# BALDOCK TOWN FC



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**SSML Premier Division** 



Sat 15th February 2020 KO 3:00pm

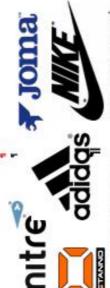
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Good afternoon and welcome to the New Lamb Meadow stadium for our Premier Division League match against Biggleswade Utd. A warm welcome always awaits the players, officials and supporters of opposing teams and I hope they enjoy their brief time with us, but hopefully not too much.

Biggleswades recent form is a bit up and down, win some, lose some but they are still third in the league. At the start of this season this looked like there were a lot of decent teams in this league but it has turned out not to be such with some really poor teams managing to be much further up the league than their form really deserves. Biggleswade Utd is not one of them and I think that they can be a strong side—they certainly have the infrastructure to be out of this league.

Baldock, on the other hand, are in a transitional season with a new management team— a whole new team really. After a really bad start to the season Baldock are now on a winning run with nine wins and just one loss. We are now up to tenth place in the league in double quick time and we have righted a few wrongs along the way such as getting beaten by the likes of Leverstock Green and Colney Heath earlier in the season (still have to right the Crawley Green result—looking forward to that one). We had a cracking 4-0 win against Harpenden Town midweek.

The weather is not looking too great today and it is going to be windy and wet—and this could be a leveller which might help Biggleswade make a game of it. Hopefully we are in for a great match regardless.

Adam Fisher is nothing if not passionate and he takes all games personally—as he should. He transfers that passion onto the pitch and he is getting the results that we all deserve as we are all passionately behind the 'Reds' - we have no time for compromises or wasters or half hearted efforts — it is all or nothing and we have a group of players on the pitch who feel the same.

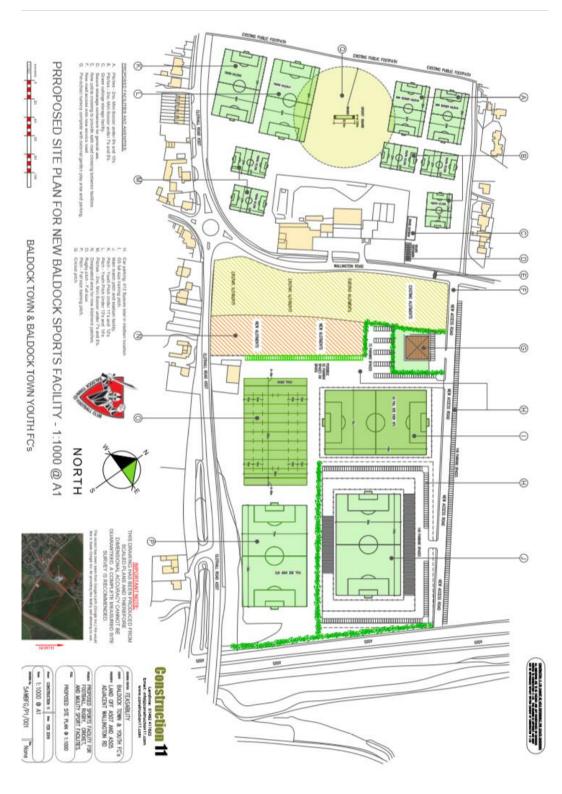
Football is important and you can only support one side so there is no point in hiding your allegiances—lets get ripped in today and if you are on the sidelines then make sure that you are heard—you have the right to do so (just avoid the swearing or Dave, Head of Security, will be along to sort you out).

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

Get right behind the team today

John Graham, Fan, Baldock Town FC

Views are all my own and not necessarily shared by the club or club officials



## Biggleswade Utd — potted history

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a Biggleswade United side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts. League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year



association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club has also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

The 1995/96 season was the most successful in the club's history - winning five major honours; the Beds Intermediate County Cup, Bedford and District League Championship, League Cup Championship and as the League's representatives the club won the Beds. FA Centenary Cup. Having won every major Bedford League honour the club felt it was time to move on and made the decision to make the step up once again and returned to Division One of the SML. In an exceptionally successful first season we celebrated a Division One "double" by winning the Championship and the Division One Cup. We also retained the Beds. FA Intermediate County Cup, only the second club in the competition's history to achieve this feat. To crown our success the club were awarded the SML Special Achievement Trophy in July 1997.

In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. The club start the 2019-2020 season with a completely overhauled squad and have brought in experienced coach Chris Devane. Chris will be assisted by Trishnan Patel and Spanish Conditioning Coach, Bernat Puig-Vall.



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**Team Management:** 

1st Team Manager: Adam Fisher

1st Team Assistant Mangers: Paul Hook, Danny Hutchins

Goalkeeping Coach: Serge Urcan

**Physio**: Anish

Reserve team Manager: Ryan Haggar

Reserve Assistant Manager: Tony Mara

Reserve Team Secretary: Nicola Haggar

# **Premier Division**

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Colney Heath	27	21	1	5	40	64
2	Tring Athletic	27	19	2	6	49	59
3	Biggleswade United	27	15	5	7	21	50
4	Newport Pagnell Town	26	12	9	5	24	45
5	Harpenden Town	26	13	4	9	8	43
ŝ	Edgware Town	30	12	5	13	-8	41
7	Crawley Green	30	10	10	10	9	40
3	Oxhey Jets	25	11	7	7	0	40
9	Eynesbury Rovers	25	10	6	9	9	36
10	Baldock Town	26	11	3	12	-6	36
11	Leverstock Green	26	11	2	13	-17	35
12	Leighton Town	21	11	3	7	18	33
13	Harefield United	23	8	5	10	-1	29
14	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	24	8	5	11	-14	29
15	Potton United	26	8	5	13	-16	29
16	Dunstable Town	25	8	4	13	-13	28
17	Wembley	25	6	9	10	-6	27
18	Broadfields United	24	7	5	12	-24	26
19	Arlesey Town	25	5	11	9	-7	23
20	North Greenford United	23	5	4	14	-26	19
21	London Colney	25	3	3	19	-40	12

	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY
REM	15/02/20	15:00	Baldock Town	Biggleswade United
REM	29/02/20	15:00	Baldock Town	Broadfields United
PREM	03/03/20	19:45	Leighton Town	Baldock Town
REM	14/03/20	15:00	Baldock Town	Newport Pagnell Town
REM	18/03/20	19:45	Baldock Town	Dunstable Town
REM	21/03/20	15:00	Crawley Green	Baldock Town
REM	28/03/20	15:00	Baldock Town	North Greenford United
REM	01/04/20	19:45	Baldock Town	Oxhey Jets





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Manager: Adam FisherManager: Chris DevaneAsst: Rob BatesAsst: Trishan PatelPhysio: India BabbagePhysio: Bernat Puig-Valls

17 Mohamed Elmasry18 Charlie Rome19 Lewis Sinclair

Officials: Jack Scott, Mark Mellor, Zachary Trundell

### **NEXT MATCH - Home**

SSML Prem Div – Sat 29th Feb 2020
Broadfields Utd
KO; 3:00pm

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SSML Prem Div - Wed 3rd Mar 2020 Leighton Town KO; 7:45pm





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