcham Town
5-2 v Torquay United



Partner Club Success and Player Pathway

The partnership with senior club, Reading City FC has again gone from strength to strength. As well as our successful partnership in the FA Youth Cup, we continue to see players progress through the senior set up at the club, providing a platform for players to progress and develop into the senior game.

This season 12 JMA Reading FC players represented Reading City FC's 1st team as well as many more in the U23, Development and U18 teams.

The run of consecutive games including a JMA Reading player in the City squad has been extended to 242 games which also saw Emil Mursalov, Natty Boakye, Callum Stokes, Charlie Davies and Archie Johnstone making their debuts for the club.

The club went on to reach the Combined Counties playoffs and also win their 1st ever Trophy, The Southern Combination Cup, with a side that featured 7 JMA current & graduate students: Boakye, Stokes, Justin Bangura, Joe Pilling, Liam Baker, Eddie Lazarczuk and Tristan Campbell.



USA

This year we have a record number of student-athletes who have accepted football and education offers at colleges and universities across America. We would like to wish them all the best of luck.



Archie Johnstone - NEBRASKA
Callum Stokes - SOUTH CAROLINA
Justin Bangura - FLORIDA
Joe Collen - CALIFORNIA
Piotr Olszewski - KENTUCKY
Jake Fisher - TENNESSEE
Luke Butcher - KANSAS
Toby Orji - MISSOURI
Rufus Boardman - NEW YORK
Harrison Frewin - NORTH
CAROLINA

Season in numbers

7.937 MILES
TRAVELLED

133 MATCHES
PLAYED

424 GOALS
SCORED

4 TROPHIES
WON

MOST APPEARANCES

40 – JAMES BENHAM
38 – JESSE BAAFI
37 – LUKE BUTCHER

TOP GOALSCORER

28 – QUAYE VINE
24 – BARRY SOYANG
20 – SAM GAROFALO

MOST ASSISTS

22 – KEV DE BARROS
20 – SAM GAROFALO
18 – EMIL MURSALOV