

BALDOCK TOWN FC



BALDOCK TOWN FC v HARPENDEN TOWN FC
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Welcome

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all have a great 2024.

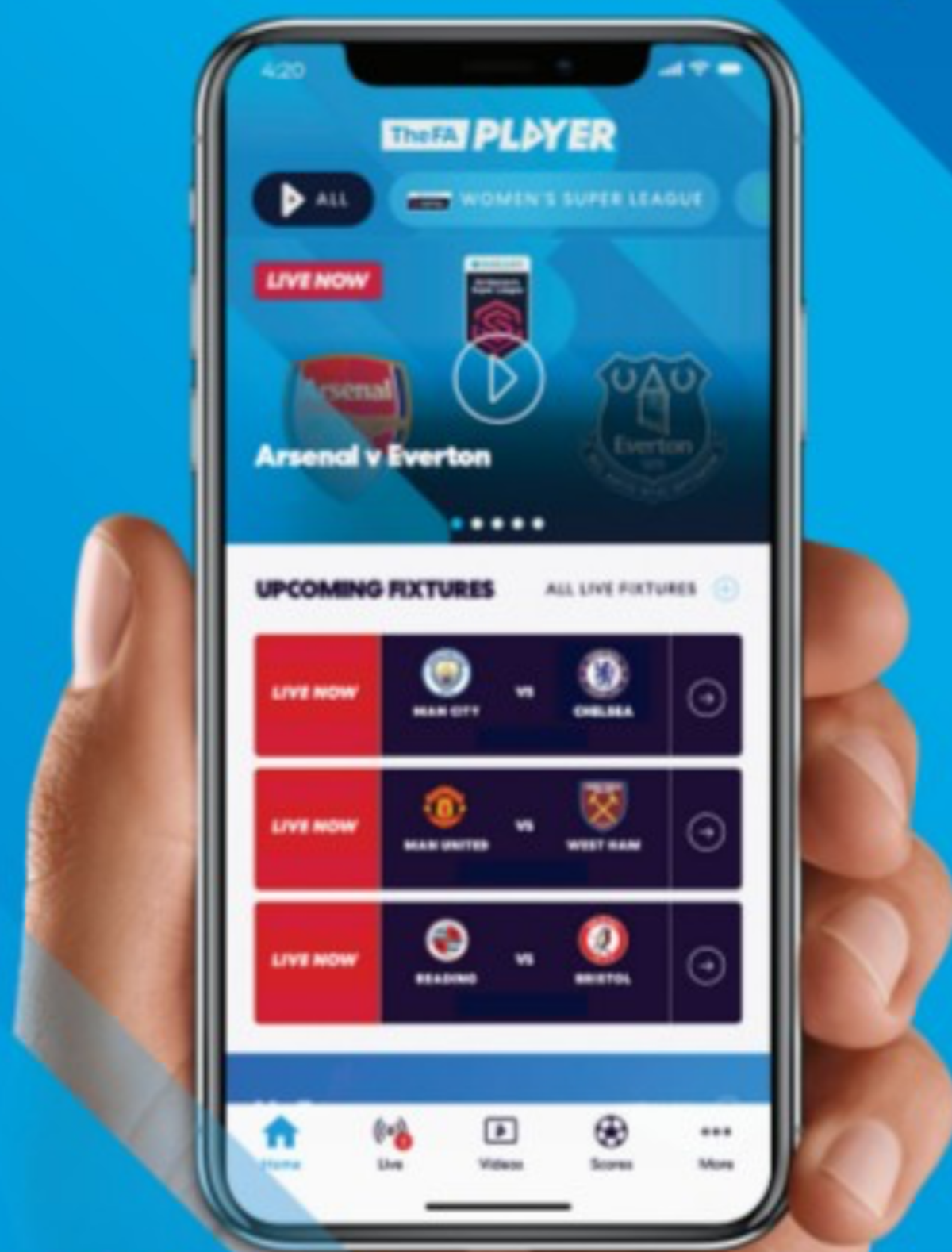
A very warm welcome to Harpenden Town FC fans, officials and team for todays game. The weather has been very wet so if this game is on it will be very heavy.

Harpenden seem to be in reasonable form, sitting in sixth place in the League, Baldock need to find some form having only won once in the last eight league games. Harpenden were here just before Christmas and beat Arlesey 2-0 but then Arlesey then beat us the week after. I hope if that isn't an indication of what might happen today but we live in hope.

The very best of luck to Baldock Town, we need a win.

John Graham
Programme Editor

Upcoming Fixtures						
ALL FIXTURES >						
Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team		Venue
PREM	06/01/24 15:00	Baldock Town	 VS 	Harpenden Town	New Lamb Meadow	
PREM	13/01/24 15:00	FC Romania	 VS 	Baldock Town	CHESHUNT FC (THE STADIUM)	
GCT	16/01/24 19:45	Baldock Town	 VS 	Huntingdon Town	New Lamb Meadow	
PREM	23/01/24 19:40	Shefford Town & Campton	 VS 	Baldock Town	Shefford Sports Club	
PREM	27/01/24 15:00	Baldock Town	 VS 	Real Bedford	New Lamb Meadow	



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League Table									
FULL TABLE DETAIL >									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Real Bedford	22	20	1	1	85	15	70	61
2	Milton Keynes Irish	21	17	3	1	66	14	52	54
3	St Panteleimon	21	12	6	3	45	23	22	42
4	FC Romania	22	12	3	7	55	39	16	39
5	Leverstock Green	21	12	3	6	45	38	7	39
6	Harpenden Town	20	9	4	7	37	35	2	31
7	Colney Heath	21	9	2	10	28	35	-7	29
8	Biggleswade United	20	8	4	8	42	43	-1	28
9	Potton United	22	8	4	10	30	40	-10	28
10	Cockfosters	19	7	6	6	40	33	7	27
11	London Lions	20	6	7	7	40	40	0	25
12	Dunstable Town	19	6	5	8	31	33	-2	23
13	Tring Athletic	19	6	5	8	29	35	-6	23
14	Baldock Town	23	8	1	14	46	59	-13	22 *
15	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	18	6	2	10	34	47	-13	20
16	Arlesey Town	19	5	3	11	17	43	-26	18
17	Stansted	18	4	4	10	24	40	-16	16
18	Crawley Green	21	4	4	13	28	54	-26	16

Latest Results									
ALL									
Type	Date / Time		Home Team		Away Team				
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		
PREM	25/11/23	15:00	Real Bedford		2 - 0		Baldock Town		
CC	21/11/23	19:45	Tring Athletic First		2 - 2 (Pens 4-3)		Baldock Town First		

RECENT FORM

Overall									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Form	
15	Stansted	6	1	2	3	6	11		
16	Crawley Green	6	1	2	3	7	16		
17	Shefford Town & Campton	6	1	2	3	7	19		
18	Biggleswade United	6	1	1	4	6	11		
19	Sawbridgeworth Town	6	0	2	4	7	12		
20	Baldock Town	6	1	0	5	8	16		

HARPENDEN TOWN FC - A BRIEF HISTORY

Harpenden Football Club was established in 1891 and were founder members of the Herts County League in 1898. In 1908, the club added Town to the name and joined the Herts County League Western Division. The club won the Herts County League Western Division championship in 1911, 1912 and 1921.

In the 1950s, the club won the Herts County League title three times (1951, 1953 and 1955) before joining the South Midlands League in 1957.

Two South Midlands League titles followed in 1961-62 and 1964-65 and the club added the Herts Charity Shield and South Midlands League Shield in 1968.

In 1981-82, Harpenden were relegated to Division One and it wasn't until 1989-90 that they won the title and returned to the Premier Division.

In 1991, the Centenary Stand was built and floodlights were installed at Rothamsted Park. Harpenden Town were founder members of the Spartan South Midlands League's Premier Division when the two leagues merged in 1997 and the club entered the FA Cup for the first time in 1998-99, beating Burnham in their first tie.

After relegation in 2005-06, the club spent 11 seasons in Division One, gradually getting closer to regaining Premier League status. They were eighth in 2013-14, then sixth and then fourth before edging out Baldock Town by a single point to finish runners-up to Biggleswade and claim promotion in 2016-17 under manager Danny Plumb.

The team's impact on the Premier Division during the 2017-18 season was immediate as they challenged Berkhamsted for the runners-up spot behind runaway champions Welwyn Garden City. Harpenden fell just short, missing out on promotion to Step 4 by three points. The club also won the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division Cup. Hopes of another promotion push faded the following season with a 14th-place finish, then came two seasons curtailed by the Covid pandemic.

Micky Nathan, who was appointed manager shortly before lockdown, then steered Harpenden to fifth place in 2021-22 and 11th last season.

To mark the 130th anniversary in 2021, the team adopted green and gold stripes – which had been the club's colours in its early days – as the new home kit.

Oaklands Ladies joined the club in summer 2022, becoming Harpenden Town Women. They reached the first round proper of the FA Cup earlier this season before losing to Luton Town and are pushing for promotion to the Eastern Region Women's Football League Premier Division.

In summer 2023, the club embarked on the biggest project in its history, overseen by chairman Roman Motyczak, who has been at the helm for a decade. Harpenden Town played their final game on the grass pitch at Rothamsted Park in March before installation of a state-of-the-art 3G pitch. The creation of terracing, a covered standing area and new seating in the Centenary Stand have transformed the ground.

Six months after their final home game on grass, Harpenden Town welcomed Dunstable Town for the first match on the new pitch in September 2023. A big crowd of 427 enjoyed sun-kissed conditions and a 4-0 home win.

The club also runs a men's development team, four under-18 teams and a women's under-23 team. The improved facilities and all-weather pitch have allowed for closer ties with Harpenden Colts, one of the largest junior football clubs in the country, ensuring a pathway from under-sevens to adult football.





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