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Match Programme

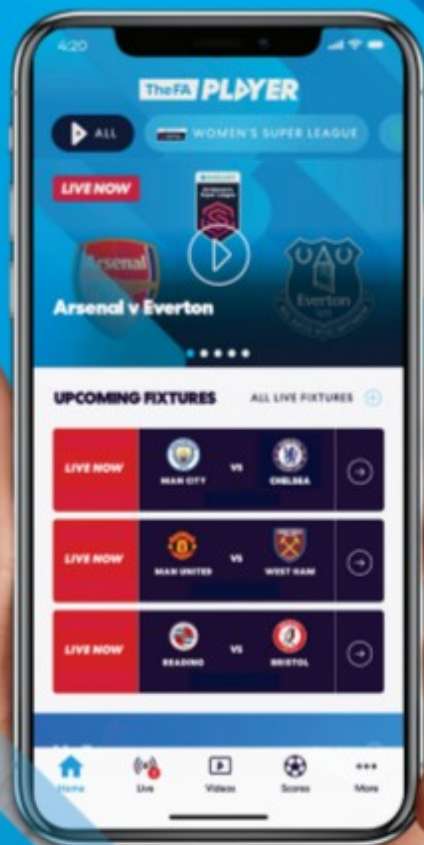


Sat 15th Apr 2023 KO 3:00pm

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Welcome

Baldock Town offer a warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of Potton Utd this afternoon, from just up the road and hope that they enjoy the game.

It is almost the end of the season with only two games to go and this is our last 'home' game. I can't think of too many highlights but we are good to go again in the SSML, Premier Division, for next season.

Potton might be thinking the same as they are quite a number of places above us in the League but we could easily be there and higher but for a poor run of form at the start of the season.

Having said that I think that we could be on for a draw today but I would really like to see us finish with a bang and a load of goals for the last game.

It is a busy day for sport today as I need to cram it all in starting with Hibs v Hearts (12:15 – 'Mon the Jambos), rush across to Arlesey for the Baldock game, 3:00pm and then catch the Grand National at 5:15pm – 'Noble Yeats' on that for me. It could be a great weekend or a terrible weekend depending on what happens this afternoon – I need a result and two out of three ain't bad either.

Some reflection and thanks since it is the last Programme of the Season.

Dave McAdam has been there throughout the season trying to get the results for us and together with him and Josh Furness (Capt) you will be unlikely to find a more committed pair of Leaders. They are committed to get us to where we need to be. Both are excellent people as well and a credit to Baldock Town FC.

Graham and Barry Kingham are ever present, and have been for quite a few years now, and if the Coronavirus hadn't put a dent in their plans then we may well have been starting construction on a home ground back in Baldock by now.

There are quite a number of people in the background working away with the Senior, Reserve and Youth squads always trying to progress the aims of the club and will probably remain nameless, and I won't name anyone further as I would definitely miss out some very important people deserving of a mention.

I hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you around for next season – the friendlies will probably start in June – not too far away.

Please read the serious special message about Fan Behaviour and Safety on the next page and please help support the message.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

John Graham
Programme Editor

SOME INFORMATION

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These include entering the pitch without permission, carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros and throwing objects onto the pitch, as well as discriminatory behaviour and taking drugs. All of these are illegal, dangerous and have no place in our game.

For everyone's safety, clubs will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a permanent criminal record. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

From the start of the 2022/23 season, anyone who enters the pitch and those carrying or using smoke bombs and pyros will now automatically be banned by their club.

These measures reflect the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life-changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials – it is impossible for anyone to tell the difference between a celebrating fan and a violent attacker.

The football authorities are working with clubs and the Football Supporters' Association to make sure everyone feels safe on matchdays. We ask all fans to come together to show that those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters.

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POTTON UNITED FC

1943—Club formed during wartime.

1945—When peace broke out the Club joined the South Midlands League. The first matches were played at The Recreation Ground in Sandy Road.

1947—A group of local volunteers prepared the present ground at The Hollow, renting the ground from the Land Settlement Association. Won Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

1948—Entered the FA Cup and in First Qualifying Round beat Stewartby Works 6-1 away, which is still our highest score in this competition. Reached second Qualifying Round before losing 3-1 at Hitchin Town in a replay. Won Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

1952—Were drawn away to Bedford Town in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup. Supporters organized a train from Potton to Bedford but saw Potton lose 0-6.

1955—Made application to join London-based Parthenon League, but were rejected.

1956—After a season in limbo the Club joined the Central Alliance League Division One (South).

1961—Joined the United Counties League.

1963—Sunday football side Potton Casuals formed and played their home matches at The Hollow.

1964—Won Bedfordshire Senior Cup beating Shillington 5-3.

1969—Lost 10-0 away to Cambridge United in the FA Cup (which is still our heaviest defeat in this competition).

1973—Our landlords, The Land Settlement Association wanted to sell the ground and our President, Peter Hutchinson, bought the ground and gave the club a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent. Won League Knock Out Cup beating Bedford Eagles in the final.

1974—Finished bottom of Premier Division.

1976—Won Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

1977—Floodlights installed.

1978—Agreement was reached with Potton Town Cricket Club that they could use the facilities at The Hollow. Won Bedfordshire Senior Cup for fifth time.

1984—Old dressing rooms (including communal bath) and clubroom was knocked down and replaced by the current clubhouse and dressing room. Potton Sports & Social Club formed, which comprised Potton United FC, Potton Town CC and Potton Timber Ltd Sports Club.

1987—Won first League title when they were unbeaten on their travels.

1989—Won League title for second time and Ray Seekings scored a record 56 goals. Potton Tennis Club move to The Hollow with 2 tennis courts.

1995—Won Bedfordshire Premier Cup. 16th in League.

1997—Participated in 6 Cup Finals winning four of them. Finished fourth in Premier Division.

2001—Relegated to Division One after third consecutive season in a relegation place.

2002—Finished 15th in Division One before former Club Captain and fans favourite Dick Newman was appointed Manager.

2003—Wooden stand destroyed by fire. To mark the Club's 60th Anniversary the Club played Rushden & Diamonds X1 that consisted mainly of youth players in front of a crowd of 450. Finished sixth in Division One.

2004—A storming campaign saw the Royals winning the Division One title with 80 points and scoring at about 3 goals per game. Match between a Potton United X1 (comprising ex players) and an Arsenal Ex Professional & Celebrity X1 was played when the current stand was officially opened and named The Derek Inskip Stand. Recorded highest win in FA Vase (4-1) when we beat Edgware Town away in Round 2.

2005—Early in the year saw the death of two stalwarts of the club. Derek Inskip passed away in January having completed 50 years as Secretary And Terry King passed away in February—he was associated with the club for 40 years as player and then Manager. Reached Round Four of FA Vase before losing 2-1 at Bury Town. Finished runners-up to Cogenhoe United. A league match at Potton against Cogenhoe had to be abandoned due to floodlight failure and the rearranged match was the last of the season and Cogenhoe held on to a draw to secure the title by one point in front of a crowd over 300. Won League Knock Out Cup beating Woodford United in the final. Joint Managers Dick Newman and Roy Bloxham won 3 Manager of the Month awards as well as Manager of the Season award. Dick Newman resigned and was replaced by Ian Donnelly.

POTTON UNITED FC

2007—Finished fourth in League and lost on penalties in Final of League Knock Out Cup to Boston Town. Roy Bloxham resigned as Manager and was replaced by Dean Chapman who had to build a new team as all of the first team had left to join other local clubs. We reached the Fourth Round of the FA Vase before losing 2-1 to eventual finalists AFC Totton. Finished fourth in league.

2008—After finishing our league programme early in April we had a nervous wait for other clubs to finish their programme of matches and escaped relegation by one point. Dean Chapman resigned as Manager and was replaced by Dean Shipp. Another rebuilding of the squad with the emphasis on youth and local players. Constitution of Potton Sports & Social Club revised to now incorporate as members—Potton United FC, Potton Town CC, Potton Tennis Club and Woodentops Playgroup.

2009—Finished second from bottom in the Premier Division, and under instructions from the FA to the UCL the club were relegated to the Division One as the ground did not come up to the required standards.

July 2009—Manager Dean Shipp tendered his resignation and Tom Galvin and Declan Milton were appointed Joint Managers, being assisted by Tony Galvin, the ex Spurs and Republic of Ireland player as Head Coach.

2010-11—In September Tom Galvin decided he wanted to concentrate on playing and so Darren Staniforth and Glen Clark were appointed joint Managers. Finished near bottom of Division One.

2011-12—Darren and Glen still in charge, signing a few new players. Nicky Stocks replaced Glen Clark during the year. Reserves reformed under the management of Duncan Field and Kieran Dempsey and they will compete in Division Two of the Bedfordshire County League.

2012-13—In lower level of both UCL and Bedfordshire County Leagues. Reached final of Beds FA Senior Trophy but lost 1-0 to Bedford FC. In March 2013 ground improvements finished that included fencing round the pitch, hard standing now all the way round the pitch and pay hut.

2013-14—Planning permission granted for covered standing for 50 spectators. Applied for funding for new floodlights. First Team finished 10th in league and Reserves in lower half of their league.

2014-15—Application for grant for new floodlights has been granted and new floodlights being installed. Small Spectator Stand being installed. Reserves enter UCL Reserve Division under management of Nicky Stocks and a Potton United Under 18 has been entered in the Royston Crow League and will play their home matches at The Hollow on Sundays. The 1st team finished in 3rd place in Div 1, just missing out on promotion and got to the UCL knock-out cup final, losing 3-0 to AFC Rushden & Diamonds.

2016-17 – The 1st team finish in 6th position in Division One which earns them a place in the FA Cup for the 2017-18 season.

2017-18 – The club runs an under 18 team for only the second time in the club's history, which was entered in the Northants Senior Youth League. Laurence resigns as manager in December 2016 and former Potton striker Steve Kuhne takes over the role assisted by Lee Pyke. The 1st team go on a great run in February/March which sees them finish as runners up and promoted back to Step 5 of the football pyramid. They also feature in the final of the North Beds Charity Cup, beating Bedford FC 2-0. The reserves management resign in January and are replaced by senior players James Jordan and Joe Wills.

2018-19 – The FA laterally moved the 1st team to the Spartan South Midlands League but the reserves remain in the UCL. The 1st team finished a creditable 7th place in the league and made the final of the league challenge trophy. Steve Kuhne resigns at the end of the season and Laurence Revell returns to the club as manager.

2019-20 – Jimmy Martin joins management team as coach then takes over when Revell resigns in February. Reached final of Bedfordshire Senior Cup but the season was abandoned in March due to global pandemic Coronavirus.

2020-21 – Another season abandoned due to Coronavirus. In May the club were advised they would be laterally moved back to the UCL. An unsuccessful appeal means we will be heading north for all our league fixtures.

2021-22 – after a difficult start finished in 10th place in UCL Premier. Runners up in Hinchingbrooke Cup, losing to Harborough Town in final. Request to be laterally moved back to SML for 22-23 granted by FA.

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