

# BALDOCK TOWN FC



## Match Programme



**Wed 30th September 2020 KO 7:30pm  
v Broadfields Utd**

**SSML Premier League  
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# MANAGER'S VIEW

A warm welcome to our visitors Broadfields United, their supporters and also the Baldock faithful.

Due to their FA Cup and Vase involvement this will only be Broadfields 3rd league game of the season whereas this will be our 5th game; our opponents will be looking to bounce back after a narrow defeat at Eynesbury Rovers at the weekend.

Our last home game saw us lose to Leighton Town and on Saturday we lost at Colney Heath, two sides who will be up there, but also two sides who we failed to perform for the full 90 minutes against.

Playing well for 45 minutes is simply not enough to win games at this or any level; we need to start delivering consistent performances for 90+ minutes where we are converting the chances we create and showing more maturity in defence.

We haven't had a consistent starting 11 yet due to injuries, suspensions and availability so we haven't been at our best yet in any of our 4 matches so far this season; myself and my management team believe we are very close to reaching our potential – now is the time to start showing this!

Off the back of the last 2 performances I have challenged the squad's character and tonight we need a reaction; we have to be patient and keep our discipline to ensure we finish with 11 players on the field and get a positive result.

Tonight, is a special night for Ollie Skinner who will make his Senior First Team debut at the tender age of 16; he has been exceptional in training and has gained valuable experience playing in our Reserves – he is learning each game and deserves his opportunity this evening.

We have a lot of home games coming up and we need to make our home ground a fortress; we have seen an increase in the number of fans through the gate; we really appreciate your continued support and hope you continue to join us on this journey.

Enjoy the game!

*Rob Bates*

**Manager, Baldock Town FC**

# A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good afternoon and welcome to the New Lamb Meadow stadium for tonight's SSML Premier Division tie against Broadfields United FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of BUFC and hope they enjoy their brief time with us.

**Please note: Today's match will be played with the emphasis on spectators remaining socially distanced by 2 meters, with groups no larger than six, 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.**

Broadfields have played just two league games thus far, winning one and losing one, and will represent a tough challenge tonight if we are not at our best. Saturday saw us lose late on to Colney Heath in a match that we really didn't deserve to lose. Colney Heath just lump the ball forward and whilst not pleasurable to watch it certainly works for them. I however much prefer the way we are trying to play football in an attractive and entertaining manner, and I am sure we will continue to do so.

Tonight's game is the start of a run of three matches at home, with us playing Leverstock Green on Saturday and Halstead Town the following Sunday in the FA Vase. It would be great to see as many of you who can make it come along and support the lads.

Finally, it has been great to see our EJA youngsters progressing into the first team and doing so well. Ollie Skinner is another exceptional talent and will make his debut tonight, in Goal and at just 16 years old, which I am sure will make his parents immensely proud. Good luck Ollie!

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

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

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Danny Hutchins	MacronStore Hertfordshire	MacronStore Hertfordshire
Rob Bates	Nick Haydon	Nick Haydon

# TODAY'S VISITORS

**BROADFIELDS UTD**— formed 1993

**1994/1995 season:** We ran ten teams, eight in the Southern Olympian League on Saturdays, five of those teams won their leagues with two teams finishing as runners-up.

**1996/1997 season:** They then went on to win Division One by six points, thus winning promotion to the Premier League.

**2001/2002 season:** Broadfields ran six teams, 1<sup>st</sup> and Reserves playing in the Middlesex County Football League, Premier and Division One (Saturday's). Two teams played in the Harrow Sunday Challenge League and one played in the Hillingdon & District Sunday Football League. This was also the season of Broadfields Social Clubs disaster. We burnt to the ground, leaving only the changing/shower facilities. This however did not stop us from playing football, as indeed we did.

**2003/2004 season:** Broadfields runs less teams, 1<sup>st</sup> playing in the Middlesex County Football League, Premier Division, Manager: Marvin Hall, Coach: Mike Jennings, Physiotherapy: Mick Croft. Our Vets team played in the London Commercial League, Division 6 and went through to a cup Final. We also had two Sunday teams playing in the Harrow Sunday Challenge League. Chris Webster's team won the Harrow Sunday Challenge League Cup.

**2010/2011 season:** A disappointing season by Broadfields standard. The Sunday team came runners up in the Champions Cup Final, narrowly losing 2-1.

**2011/12 season:** Alec Smith Premier Cup Champions. Chris Webster and Ryan Duffy lead the Saturday team to their first bit of silverware in many years.

**2013/14 season:** David Webster and Robbie Pearce proved very successful with the reserves by winning the Middlesex Senior Reserve Division and the Junior Open Cup. A platform for a new challenge next season.

**2014/15 season:** A terrific end to the season saw Ryan Duffy and Chris Webster lead their side to promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League Division One. The side lost just one of their final ten games and were granted promotion on the final day. **2015/16 season:** The clubs first season in Spartan South Midlands League football saw us achieve an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish. The side also reached the semi-final of the Division One Cup.

**2016/17 season:** The First team, under the guidance of Mark Barnham, Liam Bird & Ryan Duffy, won the Middlesex Premier Cup by defeating Hillingdon Borough 4-1.

**2017/18 season:** The First team, under the guidance of Liam Bird, Mark Barnham & Ryan Duffy, successfully defended the Middlesex Premier Cup by defeating landlords, Harefield 1-0 at Harrow Borough FC. Success continued 5 days later when they triumphed in the Spartan League Challenge Trophy cup final when they beat Risborough Rangers in the final 3-1. Finally, first time in the club's history, we booked a place in the FA Cup for the forthcoming season after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the league.

**2018/19 season:** The end of the 2018/19 season saw the first team achieve their main aim as promotion was secured. A tally of 94 points saw us finish behind runaway leaders, Harefield United, but guaranteed us a place as one of the top 9 teams from the 19 leagues at Step 6 and thus achieving promotion to Step 5 for the very first time.

**2019/20 season:** The season started full of optimism with the club playing Step 5 football for the first time and although the season started off brightly the team found the step up in opposition quality hard to deal with at times. We managed to find our feet and began picking up some good results along the way before COVID-19 curtailed the season.



# MATCH REPORT

## Baldock Town FC 1 v 3 Leighton Town FC

This was Leighton Town's first league match of the season and they are early favourites to win the league.

Leighton Town were first into action in 4 minutes when they fired a shot narrowly wide. In 6 minutes Baldock cleared the ball out to the left and worked it a bit before switching to the right where they found Hay on the right wing and he forced his way into the box to pass square to Coppin who was piling in on the goal. It was an easy knock in but he had made up a lot of ground to get there. Baldock 1-0.

Most of the action was in the Baldock half early on and Leighton Town were pressing but not entirely effectively. In 21 minutes a fluffed header back from Burton to Ponting forced the Keeper to bravely save at feet. Baldock were struggling to link up to front man L'Honore and he was getting more and more frustrated with the lack of quality service. Unfortunately the referee wasn't helping him much. In 33 minutes Baldock made good progress down the right again with Hay who put a high ball into the box. Rome was advancing on to the cross and looked like he had a decent chance but the Referee decided to blow up for a head knock on a defender a few seconds earlier. The Ref then dropped the ball for the Leighton Town Keeper, when Baldock had been the team last in possession! Strange or what? Leighton Town went straight up the other end, won a corner and scored from it. No justice there at all.

Half time 1-1. Leighton Town were the better team but lucky to be drawing at this stage with Baldock struggling to find a quality ball from midfield.

Baldock had the first chance in the second half in 50 minutes when L'Honore had a run at the keeper but shot at him. Just after that Ponting was in action and was looking solid as he saved at his left hand post. Leighton Town scored from the resulting corner with McClelland picking up his second with a header from close in. Baldock 2-1 down.

Chaos erupted in 60 minutes when Leighton Town lobbed Ponting but Decker chased it back, cleared the ball with his hand and ran into the post. When he recovered the Ref sent him off for deliberate hand ball, I assume, and awarded a penalty to Leighton Town. Ponting saved it! This proved to be a bit of a turning point as Baldock then came to life and started to get stuck in. The back four seemed to be stable with Rowland coming on at centre half, Burton moved to left back and Reynolds moved across to the right. Logan and Gaffney also came on and their pace started to make a difference. In 75 minutes a good pass though the middle gave Hay a run on the Keeper but he saved well. A minute later Hay was again in the action when he rose above the Leighton Town defence and fired a good downward header narrowly past. In 79 minutes the ever industrious Coppin won a free kick 25 yards out and Joy went close with kick. Baldock were looking the better team and were pushing hard for the equaliser. They then pushed Rowland up front and went three at the back. Unfortunately Leighton Town scored straight away before the Baldock defence could settle. A good decision to try to get something back with ten men but it didn't work out this time. If Baldock had started the way they had finished they would have won this one easily. A disappointing 3-1 defeat for Baldock.

Team; Ponting (GK), Decker, Reynolds, Coppin, Furness (C), Burton, Joy, Rome, L'Honore, Hay, Morris, Doolan, Rowland, Gaffney, Logan, Harper.

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# TODAY'S SQUADS

## BALDOCK TOWN

- 1 Aedan Gaffney
- 2 Alex Coppin
- 3 Charlie Joy
- 4 Josh Furness ©
- 5 Paul Morris
- 6 Ben Burton
- 7 Ben L'Honore
- 8 Charlie Rome
- 9 Lewis Franklin
- 10 Robbie Ponting (GK)
- 11 Tommy Reynolds
- 12 Zach Decker
- 13 Ashley Hay
- 14 Dan Harper
- 15 Dylan Logan
- 16 Lewis Sinclair
- 17 Luke Rowland
- 18 Scott Piggott
- 19 Adam Harpur (GK)
- 20 Ollie Skinner

**Manager:** Rob Bates  
**Assts:** Danny Hutchins,  
Ercan Mehmet

## BROADFIELDS UTD

- 1 Marley Anderson-Richards
- 2 Steven Benavides
- 3 Rob Blennerhassett
- 4 Sam Blennerhassett
- 5 Damion Cruickshank
- 6 Jamie Davey
- 7 Matt Faley (GK)
- 8 Dene Gardner
- 9 Seldyn Grant
- 10 Andrew Harewood
- 11 Harry Henley ©
- 12 Mark Kendall
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- 14 Robinson
- 15 Mihai Matei-Anton
- 16 Jamel Mattan
- 17 Lee McManus
- 18 Luke Nugent
- 19 Liam O'Keefe
- 20 Sean Peters

**Manager:** Liam Bird  
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### **NEXT MATCH - HOME**

**SSML Prem Div – Sat 3rd Oct 2020**

**Leverstock Green**

**KO; 3:00pm**

### **THEN – HOME**

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**Halstead Town**

**KO; 3:00pm**

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