



BALDOCK TOWN FC

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Emirates FA CUP

**Wed 2nd September 2020 KO 7:45pm
v St Margaretsbury**

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MANAGER'S VIEW

Welcome to everyone for our first home game of the season; they don't come any bigger than the oldest domestic cup competition in football.

A special welcome to our visitors St Margaretsbury and their supporters; we'd like to express our thanks once again for their co-operation in allowing this game to be moved to the Wednesday from the original scheduled date.

I'd like to thank you all for coming out to offer your support tonight, whether you are a home fan, away fan or neutral, we really do appreciate you attending tonight; the capacity is capped but I have been encouraged by level of interest, and ticket sales at the time of writing are looking positive.

It has been a very busy few months on and off the pitch as we have been laying the groundwork to enable this new management team and squad to take the club forward.

We have made our signings early on and the group has gelled really well so far; they are an honest and hardworking bunch who have put in some excellent performances in pre-season, particularly when up against opposition from higher divisions.

We come into this game off the back of a good win on Saturday against an established step 4 side in Chalfont St Peter; the victory came despite us missing a number of key players through injury, which is a clear indication of the depth in our squad.

We have blooded a number of our youngsters from the U18s EJA side throughout pre-season with no less than 5 of them featuring at different stages.

Lewis Franklin, Ollie Trott, Jack Hewitt, Oliver Skinner and Ashley Hay have all stepped up and earned the respect of the first team players, management team and in some cases our oppositions management team!

I have been really impressed with their attitudes and the quality they have shown so far and we hope to see them have more opportunities to flourish.

Seeing the U18s lads stepping up to the first team and in turn the U16s lads stepping up to the U18s to strengthen their squad, the future really does look bright.

I just want to give a special mention to my management team for their hard work over the summer, particularly Surge and Hutch who returned to the club in the summer and have been integral to our success so far.

They both felt like they had unfinished business here and with their support I know we can build a side the town can be proud of.

Please get behind the lads who can't wait to get going!

Rob Bates

Manager, Baldock Town FC

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good Evening and welcome to the New Lamb Meadow stadium for tonight's Emirates FA Cup extra preliminary Round tie against St Margaretsbury FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of St Mags FC and hope they enjoy their brief time with us.

Please note: This evenings match will be played with the emphasis on spectators remaining socially distanced by 2 meters so please adhere to the Government and FA guidelines and respect the Stewards who are enforcing these rules. We have no real desire to ask spectators to leave the stadium but will have no other option should you not follow the guidelines. Please remember we are all on trial and if this does not work non-league football will be played with no spectators. I would like to thank you all in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new players and the many who finished the season with us last year to the club. You will no doubt get to know them all better as the season progresses. From the little I have seen, due to restrictions, we are in for a great season of entertaining football.

Quite a lot has happened to the club since the government locked the country down finishing the 2019-2020 season early. We have added four youth teams to our set up, U13's, U14's, U16's and U18's, who will be playing in the renowned Eastern Junior Alliance League. This move will now give our most talented youngsters a defined pathway into adult football, with several of them having already represented the Senior side in friendly's this season. Our new manager Rob Bates, who was appointed after the resignation of Adam Fisher, is excited by what he has already seen of the EJA teams. Rob has a proven history of bringing youth players through to the 1st team and you will be seeing many of them in the coming weeks make their mark on the team. This new set up represents exciting times for our club in the coming years and I am in no doubt many of the youngsters will represent the 1st team, with some progressing further up the league structure. Look out for the EJA fixtures on our website and I hope a few of you will attend some of their fixtures, in particular the U18's FA Youth Cup match against Corby FC here next Wednesday 7:45 kick off, Admission prices are £3 adults and £1.50 concessions with under 16's free.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

**Graham Kingham,
Chairman. Baldock Town FC**

**Note—Baldock Town FC are looking for a Physio for the coming season—if you are interested or know of anyone who might be please contact the club at:
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- LEGEND:**
- 1. 11V11 PITCH
 - 2. 7V7 PITCH
 - 3. 5V5 PITCH
 - 4. 3V3 PITCH
 - 5. 2V2 PITCH
 - 6. 1V1 PITCH
 - 7. 11V11 PITCH
 - 8. 7V7 PITCH
 - 9. 5V5 PITCH
 - 10. 3V3 PITCH
 - 11. 2V2 PITCH
 - 12. 1V1 PITCH

- LEGEND (CONTINUED):**
- 13. 11V11 PITCH
 - 14. 7V7 PITCH
 - 15. 5V5 PITCH
 - 16. 3V3 PITCH
 - 17. 2V2 PITCH
 - 18. 1V1 PITCH
 - 19. 11V11 PITCH
 - 20. 7V7 PITCH
 - 21. 5V5 PITCH
 - 22. 3V3 PITCH
 - 23. 2V2 PITCH
 - 24. 1V1 PITCH

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BALDOCK TOWN & BALDOCK TOWN YOUTH FC'S

MATCH REPORT

BALDOCK TOWN FC 1 - BIGGLESWADE TOWN FC 2

Tues 25th August

If the game against Biggleswade FC on Saturday was regarded as a good test then this one was going to be immense. I don't think we have ever played this team - not that I can remember. The game looked like it was going to be plagued with high winds but in the end it didn't seem to be too bad as the Arena has some protection around it.

The opening minutes seemed fairly even with Piggott putting in a lot of work upfront. Decker had the first attempt at goal in 11 mins but his shot was high and wide. Biggleswade were working down their left but were constantly getting caught offside and so posed little threat early on. In 21 mins a neat through ball found Piggott who was brought down on the edge of the box. Harper took the kick and hit the target forcing the Keeper to tip it over. Hewitt headed over from the resulting corner. Biggleswade went straight up the other end and were clean through but the striker fluffed his shot, the breaking ball was shot back in and Harpur pulled off a good save low to his right.

In 25 mins Biggleswade managed to stay onside on the left and a good cross was partially cleared to about 25 yards and the resulting shot beat Harpur low to his right. It was a good goal but we had the chance to clear it. Baldock responded in 29 mins following a good build up where the ball was worked over to the right and a good cross from Duguid broke to Joy, who was in a similar position from where he got his goal on Saturday, but his shot was tipped over the bar this time. Baldock were caught sleeping a bit in 37 minutes and allowed Biggleswade clean through but the striker shot over. A couple of minutes later the clearance from Biggleswade hit one of the wires going across the field, Baldock took advantage and a good ball to Piggott on the centre spot forced the keeper into a good save.

The second half was very quiet for a long time and it took until 70 minutes before sub L'Honore managed to force his way through the middle but his shot was blocked. Baldock were putting in a lot of effort and definitely hadn't given up but Biggleswade always threatened and in 76 mins Biggleswade had a free-kick on the edge of the box. Pontin, having replaced Harpur, got down well to pull off a decent stop. A couple of minutes later Pontin pulled off his best save when he got down to stop a weird spinning shot/deflection effort. L'Honore was having a good go against an experienced Biggleswade defence and they got themselves in a right mix up inside their six yard box and the resultant scramble went for a goal kick. L'Honore is a hard guy to get the ball off once he has it and he was starting to cause some upset in the Biggleswade defence. The monsoon started in 82 mins and a minute later Hay found himself in on the Keeper and coolly slotted the ball past him from just outside the box.

Unfortunately just a minute before the end Baldock got into a bit of a mess and gifted Biggleswade the winner. enough said about that.

It was obvious that this Biggleswade side were a class act but Baldock put in another good performance and could have had the draw. .

Team; Harpur (GK), Duguid, Reynolds, Coppin, Furness, Harper, Gaffney, Hewitt, Piggott, Joy, Decker, Sinclair, Ponting (GK), L'Honore, Doolan, Hay, Burton, Rome, Franklin.

TODAY'S VISITORS

Founded in 1894 as Stanstead Abbots FC, with their home at Mill Field, Cappell Lane in Stanstead Abbots. Playing in the Herts County League, East Herts and Hertford & District Leagues they won the local Graphic Cup during the 1920's and 1930's. After 1945 the Club played in the Waltham & District League, re-joining the Herts County League in season 1947/48. In their first season back in the Herts County League the Club won Division two, gaining promotion and winning the Aubrey (League) Cup. In 1962 the Club moved to their present location, St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground, one of the conditions being they change their name to St Margaretsbury FC. The Club's next honour was in 1972 when again they won the Aubrey Cup. At the end of the 1987/88 season the 1st XI were briefly relegated to Division One, but returned to the Premier Division at the start of 1991/92. After 44 years in the Herts Senior County League the 1st XI became members of the London Spartan League, Premier Division for the start of season 1992/93, finishing in a very creditable 6th place. That season also saw the Club gained its first County Cup by winning the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy, defeating Sawbridgeworth Town 2-1, at Ware FC. In 1995/96 the Club won the Premier Division Championship and the Reserves and the 3rd X1 made it a treble of Championships by winning their respective Divisions in the McMullen's Hertford and District League. In 1998/99 the 1st XI were accepted into the newly formed Minerva Footballs Spartan South Midlands League, Premier Div. Season 2004/05 saw changes in management and key players, and although viewed as a building season the club still managed a credible 7th place in the premier league. Season 2008/09 was a very turbulent season that put a strain on every aspect of our efforts to achieve our true potential. But new First team manager Lee Judges still managed to hit a credible 14th league position and came in as runners up in the Premier Division Cup. Season 2009/10 – the club saw new Chairman Gary Stock take up his position, who along with an almost completely new committee and this was without doubt one of the toughest starts to any season. But the team somehow still matched the previous season's 14th league position and were runners up in the Herts Charity Shield final. In Season 2011/12 the First team finished 12th in the league and were Premier League Cup Finalists. In Season 2012/13 the First Team had an exceptional season, finishing in 4th position in a very strong league. In Season 2015/16 John Barker was appointed to 1st Team Manager, joined by club legend Kaine Lovett appointed to Reserves/U25 Dev Manager. Another very tough season for the 1st team finishing 20th. In Season 2018/19 and after 20 consecutive years in the SMML, the 1st team is moved to play in the Essex Senior League. Max Mitchell was appointed 1st team manager, finishing 7th while also reaching the final of the Gordon Brasted Trophy. Season 2019/20 ended as no other with Covid-19 taking centre stage!



FOCUS ON — JOSH FURNESS



Josh is 29, he is married to Rachel and they are expecting their first child in October. Josh has been with Baldock his whole career, since he was seven, and has played up through the Youth system. He holds the record for appearances at over 370. A Baldock Town FC 'Legend' he has played in many positions starting as a Winger and he has been working his way backwards over recent years and is now in the Centre of Defence—never one to give up he plays for the jersey and you can't ask for more than that.

Which team did you support growing up and why?

Liverpool, because of my Mum's side of the family supports them.

Who was your footballing idol growing up and why?

Steven Gerrard, constantly watched him growing up. A role model on the pitch.

What is your favourite sport besides football?

Golf

What is your greatest footballing memory or achievement?

Personally, playing for one club. Team, the FA Cup run we went on a few seasons ago.

What type of music do you like, what is your favourite band, musician?

Favourite band, London Grammar or Radio 1 dance anthems with Copps on the way back from games.

Tell us something interesting about yourself that not many people know?

I have my 5m, 10m and 100m swimming badges.

How many goals have you scored in your senior career?

About 50

Who is the best player you have played with (past or present)?

Christian Burgess, Portsmouth CB, played with him at Uni, unreal!

Who is the best and worst trainer?

Alex Coppin is best, Paul Morris is worst

Who is the most skilful player?

Charlie Joy

Who is the hardest player?

George Bates

Who is the fastest player?

Scott Piggott or Dylan Logan

Who is most under the thumb?

Charlie Rome

Who would you not want to take a penalty in a Cup Final?

Danny Hutchins

What are your hopes and ambitions for from this season?

Personally, to get to 400 games. Team, to compete at the top.

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TODAY'S SQUADS

BALDOCK TOWN

1	Adam Harpur
2	Alex Coppin
3	Zach Decker
4	Daryl Doolan
5	Jay Duguid
6	Lewis Franklin
7	Josh Furness
8	Aedan Gaffney
9	Dan Harper
10	Ashley Hay
11	Jack Hewitt
12	Charlie Joy
13	Ben L'Honore
14	Paul Morris
15	Scott Piggott
16	Robbie Ponting
17	Tommy Reynolds
18	Lewis Sinclair
19	Ollie Skinner
20	Ollie Trott

Manager: Rob Bates

Assts: Danny Hutchins,
Ercan Mehmet

ST MARGARETSBURY

Emmanuel Olajide	1
Shaun Andrews	2
Sam Belshaw	3
Quincy Egbejale	4
James Falaise	5
Ben Gray	6
Andrew Greenslade	7
Yousef Harizi	8
Jake Hayden-Eley	9
Alvin Kyeremeh	10
Thomas Massey	11
Frankie McCarthy	12
Kirk McPherson	13
Danny Palmer	14
Jae Partridge	15
Aiden Read	16
Ryan Reed	17
Kyle Roberts	18
Emmanuel Shoderu	19
Tony Smith	20
Isaac Stevens	21

Manager: Ray Bartlett

Asst: James Falaise

Coaches: Liam Clifton & Lucia
Abbate

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NEXT MATCH - AWAY

SSML Prem Div – Tues 15th Sept 2020

Dunstable Town

KO; 7:45pm

THEN – HOME

SSML Prem Div - Sat 19th Sept 2020

Leighton Town

KO; 3:00pm

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