

BALDOCK TOWN FC



BALDOCK TOWN FC v REAL BEDFORD FC
SAT 27th JAN 2024, KO - 3 PM
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Welcome











A very warm welcome to Real Bedford FC fans, officials and team for todays game. It's the first game we have had for a couple of weeks due to the recent bad weather.

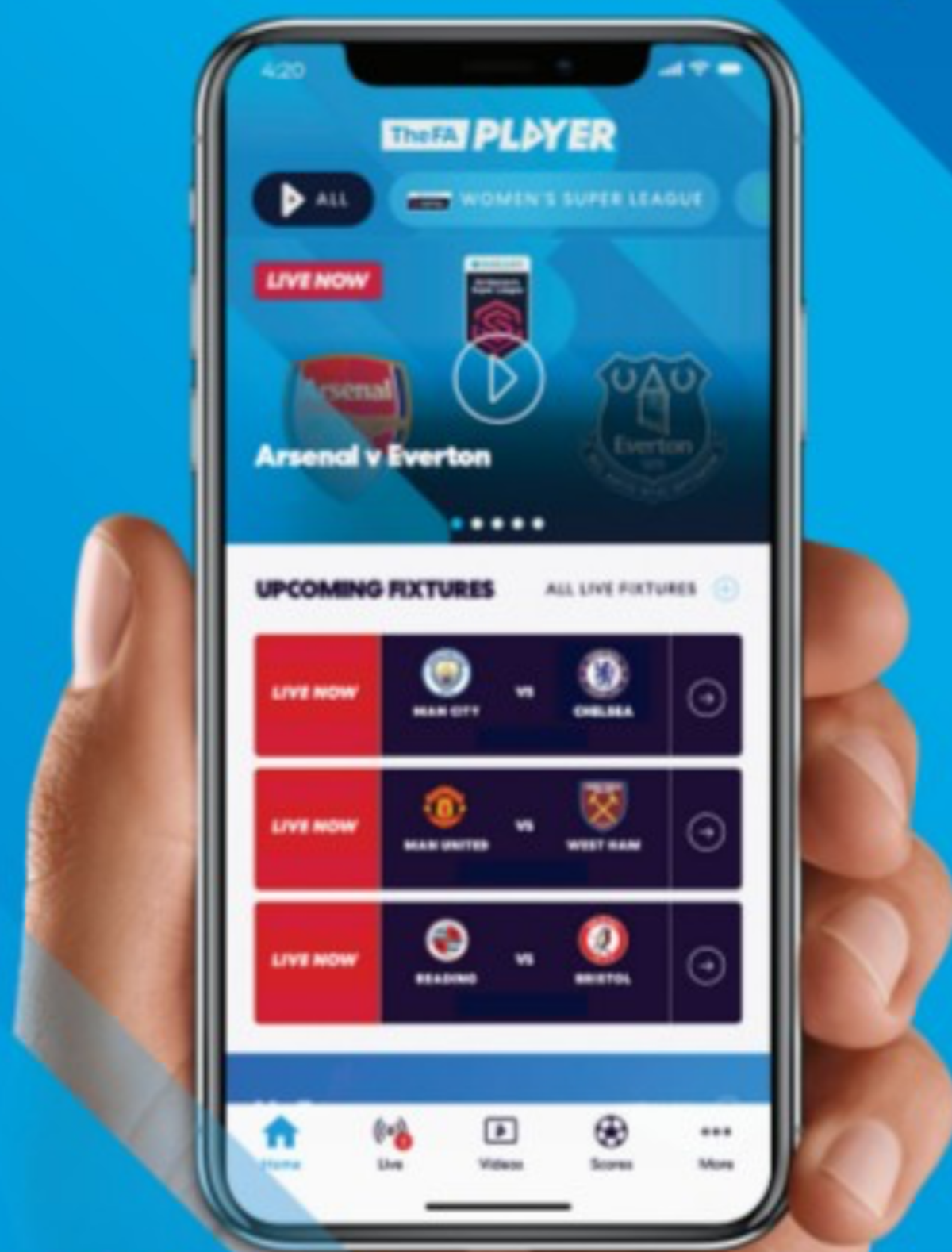
Real Bedford seem to be in great form, sitting at the top of the league and having only lost one league game this season. Baldock are at the other end with one win in ten in the league.

There are still thirteen league games to play this season but we have played a few more games than the teams below us. Crawley Green and Shefford Town are coming up soon and with both of them below us these are 'must win' games to keep them below us.

The very best of luck to Baldock Town and hopefully we can get that much needed win today.

John Graham
Programme Editor

Upcoming Fixtures							ALL FIXTURES >
Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team		Venue	
PREM	27/01/24 15:00	Baldock Town		VS	 Real Bedford	New Lamb Meadow	
PDC	03/02/24 15:00	Baldock Town		VS	 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	New Lamb Meadow	
GCT	06/02/24 19:45	Baldock Town		VS	 Huntingdon Town	New Lamb Meadow	
PREM	10/02/24 15:00	Crawley Green		VS	 Baldock Town	LUTON TOWN FC (THE BRACHE)	
PREM	13/02/24 19:45	Shefford Town & Campton		VS	 Baldock Town	Shefford Sports Club	



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HOW ARE WE DOING

League Table									
FULL TABLE DETAIL >									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Real Bedford	23	21	1	1	89	15	74	64
2	Milton Keynes Irish	22	18	3	1	67	14	53	57
3	Leverstock Green	23	14	3	6	53	39	14	45
4	St Panteleimon	22	12	6	4	45	27	18	42
5	FC Romania	23	12	4	7	56	40	16	40
6	Harpenden Town	22	10	4	8	41	39	2	34
7	Potton United	24	9	4	11	32	43	-11	31
8	Dunstable Town	21	8	5	8	34	33	1	29
9	Tring Athletic	21	8	5	8	35	38	-3	29
10	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	21	9	2	10	42	50	-8	29
11	Colney Heath	23	9	2	12	28	38	-10	29
12	London Lions	22	7	7	8	45	43	2	28
13	Biggleswade United	21	8	4	9	42	49	-7	28
14	Cockfosters	20	7	6	7	42	36	6	27
15	Baldock Town	25	8	2	15	48	62	-14	23 *
16	Stansted	20	5	4	11	27	44	-17	19

Latest Results									
ALL RESULTS									
Type	Date / Time		Home Team		Away Team				
PREM	13/01/24	15:00	FC Romania		1 - 1 (HT 1-1)		Baldock Town		
PREM	06/01/24	15:00	Baldock Town		1 - 2		Harpenden Town		
PREM	27/12/23	19:45	Arlesey Town		2 - 1		Baldock Town		
PREM	22/12/23	19:45	Biggleswade United		0 - 3		Baldock Town		
PREM	16/12/23	15:00	Baldock Town		1 - 4 (HT 0-3)		Milton Keynes Irish		
PREM	09/12/23	15:00	Baldock Town		3 - 6		St Panteleimon		

RECENT FORM

Overall									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Form	
1	Real Bedford	6	6	0	0	28	3		
2	Milton Keynes Irish	6	5	1	0	13	4		
18	Biggleswade United	6	1	1	4	5	15		
19	Baldock Town	6	1	1	4	10	15		
20	Sawbridgeworth Town	6	0	1	5	5	11		

REAL BEDFORD FC - A BRIEF HISTORY

Based in the county town of Bedford, Bedford FC was established in 2002 as a merger of Bedford United and US Valerio. The club plays in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and is affiliated with the Bedfordshire County Football Association.

Bedford United was established in 1957 as a printing firm Diemer & Reynolds staff team. In 1971 the club joined Division Three of the United Counties League, renamed Division 2 the following season. They remained in Division 2 until leaving the league in 1979, dropping into the Bedfordshire County League and going on to win Division One in 1979-80.

In 1989 they joined Division One of the South Midlands League, becoming a member of the Senior Division following league reorganisation in 1993. 1995-96 saw them finish third in the division, earning promotion to the Premier Division. In 1997 the South Midlands League merged with the Spartan League to form the Spartan South Midlands League, with Bedford United placed in the Premier Division North. After finishing fourteenth in the division in the league's first season, they were placed in the Senior Division the following season.

A third-place finish in 1999-2000 saw them promoted to the Premier Division.

Bedford United initially played on a pitch at the printers' firm before moving to the nearby village of Cople and returning to Bedford to play at Allen Park. They subsequently played at Fairhill on Clapham Road, where the club's record attendance of 1,500 was during a South Midlands League match against Bedford Town.

The land was later bought by Sainsbury's and Bedford United, temporarily ground-shared with Kempston Rovers at Hillgrounds in Kempston before moving to McMullen Park in 1996. The ground was named after Jim McMullen, one of the club's founders.

The merged club continued to play at McMullen Park. US Valerio, formerly known as Unione Sportiva Valerio, was formed as a club in 1985, the name coming from the Italian for "Sporting Union", with the addition of the surname of the founder Mr Nicola Valerio. US Valerio started in the Michael Peters Sunday League achieving relative success over the years; US Valerio won the Harrison & Rowley Cup in season 2005-06. The two clubs merged in 2002 to form Bedford United & Valerio, taking Bedford United's place in the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They finished second-from-bottom of the Premier Division in 2004-05 and were relegated to Division One.

In 2006 they were renamed Bedford Valerio United before being renamed simply Bedford FC in 2007.

In 2014-15 they finished third in Division One, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

However, the club finished bottom of the Premier Division the following season and were relegated back to Division One.

In April 2022, the club was taken over by podcaster and journalist Peter McCormack, who became chairman and set the goal of getting the team into the Football League. The club changed its name to Real Bedford before the 2022-23 season, which saw them win the Bedfordshire Senior Trophy and the Division One title.

Honours

- Spartan South Midlands League Division One champions 2022-23
- Bedfordshire Senior Trophy Winners 2012-13, 2022-23





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