

BALDOCK TOWN FC

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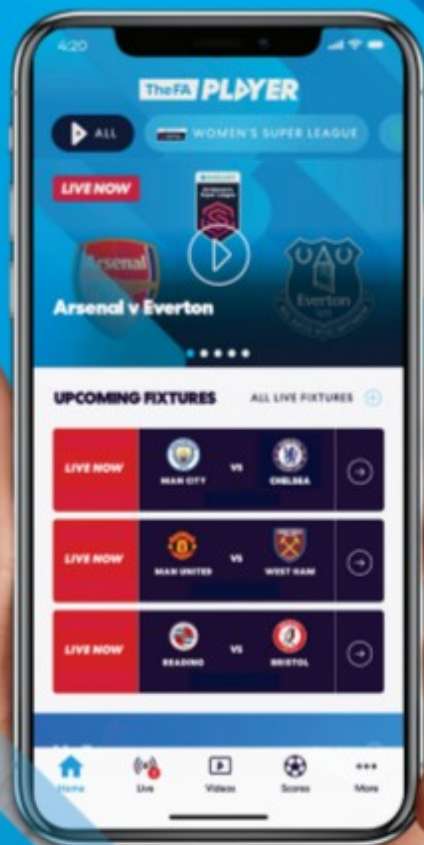


Tues 7th Mar 2023 KO 7:45pm

v Shefford Town and Campton

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Welcome

Baldock Town offer a warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of our near neighbours, Shefford Town and Campton FC, this evening and hope that they enjoy the game.

Hopefully we can give a warm welcome to Kane Dougherty, a class striker and scorer of a number of special goals for us a few seasons ago.

Shefford Town and Campton are just above us in the League but have a couple of games in hand. Although they hammered us 6-1 back in November their recent form is the same as ours with one win in the last six. It should be a close game but as we are coming off the back of a decent 2-1 win against St Panteleimon on Saturday then maybe we are slight favourites this time.

Our next home game is a week on Saturday against Tring Athletic and hopefully some of you can make it along to that one.

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.

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MATCH REPORT

BALDOCK TOWN 2 v 1 ST PANTELEIMON

Baldock Town had a number of new faces in the team for our first home game in a few weeks and had a good intensity of play straight from the kick off with a couple of good chances early on. Robertson seemed well up for this one, playing wide on the right and causing the St Panteleimon defence all sorts of problems with his willingness to take them on.

Despite having all of the pressure Baldock got lucky when one of the rare St Panteleimon attacks finished with a shot off the post which looked like a certain goal. Baldock did take the lead in 38 mins with a well placed free kick by Carney from about 20 yards. Straight from the restart Baldock Goalkeeper Mollison pulled off a great save to make sure we had the lead at half time.

Baldock kept up the pressure at the start of the second half and in 55 mins Dollimore latched on to a good through ball, made his way into the box and shot against the Keeper but he was quick enough to get the rebound and turn it in for 2-0.

Baldock lost their way a bit after that with lots of pushing and falling over from both sides, this disrupted our play and allowed St Panteleimon back into the game. We looked safe enough until 87 mins when we gifted them a really soft goal that we had chances to clear but just weren't forceful enough.

This started to look like how many of our matches have ended this season, good play, good possession then throw it away by losing soft goals. Not this time and we held on for a great 2-1 win for three much needed points.

Dollimore was awarded Man of the Match on his debut and got a goal as well.

Team: Mollison, Reynolds, Furness, Diallo, Carney, Syme, Robertson, Hewitt, Brown, White, Dollimore. Subs; Joy, Ford, Sollis, Palmer, Dalli.

Important Message

Every football fan should feel safe when watching their team. But last season we saw a minority of supporters ruining the game for others. That's why we're supporting strong measures across football to tackle antisocial and criminal behaviours within football grounds.

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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SHEFFORD TOWN AND CAMPTON

Founded in 1910, the club played its first football in September when it began to enter a team into the Biggleswade and District Junior League. Playing home matches at Ivel Road, the team contested this local competition until 1949–50, when Shefford began to enter its team into the South Midlands League.

The side won the Beds Senior Cup that season, a feat it repeated in 1953. After finishing runners-up in the Beds Senior Cup the following year, winning it again in 1955 and capping these feats with two successive league championships, Shefford Town started to contest the Parthenon League against teams from further afield – some away trips took the team as far as London. In the new league, Shefford finished as runners-up in the first season before spending two more years in the competition. After three years, the long journeys and sparse league programme led the club to join the more local United Counties League.

In 1960–61, the league championship came to Shefford, and the club added the North Beds Charity Cup to its trophy cabinet during the same week. The following season saw a drastic change in fortunes, as the team finished second from bottom – the club reacted by arranging a move back to the South Midlands League. The team came third during the first season back in the division, and in 1973–74 the team finished as runners-up. However, the club was relegated in 1975–76.

Success didn't come back to Ivel Road until the early 1980s – in 1982–83 Shefford lifted the Division One title, and finished the following season as league champions. During 1983–84, Shefford also won the North Beds Charity Cup, the Biggleswade Knockout contest and the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup. The North Beds Charity and Biggleswade Knockout double was repeated the following year.

During the late 1980s the club stagnated, as the team tumbled back into Division One after finishing bottom in 1989–90. After three uneventful seasons, Shefford Town were moved to the Senior Division on league re-organisation. Though performances improved, with the team finishing fifth in 1993–94, the club was wound up and played its final match on 18 May 1994. Shefford Town Football Club was reformed in 2009 by Dan Pinkerton and Graham Earl, who had been involved in local youth football.^[4] The new club was accepted into the Bedfordshire County Football League for the 2009–10 season, and assigned a place in Division Two, at level 13 of the English football league system.

The club has had success both on and off the pitch in recent years since its reformation, the club were crowned Bedfordshire County Premier Division Winners in 2011–12, 2017–18 and 2018–19. The Bedfordshire County League Britannia Cup was won in both 2011 & 2014 and the East Beds Charity Cup was won by the Reserve team in 2015. The Club has also finished runners up in the Biggleswade knock-out cup in 2015, 2016 & 2017.

At the end of 2018–19 season Shefford announced its intentions to seek promotion into the Spartan South Midlands Football League, which they achieved by winning the Bedfordshire County League title and passing the relevant ground grading. Shefford Town & Campton entered the FA Vase for the first time in 2021–22

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