

BALDOCK TOWN FC



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MATCH PROGRAMME

BALDOCK TOWN FC v TRING ATHLETIC FC
Sat 12th Aug 2023 - KO 3pm

SSML Premier Division
2023-2024 Season : Volume 16 Iss 1

WELCOME TO THE MATCH

Baldock Town FC offer a warm welcome to the Supporters, Officials and Players of Tring Athletic for our match today.

It is our first home game of the new season and with lots of new faces in the squad. We lost the first game of the season away to Colney Heath but hopefully we can pick up today.

I can appreciate the commitment of the Tring fans and their journey to get here as I did that journey every day for quite a few years. It is a bit easier at the weekend without the rush hour Luton and Dunstable traffic to cope with.

We went out of the FA Cup during the week but we were severely hampered by having to play midweek with a return to Little Oakley which is over by Harwich, and is about two and a half hours away. We needed to do that as our Saturday FA Cup tie was called off - after we had got there !! Totally unfair to reschedule it midweek.

Anyway we don't need to worry about that anymore. Neither do Tring, having fallen at the first hurdle as well.

The FA have a new campaign this year that all clubs need to support - it is called 'Love Football, Protect the Game'. This game is about the supporters and fans. The players and officials come and go but the club and the supporters are what this is about. It is great to have the rivalry and banter during the game, it can be intense but there are limits. The players have a particular responsibility and the following press release from the FA has a focus on the players and their ability to incite each other and supporters into some horrific behaviour. The article also focuses on the role of the Captain and in the past few years we have been lucky to have an exemplary Captain in Josh Furness. He has been able to be 100% involved in the game but also understands that everyone is due some respect for their role in the match and that the game will end but life goes on afterwards. The Captain has a special responsibility for the conduct of the team on the pitch.

Please ensure that you respect everyone's contribution to the match today.

We have rain forecast for 3pm but hopefully we can avoid it so enjoy the game and may the best team win - which in my opinion will be Baldock.

Come on ye Reds

John Graham
Educated Person and Programme compiler.





PROFESSIONAL GAME
MATCH OFFICIALS



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Managers, Coaches and Technical Area Occupants

Pre-match briefing

- Manager / Head Coach is expected to attend and participate in pre-match briefings

Conduct in the Technical Area

All occupants:

- Must behave in a responsible manner
- Compliance with the maximum number of staff and substitutes allowed by the competition
- Players and team officials not listed on the team sheet must not enter the technical area
- Must not use technology to challenge any decision made by the match officials
- Must remain within your own technical area during the match
- Must not enter the pitch to confront any match official at half-time or full-time

Coaching

- Only one person is permitted to stand at the front of the technical area and coach during the match
- A second person may stand but must remain very close to the technical area seating
- All conversations between the two standing must happen close to the technical area seating
- All other technical area occupants should remain seated

Captains

- Should take responsibility for the behaviour of their team-mates, encouraging them to play fairly and show respect towards the match officials and their decisions

Players

- Must not confront, invade the personal space of, or make physical contact with the match officials
- Two or more players surrounding a match official in a confrontational manner will result in a yellow card and be reported to The FA
- Must not instigate or escalate a mass confrontation with opposing players and/or technical area occupants

THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

Fixtures and Results

Type	Date / Time		Home Team		Away Team	
PREM	15/08/23	19:45	Real Bedford	C - C	Baldock Town	Canc
FAC	08/08/23	19:45	Little Oakley	3 - 1	Baldock Town	
PREM	01/08/23	19:45	Colney Heath	2 - 1	Baldock Town	
CC	27/07/23	19:45	Hadley First	0 - 1	Baldock Town First	

Upcoming Fixtures

ALL FIXTURES

Type	Date / Time		Home Team		Away Team		Venue
PREM	12/08/23 15:00		Baldock Town	 VS 	Tring Athletic	New Lamb Meadow	
PREM	19/08/23 15:00		Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	 VS 	Baldock Town	The Greenfleets Stadium	
PREM	26/08/23 15:00		Baldock Town	 VS 	London Lions	New Lamb Meadow	
PREM	29/08/23 19:45		Potton United	 VS 	Baldock Town	The Hutchinson Hollow	

Current League Form

Pos	Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Form
12	Stansted	1	0	1	0	1	1		●
13	Tring Athletic	1	0	1	0	1	1		●
14	Baldock Town	1	0	0	1	1	2		●
15	Potton United	1	0	0	1	1	2		●
16	Cockfosters	1	0	0	1	0	1		●

Team Stats

Pos	Team	Overall Goals	Goals	Penalties	Assists	Opposition Goal	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Second Yellow Card
		▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲	▼ ▲
1	Arlesey Town	2	1	1			3		
2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	2	2				4		
3	Baldock Town	2	2						
4	Biggleswade United	2	2				4		

TRING ATHLETIC FC - A BRIEF HISTORY

THE EARLY YEARS

Tring Athletic Youth FC was formed in March 1958 by a group of local men who contributed towards the purchase of 3.4 acres at Miswell Lane. The cost of providing changing rooms, fencing, equipment and ownership of the ground was approximately £2,000, a lot of money in those days. Committee members, players and friends carried out most of the work, including the building of the changing rooms and during the early days the team had to play on another pitch in Tring. Originally the Club was formed to provide football for youngsters aged under 21 and despite playing against adult teams we won many trophies in the West Herts Saturday League during the early 1960's including the Division 1 title 3 times in 5 years.

THE 70's/80's

We then went through a lean spell and in 1971 decided to scrap the upper age limit and drop youth from our name. Many former players returned and we had another successful period during the early 1970's. Over the years many fine players appeared in our shirts and many went on to play for professional/senior clubs.

In the mid-seventies the Miswell Lane ground was sold to the Council and we had a bad time and but for the efforts of a few loyal members would have certainly folded. The Reserves were disbanded and the First Team dropped down to Division 3. We decided to turn to youth again and gradually forced our way back up through the league and by 1986 we were competing in the Premier Division and running a Reserve side again.

SOUTH MIDLANDS - THE 90's

In 1988 we joined the South Midlands and as a result gained senior status with the Herts FA. In 1989 we entered into a 3 year ground sharing arrangement with Isthmian League side Tring Town moving back to Miswell Lane in 1992 where the Reserves had continued to play. We established ourselves in the South Midlands by gaining promotion to the newly formed Senior Division in 1993. In 1994/95 the First Team reached the final of the Senior Division Cup whilst the Reserves were finalists in the Apsley Junior Cup for the second year running. In 1996/97 we led the Senior Division throughout the season and looked favourites to win the title. However, some unlucky defeats in the last few games saw us drop down to 3rd place. In addition to our impressive league form we also had some terrific cup runs during that season. In 1997/98 we just missed out on the Senior Division title by the narrowest of margins to New Bradwell St Peter - a goal difference of just 2! We finished the season in fine style, suffering just 1 defeat in our last 21 league games. The Reserves went one better by winning their league by a clear 10 points and in doing so achieved 100% success in their league games at home. In 1998/99 we picked up our first major South Midlands trophy when we won the Senior Division Cup. We also won the St Marys Cup for the 2nd time in 3 years. In the league a terrific run of just 1 defeat in our last 28 games saw us finish in 3rd place. During this magnificent run we went 15 hours without conceding a goal. The 1999/2000 season proved to be one to remember. During the summer we spent over £50k on building new changing rooms and extending the social and bar area. To mark the opening of the new changing rooms we played a Watford XI in front of a huge crowd of about 1,000 people. The game was refereed by Graham Poll and Graham Barber. The season turned out to be the most successful in the Club's history. In addition to winning the Senior Division title by 11 points we also reached 5 finals. We won the Herts Charity Shield, Herts Senior Centenary Trophy and the Cherry Red Books Trophy in its inaugural year. We were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Letchworth in the Senior Division Cup. Our achievements were recognised by the South Midlands who awarded us the Houghton Regis Cup for achievements in outside competitions and Mick Eldridge, Ray Brimson and Richard Vincent were voted Managers of the Season. In 60 games in all competitions we lost on only 6 occasions.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM

After finishing the old millennium in style we continued our success into the new one (2000/01) by retaining the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy and the Cherry Red Books Trophy. The Reserves won the League title and a newly formed B Team claimed the runners-up spot. The following season (2001/02) we won the Herts Charity Shield for the 2nd time.

SEASON 2002/03 - More success followed as we capture the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy for the 3rd time, to become the first club to do so. We finished 3rd in the table and won the League Cup for the 2nd time, to make 12 major trophies in 7 years. We were also finalists in the Cherry Red Books Trophy. The A Team finished runners up as did the Under 16's in their first season, the B Team won the sporting award for the 2nd year running and the Ladies had a great run in the Women's FA Cup. For the 3rd year running Darrel Bodimeade won an award for the best playing surface, which is just reward for the tremendous job he continues to do for the club.

SEASON 2003/04 - Following our failure to secure floodlights at Miswell Lane we entered into an historic alliance with Tring Town to play our first and reserve team football in season 2004/05 at Pendley where lights were already in place. The main focus was to be to raise the funds needed to build a new Clubhouse, the previous building burnt down in March 2003.

SEASON 2004/05 - New season at a new ground in a new division with fantastic facilities. First team finished 6th in the Premier Division and also won the St Mary's Cup for the 3rd time defeating Hemel Hempstead in the Final. We were also Runners Up in the South Midlands Floodlit Cup Final losing on penalties to Oxhey Jets. Played in the F A Vase for the first time.



SEASON 2005/6 - The Club entered the F A Cup for the 1st time in its history but was defeated in the prelim round. In a disappointing season the highlight was a victory over Watford in the Herts Senior Trophy with a large crowd enjoying a 1-0 win. Defeat in this competition came at the hands of Stevenage Borough of the Conference league. Mary's Cup for the fifth time, defeating Leverstock Green 2-1 after extra time. The season finished with a 2-0 defeat to Royston Town in the South Midland Floodlight Cup Final.

SEASON 2007/8 - Winners of Herts Charity Shield - We defeated Weylwn Garden City in the final of this County Cup to win the trophy for the 3rd time in our history. This was the first trophy for the new management team of Manager, Phil Casserley, Assistant, Terry Nightingale and Coach Julian Robinson.

SEASON 2008/9 - Treble Winners - SSMFL Challenge Trophy Winners - Athletic defeated Chalfont St Peter at Harefield United's ground to lift this trophy in their first appearance in the final of this competition. SSMFL Premier Division Cup Winners - Athletic defeated St Margaretsbury to lift this trophy in their first appearance in the final. St Marys Cup Winners - Athletic defeated Leverstock Green to lift this trophy for the 4th time.

SEASON 2009/10 - The First Team finished without a trophy however they finished third in the league, the highest position in the Club's history.

SEASON 2010/11 - The First team finished in the highest position, runners up to Chalfont St Peter in the SSMFL Premier Division. They also won the St. Mary's Cup for the fifth time, defeating Leverstock Green 2-1 after extra time. The season finished with a 2-0 defeat to Royston Town in the South Midland Floodlight Cup Final.

SEASON 2011/12 - Julian Robinson and Tony Armitage took charge in the summer of 2011 knowing that many of last year's successful First Team had departed. A great re-building job was undertaken with a very credible 6th position achieved in the league and defeats by the odd goal in 3 cup semi finals.

SEASON 2012/13 - Mixed season with the 1st team winning their initial FA Cup tie at Bedfont and then losing in the next round to Ashford Town after a replay. In the League we finished just below half way, lost on penalties to Hadley in the semi final of the Premier Division Cup and were finalists in the St Mary's Cup losing to local rivals Berkhamsted. Midway through the season Tony Armitage left and Ian Richardson stepped up from the Reserves to assist Julian Robinson. Long serving, Stuart Stedman, was appointed coach to assist Colin Phillips with the Reserves who again had an excellent year bringing many players through to the First team.

SEASON 2015/16 - The First Team won the St Mary's Cup for the 5th time defeating Sun Sports and finished mid-table in the SSMFL Premier Division. The Reserves did the "double by winning the Suburban Football League North Division and also the Challenge Plate Competition.

SEASON 2016/17: First team won the St Mary's Cup, were finalists in the Herts Charity Shield, 5th position SSMFL Premier Division and reached the 4th round of the F A Vase. Reserves were finalists in the Suburban Football League Challenge Trophy.

SEASON 2017/18: The First Team reached the last 16 of the F A Vase for the first time losing unluckily to Melksham Town in front of a crowd of 1,236. The "A" Team set a Club record winning the West Herts Premier League and Cup double and only losing one game that being the final of the Herts Junior Cup.

SEASON 2018/19: The First Team were Runners Up in SSMFL Premier Division, equalling our best ever position. The Reserves were Suburban Football League Central Division Champions and the "A" Team were Herts Junior Cup Winners and West Herts Senior Cup Finalists.

SEASON 2019/20. Massive change at the club with long serving manager Kevin Richardson standing down and 14 from the previous year's successful squad moving on to other clubs. Kevin Christou took over the reins for six months, replaced by Chris Juraszek, who had run our reserve team for several years. Chris' remit was to return the club to its traditional values of operating prudently and developing local talent, which he did. In a season truncated due to covid we finish second.

SEASON 2020/21. A season decimated due to the covid pandemic, playing in fits and starts and behind closed doors until finally the league took the decision to cancel the competition.

SEASON 2021/22. We began this season with a new management team, headed by Ryan Sturges and Lee Groves, both former players at the Club. The covid pandemic provided us with the opportunity to complete a number of behind-the-scenes projects including installing new floodlights and re-furbishing the clubhouse. We had an understandably slow start to the season on the playing side but kicked on massively from the turn of the year. Our victory in the Premier Division Cup Final was just reward for the players and for the behind the sense group.

SEASON 2022/23. We finish ninth in the league, whilst the highlight of the season was our unprecedented run in the FA Vase competition, losing only narrowly in the fifth round to Bury AFC.

SEASON 2023/24. We have lofty ambitions of a top 5 finish and a shot at the new play off arrangements for promotion to Step 4. We shall see.



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