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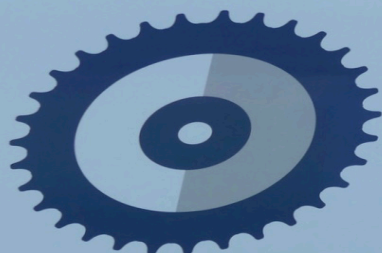
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Welcome to Leighton Town FC

Good Afternoon

Today we welcome our friends from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos for our first home League game since September.

We also welcome our 3 match officials, Referee, Ross Cole and his 2 assistants, Mike Heavey and Lee Randall. We hope they enjoy the game and our hospitality afterwards.

This is our first home game since 11th September, since then we have played 7 consecutive away games and dropped 8 points so it is vital that we keep taking maximum points from all our games - no pressure there then! Aylesbury like ourselves have just appointed a new Manager, Steve Bateman a well respected figure in local football.

This will be his second spell at Aylesbury Vale dynamos although they had a different name then.

Today's match is being sponsored by two companies, Deakin - White Real Estate, who are also our away kit sponsors and Dorvics Cycles. We thank them for their support and hope we can get a win today to mark the occasion.

Things have been very busy at the club since Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson resigned unexpectedly after the game at Oxhey. Once the Club advertised the news that we were looking for a Manager we received numerous credible applications for the job which kept Sean Downey very busy but we now have our new Manager, Paul Bonham in place. Welcome to Leighton and best wishes for the remainder of the season, Paul.

The only advantage of having no home games for a period is that we have been able to make essential repairs to our pitch after the persistent Badger attacks that ripped up the pitch from early in the season. Fortunately the pitch now looks in excellent condition, probably the best it has been for many seasons.

After Tuesday night's games when Risborough drew 2-2 at Oxhey they are now top of the table on goal difference but have games in hand. Risborough have a superb League record having not lost for 50 games stretching back to December 2019, this is an incredible record and they will now be most peoples favourite's for the title but



there are still lots of games to play and I am sure we will keep fighting for every point.

It has been encouraging to see so many Town fans at our recent away games and at some games I think we have had more fans than the home teams, thanks for your support.

We would like to say thanks to Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson for their hard work over the last 3 seasons, I'm sure they won't be out of work for long.

We reached 2 FA Vase Quarter Finals and this created a massive amount of interest in the Club after some disappointing seasons. The League was twice finished early due to Covid so we will never know how high in the table we might have finished.

Congratulations to Leighton fan, Richard Ayre who with his work colleagues at Connells Estate Agents completed a 10 mile walk in aid of the Charity, MIND.

Richard finished the walk in 2hours 33 minutes.

After today's match we will play away at Dunstable Town on Tuesday 26th October. We then travel again to play Holmer Green on Saturday 30th KO 3pm

Next Home game is Harefield on Saturday 6th November

We hope you enjoy today's game, Jackie is now back from Poland and the Main Tea bar will be open.

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Aylesbury Vale Dynamos

Club History

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos is an amalgamation of Aylesbury FC and Bedgrove Dynamos, two local clubs with a rich history in local football. Aylesbury FC enjoyed a long history in senior and junior football dating back to the 1930's under the previous names of Aylesbury Vale, Haywood United, Belgrave, Stocklake and Negretti and Zambra FC, which was founded in the 1930's by workers at the Negretti and Zambra company then based in London's King Cross district. The company moved to the Stocklake Industrial Estate, Aylesbury.

in 1949 and by the mid 50's the premises had a bar, football, cricket and tennis facilities. The football club joined the Aylesbury District League in 1954. The social club changed its name to Stocklake when Negretti and Zambra sold the premises to the local council, who then leased the facilities; hence the different sections adopted the name Stocklake. Under the guidance of Chairman Mr Ernie Crotty, the club gained many honours including runners up in ADL's top divisions, before gaining intermediate status in the Wycombe and District League first and senior divisions. Sadly Ernie was killed in a road accident just before the club moved premises to the present location at Haywood Way in 1987.

After gaining senior status and promotion to the Chiltern League in 1988, Stocklake enjoyed many further successes including Division One runners up in 1991, Premier Division and League Cup runners up the following season and Wycombe Senior Cup success in 1995. Cup success was also followed on in the following season, this time the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup being added to the trophy cabinet. Belgrave FC was formed in 1983 by Jim Sullivan who lived in nearby Belgrave Road. Jim had two sons who were passionate about football but were limited to where they could play, so formed a team himself with the help of neighbours Lynne and David Hatcher. By 1990, under the guidance of Danny Martone, Belgrave had grown to five youth teams providing football for over ninety boys from the Quarrendon and Haydon Hill areas of Aylesbury. 1996 saw the forming of two senior teams under the Belgrave FC name and by the turn of the millennium teams were represented at all levels from Under 8's through to seniors,

At the start of the 2000/2001 season, the senior Belgrave FC team was renamed Haywood United following an amalgamation with Stocklake FC with Danny Martone voted in as chairman of the new club. Haywood United joined the Spartan South Midlands League and won promotion into Division One after two seasons. Notable achievements during the 2001/2002 season included league awards for the best kept and most improved ground; this included the erection of floodlights and perimeter fencing, which Danny and his hard working committee fought hard to establish. Season 2002/2003 saw a difficult start in Division One, but with the arrival of manager Jon Franklin and his assistant Keith Walker just after Christmas, the club eventually consolidated finishing in 9th place. Promotion was gained to the South Midlands Premier Division the following year after a campaign that saw 23 wins, 7 draws and only 4 losses.



Haywood United proved themselves capable of staying in the Premier Division after finishing 3rd in the 2004/2005 season in a campaign that only include one loss in the twenty matches after Christmas. The club also entered the FA Cup and Vase for the first time and won the Buckingham Charity Cup in 2006.

Season 2006/2007 began with Haywood United becoming Aylesbury Vale FC and saw Keith Walker and Steve Gleinster take over as joint managers and steadily build a squad. This was recognised in the 2008/2009 season, under the management of Mark Eaton, with a good cup run in the FA Cup and FA Vase, winning three rounds in the FA Cup losing to Level 4 side Gosport after a replay, and losing out in the 4th round of the FA Vase to Leiston Town. . After Christmas the side suffered due to long term injuries and finished mid table. May 2009 saw a major new development in a new semi professional side vote for a name change. Aylesbury Football Club was formed under the leadership of Chairman Roger Dance and assisted by Vice Chairman Danny Martone

Former Chairman Bill Harrison was made President of the club. Great success on the field of play was to follow, with the team having a fantastic run in the F.A. Cup. We were the last 'level five' team in the country to remain in the competition and were rewarded with a visit to Haywood Way for the F.A. Cup trophy, allowing the team, supporters and local people to get their hands on this famous trophy and make the most of this memorable occasion. We were finally knocked out of the competition by Wealdstone in a close game. A brave and superb display was witnessed by a bumper crowd of 800 plus.

Meanwhile, away from the midst of F.A. Cup drama, our success continued, becoming 'Double Winners' Winning both the Spartan South Midland League and League Cup capping an extraordinary season and gaining promotion to the Southern League Division 1 Central. Steve Bateman took over in 2013/14, steered the club to safety in his first 6 months in charge. Then in 2014/15 with Bateman at the helm FC has their most successful season to date most successful to date. Playing at the highest level in the club's history, the team finished third in the League, having been pushing for promotion all season and narrowly lost out in the semi final to Bedworth United having already beaten them twice in the league. the 2015/16 finished with a flourish as the club finished just outside the play off positions, but had the consolation of our first major Cup Final, beating Chesham United in the Berks & Bucks Cup at Windsor. Steve Bateman and his management team resigned at the end of the



season and Danny Gordon & Gareth Risbridger took the helm , supported by Paul Bonham , Ryan Wiffin & Aaron Norman. Davis Haule took over from Gordon & Risbridger in December 2016, appointed brother Brian as his assistant and recruited former coaches Fraser McLachlan, Aaron Wiffin and added Ryan Collings to his back room staff for the 2017/18 season.

In 2018/19 Scott Reynolds was appointed manager and when he resigned midway through the season it was left to Paul Bonham to take control but because of ground grading issues the Southern League made the decision to relegate the club and so after ten seasons in the Southern League. Phil Granville and Ben Gill were appointed midway through last season and will kick off the 2020/21 season again in the Spartan Premier Division

Bedgrove Dynamos

Alf Buckland, a resident of Finmere Crescent, formed Bedgrove Dynamos in 1968. It was created to fill a void in activities for boys within the Bedgrove area on the south side of Aylesbury. In 1980, Dave Bayliss became involved when he brought his Cub side to the Bedgrove Park. The teams amalgamated and Dave went on to be the chairman for 21 years, stepping down in the year 2000. Within two years and barely a full strip between them, they managed not only to win the Under 12's Aylesbury & District League (ADL), but went on to win the 13's & 14's league in consecutive years and, by which time, they now had four teams at various age groups.

Over the years the club has grown and has won many tournaments and trophies, especially at county level. Many teams have toured abroad and the club has also entertained boys from Europe and America. We can boast that we are the only boys club to have a club pennant on display in Barcelona's trophy room.

At the start of the season 2001/02 the club was the largest junior club in the Aylesbury area, running teams from under 8's through to under 18's. At the end of the season 2001/02 the club managed to win the coveted Berks and Bucks Cup at under 14's, the Mayor's Cup at under 12's, represented in two other cup finals, won 3 league titles, gained 6 promotions in total and all teams finished in the top 6 to the fairplay awards for their respective leagues. In the last 20 seasons across the age groups the club has won 25 divisional titles, and runners up 20 times.

In 2019 two became one when the sides amalgamated with the intention of allowing the youth of the town to progress through junior football to youth and then adult football and play at the highest possible level.



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The League is relatively young compared to other's being formed in 1922 as the Bedfordshire County League. With new clubs keen to join from outside the County it was decided in 1929 to change the name to the South Midlands League. The League continued to consolidate and strengthen over the ensuing 70 years or so providing quality football for many teams over a large area of the South Midlands. In 1997 it became apparent that the London Spartan League, which was very much to the South of the League's geographical footprint, was struggling administratively and, with the full support of the Football Association, the decision was taken to merge the two competitions with the new League being known as the Spartan South Midlands League. The League now covers a wide area from North London in the South to Milton Keynes in the North and from Ware in the East to Aylesbury in the West.

The League is part of the FA's National League System (NLS) and comprises of three Divisions; Premier at Step 5 of the NLS, Division One at Step 6 and Division Two at Step 7.

The League has a proud record of promoting clubs to Step 4 of the NLS and has also provided 4 FA Vase Finalists including two winners in Arlesey Town and Hoddesdon Town FC.

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The History of Leighton Town Football Club

Leighton Town, who were known as Leighton United between 1922 and 1963, were formed in 1885. They were mainly involved in local leagues until the outbreak of the Great War and were winners of the Leighton and District League on several occasions.

Leighton were one of the original members of the South Midland League in 1922 – which at the time was known as the Bedfordshire County League. They were also members of the Spartan League between 1922/23 and 1951/52, but their only successes being the Spartan League Division 2 title in 1923/24 and 1927/28. They were Bedfordshire Senior Cup winners in 1926/27.

In 1952, they became a founder member of the Hellenic League, but after two disappointing seasons, moved to the South Midlands League. In 1965/66 season however, the Premier Championships at in the Leighton Town Boardroom. The club then re-joined the Spartan League in 1967/68.

Leighton proceeded to consolidate their League success by winning the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for three successive seasons in 1968, 1969 and 1970. Unfortunately, some of the successful players moved on to other clubs, and Leighton's fortunes again declined. A move to the United Counties League proved disastrous and after just two seasons, the club re-joined the South Midlands League.

During the '70's and '80's, Leighton were unable to capture the success of the '60's.

In 1990/1991 the First Team won the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the O'Brien's Premier Division Cup, both for the first time in the club's history.

The 1991/2 season was one of the club's best. The South Midlands Premier Division title, which had eluded the club for so long, was won, and with it a place in the Isthmian League.

1992/3 saw the Club's success continue when they won the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for the first time since 1970. The Club missed out on promotion in their first

Isthmian League season by just a single point, but the Youth Team retained the County Cup.

1995/96 saw the First Team win promotion to Division 2 of the Isthmian League, whilst at the same time retaining the Buckingham Charity Cup.

In the 1996/97 season, Leighton won the Isthmian League Associated Members Trophy for the first time.

1998/99 saw the return of the Associated Members Trophy and the Buckingham Charity Cup.

Season 2003/04 Leighton won the Ryman Isthmian Second Division title. They were also named Ryman Division Two Team of the Year, and Paul Burgess was awarded Manager of the Year. They also reached the Fifth round of the FA Vase, and the final of the Beds Senior Cup, before losing to Andover and Arlesey Town respectively.

The 2004–05 season saw the club placed in The Southern League East Division and finished in a creditable tenth place. They also won the Buckinghamshire Charity Cup. The Reserves won the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup and the U18's won the SCYFL League Shield.

The 2005–06 Season saw the Club progress again, improving on the year before, as they finished 8th in The Southern League Western Division. After a poor start, League results improved and the side only suffered four defeats from the start of November until the end of March, a play-off place just eluding them.

After three excellent victories interest in the FA Trophy competition ended with a single goal defeat to eventual semi-finalists, Borehamwood.

The Club also reached the Beds Senior Cup Final, but sadly they again finished as Runners Up.

The Club were relocated to the Southern League Midland Division for 06–07 season but only one League win in the first six games and early exits in the two FA Competitions cost Paul Burgess his job in September. He was replaced by former Wycombe professional Keith Scott, results did improve but it was a disappointing season, although Town did win the Bucks Senior Charity Cup.

The 2007–08 started brightly with the first League defeat not coming until mid-October. Three wins in the FA Cup saw the Club reach the 4th Qualifying Round for the first time in its history. A 3–0 defeat to Conference South, Havant and Waterlooville finally ended the run. Keith Scott then left in December to join Windsor and Eton. In January 2008, Assistant Manager Sean Downey was appointed as First Team Manager and did a splendid job as the Club ended their League season in 9th place, winning the Bucks Charity Cup and reaching the final of the Beds Senior Cup once more.

The 2008/09 Season the First Team finished 8th in the Southern League, Midland Division, achieving their highest points total to date at that level.

The 2009/10 season saw Leighton once again finish in the top half of the table, when they finished in 9th place and they also lost the Bedfordshire Senior Cup Final to Southern League rivals, Arlesey Town after penalties.

Season 2010/2011, saw Town finish in 7th place in the League, gaining 69 points, their best performance since joining the Southern Football League.

The 2011/2012 a poor season saw Leighton finish in their lowest position for several years.

2012/13 was also very disappointing for the First Team as they finished in 20th place.

2015/2016 After 3 disappointing seasons Leighton finished the season in the bottom two of the Southern League Central Division and were relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League where they had last played in the 1991/92 season.

2016/2017 This was a disappointing season with the club struggling for much of the time after yet another Managerial Change. Things did pick up towards the end of the season and we eventually finished in 16th place.

2017/18 The club retained Scott Reynolds as Manager and finished 4th in the League and reached the Quarter Finals of the FA VASE. Gates improved and it was our best season for about 8 years,

2018/2019 Manager, Scott Reynolds resigned in the close season and Danny Nicholls was appointed as Manager but left in October due to work commitments. The Club then appointed Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson, who had previously won the Premier division title with London Colney as their new Management Team. They steadied the ship and we finished in mid table.

2019/2020 Was a good season for the Club as we again reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase and after a slow start in the League the team started to find some good form as we slowly climbed up the table. The team were also awarded the Team of the Month twice.

2020/2021 Town for the third time in 4 seasons reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase but sadly lost out to 2 late penalties. An indifferent start in the League meant we could not quite gain the points needed to gain promotion in a Covid affected season.

2021/2022 Leighton are hoping to be challenging at the top end of the table but we are well aware that this is a difficult Division and several other strong teams will be competing to finish in the top 2 places.



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Many Non-League football clubs survive with the help of volunteers, unfortunately like us they cannot survive on that alone. Sponsors, local businesses and their financial donations are also a huge help in keeping the club maintained and helping us to buy equipment, keep up repairs and every few years, purchase a new kit.

Even the smallest of sponsorship money contributes to our football club in so many ways. Programme Sponsors, match and player sponsors all help towards the upkeep of the club and to keep it running for our supporters and the local community.

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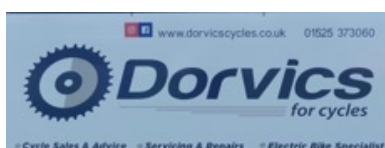
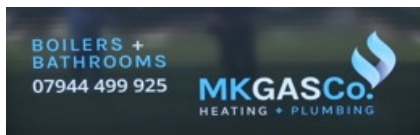
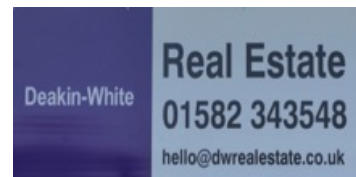
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What does more supporters watching our game mean? It means our team and players out on the pitch get the inspiration, the passion, and the knowledge that the local community and supporters are behind them. Home supporters cheering on their team means so much. The noise and support the players receive when people watching cheer during the match, is inspirational for them and raises the desire to win.

When everyone pulls together to achieve success, from volunteers at the club generous sponsors, to the supporters and of course the players and Management, success will be accomplished.

Tell your friends and family, invite them down to Bell Close to come and support us and who knows what might happen

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MATCH REPORT

Flackwell Heath 1 - 2 Leighton Town

This was Town's 4th away match in a row and they still have to play 3 more away games before facing Aylesbury Vale Dynamos at Bell Close on the 23 October.

Despite the very heavy rain the Flackwell pitch looked in good condition for the start of the game. Town started the match playing up the slope and in the early stages both teams looked keen to press forward. There were a couple of half chances for both teams early on but Town's defence looked comfortable when the hosts attacked. It was the hosts however who took the lead in the 19th minute when Thomas worked his way into the corner of the penalty area before curling his shot into the far top corner of the goal.

Town pushed forward looking for an equaliser and Danny Webb cleverly turned past his marker just inside the box and fired in a fierce right footed shot which went just wide of the keepers right hand post. In the 35th minute Town won a free kick just which was crossed into the box where it fell loose and Ethan Flanagan fired the ball into the net from close range.

With a couple of minutes remaining to half time Town were awarded a free kick on their left flank and when the ball was crossed into the box Bill Morgan got his head to the ball and Ethan Flanagan was quickly onto the ball and fired home from 2 yards with his left foot.

The second half was fairly even but there were very few serious efforts on goal although in one move down the left Ashton Campbell ran into the penalty area but his left footed shot lacked the power to trouble the home keeper who made a comfortable save. Six minutes from the end of the match Flackwell must have thought they were going to equalise but Connor Coulson made a superb save to keep Town in front.

Town saw the game out and stay at the top of the table for their trip to Harefield on Tuesday night before travelling to Oxhey next Saturday.

TEAM:Coulson, Fitzgerald, Flanagan, Murphy, Osborne, Dunstan, Frederick (Capt),Webb,Campbell,Silford. ATT:144
Subs used.Newbury- Barr, Adams. SubsUnused:Swales, Parkinsonn



Flackwell Heath 1-2 Leighton Town



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MATCH REPORT 5/10/21

Harefield 2- 1 Leighton Town

After taking all 3 points at Flackwell Heath on Saturday, Leighton travelled to Harefield on Tuesday night hoping to gain another 3 points to keep them at the top of the table but it was the hosts who secured the points with a goal in each half. Despite a late reply from Danny Webb it was too little too late for Town.

Leighton had a chance to take the lead in the 10th minute when after an excellent pass by Luke Dunstan Tom Silford drove a low ball across the face of the goal but Danny Webb at the far post had his scoring attempt from 6 yards blocked by a defender. Harefield went in front in the 19th minute when Bill Morgan headed the ball out where it was picked up by a harefield player who ran towards goal and from the edge of the penalty area he drove a superb shot into the corner of the net despite the best efforts of Connor Coulson.

A few minutes later Town had another half chance but Dave Parkinson drove his shot into the side netting. Harefield then went close as a low shot flashed across the Town goal. Town were then reduced to 10 men just before half time when Tom Silford was sent to the Sin - Bin for dissent.

Leighton went close to equalising when Ethan Flanagan crossed well from the left and Danny Webb jumped well but his header struck the bar and the hosts scrambled the ball away.

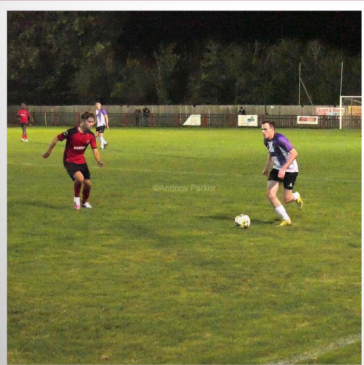
In the 65th minute Harefield broke away and Joe Fitzgerald was deemed to have fouled his opponent as he ran into the box , the resulting penalty was easily converted to double the hosts lead. Joe Fitzgerald and Oran Swales then put in some good work down the right wing for Town but the final ball was well claimed by the home keeper.

In the 87 minute a low cross was driven into the Harefield box and Danny Webb stroked it into the net to give Town a glimmer of hope and with time almost up a low ball went right across the Harefield goal but Town had no one on hand to get the vital touch.

A disappointing result for Town who now go to Oxhey Jets on Saturday hoping to return to winning ways .



Harefield 2-1 Leighton Town



MATCH REPORT 9/10/21

Oxhey Jets 2 - 2 Leighton Town

After their defeat at Harefield in midweek Town knew that nothing less than a win would be acceptable from this game. Oxhey who have had to rebuild their whole team in recent weeks after dismissing their Manager were second from bottom in the League before the game, but Town had to make some changes with Bill Morgan, Luke Dunstan and Dave Murphy unavailable for selection. Leighton started at a good tempo and in an early attack James Towell raced down the line but his low cross was blocked by a defender. Town kept up the pressure and a Jordon Frederick cross was headed wide by Ashton Campbell from a good position, then Ross Adams struck a shot which the keeper saved. Town were well on top at this stage and in the 13th minute Connor Coulson fired a long kick down the pitch and Ashton Campbell who had run behind the defence had to wait for the ball to drop but a defender managed to get back and clear at the expense of a corner kick. The game had been all Leighton at this point except for one break by the home team. In the 19th minute Oxhey shocked Leighton by taking the lead with a freak goal, Oxhey defender Ferrel Charles from about 45 yards punted a long high ball towards the Leighton goal and it went over keeper, Coulson and into the top corner of the goal. After the shock of going behind Town went back on the attack and Ashton Campbell played a pass through the home defence but the keeper just beat James Towell to the ball. Oxhey then attacked and Inch made space for a shot but Coulson made a comfortable save. James Towell then tried a shot from distance but it went well over the bar.

Town made a change at half time when the injured Newbury-Barr was replaced by Alfie Osborne. Town created 2 early chances at the start of the half but a defender headed one off the line and Tom Silford shot well over from about 12 yards. About half way through the second half Ashton Campbell fired in a terrific shot which hit the bar and bounced out. Although Town had dominated the half the hosts scored a second following a free kick when Wade headed the ball over Coulson. Leighton went back on the offensive and Tom Bryant struck a shot wide of the post. In the 60th minute from a corner kick Danny Webb forced the ball over the line to give Leighton a glimmer of hope. Town scored an equaliser when Dave Parkinson scored from close range and Town fans they might take all 3 points. In the dying minutes Danny Webb got a header in from Campbell's free kick but the keeper turned it around the post. From the resulting corner the ball broke loose and the referee awarded a penalty for a tackle from behind on Parkinson. Although a couple of Oxhey players tried to rough up the penalty spot, Danny Webb stepped up to the ball but put his effort wide of the left hand post. Leighton fans would say that the penalty miss just about summed up Leighton's day, who could argue?



Oxhey Jets 2-2 Leighton Town



MATCH REPORT

Crawley Green 0 - 4 Leighton Town

Following the resignations of Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson after last week's game at Oxhey, Leighton travelled to Luton to play Crawley Green with two former Town favourites, James Heeps and Enzo Silvestri in temporary charge of the team. Jordon Frederick missed the game and Joe Fitzgerald was captain for the day. Danny Webb was on the subs bench. This game was Town's 7th consecutive away League game and they have dropped 8 points during this sequence of games.

Town got off to a great start in the 3rd minute when Ashton Campbell played a clever pass through the home defence and Dave Parkinson finished clinically with a low shot into the corner of the net. Leighton continued to push forward in the early stages and after 7 minutes they won a corner on the right which the home defence only partially cleared and Tom Silford was first to the loose ball and curled a powerful shot into the far side of the goal to double the Town's lead.

In the 15th minute a pass from Ross Adams found Ashton Campbell in a good position but on this occasion the striker was unable to control the ball. Shortly after this as Town attacked again James Towell crossed from the left but the ball bounced off the bar and went behind for a goal kick.

Shortly before half time Town won a corner on the right and when it was taken Brian Foulger rose high above the hosts defence to power a header into the net for Town's third.

Town fans were probably hoping for more goals in the second half which lacked some of the pace of the first 45 minutes. Town continued to do most of the attacking however it was not until the 65th minute that they secured their fourth goal after Tom Silford beat his marker near the goal line before pulling the ball back to Dave Parkinson who coolly slotted the ball home.

Hatton a member of Town's successful U18 side made his first team debut as a substitute when he replaced James Towell late in the game. A young Crawley Green side who's Manager also resigned in midweek never gave up but rarely provided a serious threat to the Leighton defence and the game ended in a fairly comfortable win for Leighton to end a hectic week for the Club.

The good news for Leighton fans is that next Saturday 23rd October they will finally have a home game when we entertain our friends from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos



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LEAGUE TABLE

			Overall					Home					Away						
P			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Risborough Rangers	11	8	3	0	36	8	5	0	0	20	4	3	3	0	16	4	+28	27
2	Leighton Town	14	8	3	3	35	18	3	1	1	13	5	5	2	2	22	13	+17	27
3	Harpenden Town	11	7	2	2	22	14	3	1	1	9	5	4	1	1	13	9	+8	23
4	New Salamis	11	7	1	3	33	14	4	0	2	19	9	3	1	1	14	5	+19	22
5	Leverstock Green	12	7	1	4	27	15	2	0	2	10	7	5	1	2	17	8	+12	22
6	Harefield United	11	5	2	4	26	17	3	1	3	13	10	2	1	1	13	7	+9	17
7	Hadley	10	5	2	3	15	16	3	1	2	10	12	2	1	1	5	4	-1	17
8	Milton Keynes Irish	11	4	4	3	19	15	2	4	0	9	6	2	0	3	10	9	+4	16
9	Arlesey Town	10	4	2	4	20	23	2	1	3	10	14	2	1	1	10	9	-3	14
10	London Colney	12	4	2	6	11	21	2	2	3	5	13	2	0	3	6	8	-10	14
11	Ardley United	10	4	1	5	18	14	2	1	2	9	6	2	0	3	9	8	+4	13
12	Flackwell Heath	10	4	1	5	13	13	2	0	4	7	9	2	1	1	6	4	0	13
13	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	11	4	1	6	18	25	2	0	2	8	13	2	1	4	10	12	-7	13
14	Oxhey Jets	11	3	4	4	22	33	1	4	1	13	14	2	0	3	9	19	-11	13
15	Holmer Green	11	4	1	6	16	32	2	1	3	11	17	2	0	3	5	15	-16	13
16	Broadfields United	7	4	0	3	12	16	1	0	2	3	7	3	0	1	9	9	-4	12
17	Crawley Green	12	2	3	7	19	28	0	1	5	6	19	2	2	2	13	9	-9	9
18	Dunstable Town	12	3	0	9	7	25	1	0	4	2	10	2	0	5	5	15	-18	9
19	Baldock Town	10	2	1	7	12	23	0	0	4	5	13	2	1	3	7	10	-11	7
20	Tring Athletic	11	1	4	6	11	22	1	1	5	5	12	0	3	1	6	10	-11	7

Attendance Statistics

Attendances					
Team		Lowest	Highest	Average	+/-
1	Leighton Town	260	418	331	+7.47%
2	Dunstable Town	87	149	126	+14.55%
3	Risborough Rangers	102	170	126	+26.00%
4	Harpenden Town	89	151	121	-11.03%
5	Flackwell Heath	70	208	120	+30.43%
6	Tring Athletic	70	214	117	+17.00%
7	Hadley	98	160	114	-11.63%
8	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	67	159	105	+6.06%
9	Arlesey Town	63	140	95	+17.28%
10	Oxhey Jets	52	126	88	+12.82%
11	Ardley United	50	106	87	+45.00%
12	Leverstock Green	60	105	78	+1.30%
13	Harefield United	50	105	67	-26.37%
14	Milton Keynes Irish	38	96	67	+21.82%
15	Baldock Town	58	74	63	-31.52%
16	Holmer Green	40	92	60	+11.11%
17	Crawley Green	40	100	57	N/A
18	Broadfields United	35	59	50	-43.82%
19	London Colney	0	52	39	-17.02%
20	New Salamis	19	52	32	-36.00%



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TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER



V



DUNSTABLE TOWN

19:45

LEIGHTON TOWN

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SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER



V



HOLMER GREEN

15:00

LEIGHTON TOWN

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PREMIER LEAGUE OCTOBER FIXTURES

Saturday 23rd October

Arlesey Town v Hadley
Harpenden Town v Oxhey Jets
Leighton Town v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos
Leverstock Green v Broadfields United

Tuesday 26th October – Kick Off 7.45pm unless stated

Ardley United v Crawley Green (Kick Off 7.30pm)
Broadfields United v Arlesey Town
Dunstable Town v Leighton Town
Hadley v Oxhey Jets
Harefield United v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos
London Colney v Milton Keynes Irish
Risborough Rangers v Flackwell Heath

Saturday 30th October – Kick Off 3.00pm unless stated

Arlesey Town v New Salamis
Aylesbury Vale Dynamos v Baldock Town
Broadfields United v Hadley
Flackwell Heath v Dunstable Town
Harefield United v London Colney
Holmer Green v Leighton Town
Leverstock Green v Crawley Green
Milton Keynes Irish v Tring Athletic
Oxhey Jets v Ardley United
Risborough Rangers v Harpenden Town

NEXT HOME GAME



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SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER



V



LEIGHTON TOWN

15:00

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SIN BIN EXPLAINED

Sin Bins

Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sin bins' - will become mandatory for matters of dissent across all of grassroots football from the 2019/20 season.



HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go in to the sin bin for dissent cautions



For use of words or gestures questioning or undermining the ref's decisions



EXAMPLES OF DISSENT

- Shouting at the ref
- Questioning ref's ability
- Slamming the ball in to the ground
- Sarcastically clapping a decision

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin



For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of:

1st half: Continues into 2nd half

2nd half: Continues into extra time

Extra time: Player can participate in penalties

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



Dissent



Dissent caution: Ref issues a yellow card and directs the player to the touchline



Player can't be substituted until period expires and not if all subs have been made



Whilst in the sin bin, if the player commits a yellow or red card offence they can't take any further part in the game and can't be substituted



If the player commits a 2nd dissent caution and has already been booked, they will take no further part in the game and can't be substituted



If the player commits a 2nd dissent caution and no other offences, they will receive a 2nd sin bin. After which they can't take any further part in the game but can be substituted



If the player commits a yellow card offence on the field of play in addition to a period in the sin bin, they will continue to play



Ref decides when player returns to play

FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS STILL A RED CARD OFFENCE!

5 Reasons why you should follow Non-League Football

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But how many of us have heard of non-league much less know the teams that take part in it? For those of you who aren't familiar: Non-League football describes football leagues played outside the top leagues of a country. Usually, it describes leagues which are not fully professional. The term is primarily used for football in England, where it describes football played at a level below that of the Premier League and the three divisions of the English Football League.

The clubs that constitute the non-league provide a real alternative to the higher echelons of the game. **So just what is the appeal of non-league football?**

5) Fairy tales

Non-league football does produce its fair share of fairy tales. There have been many, from Fleetwood Town rising out of non-league obscurity to now reside in League 1 to Lincoln City who was languishing in the fifth division who would participate in the League 1(3rd tier in England) next season.

However, none eclipses that of AFC Wimbledon, a team formed in 2002 by fans of the old Wimbledon FC, who were outraged that their club had been moved 56 miles away to Milton Keynes and renamed MK Dons. The club defied all the odds after starting life in the Combined Counties Premier Division (English football's ninth tier) by gaining promotion in five of the next nine seasons to reach professional football again in 2011.

They are produced countless upsets in the FA Cup and the League Cup. Some memorable ones are Conference Premier Lincoln defeating Burnley at Turf Moor to reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in the 2016-17 season and Conference Premier side Luton Town's away victory over Premier League's Norwich City in the 2012–13 Fourth Round Proper. Yeovil Town holds the record for the most victories over league opposition as a non-league team, having recorded 20 wins through the years before it achieved promotion into The Football League. The record for a club which has never entered The Football League is held by Altrincham, with 17 wins against league teams.

4) Large Talent Pool

People may have a laugh and say that the non-league does not house any talent, but that is mere short-sightedness' this footballing world where ludicrous amounts are thrown around like confetti for players. On-league is a treasure trove waiting to be excavated.

Some of the players to rise out of non-league to reach the Premier League include Jamie Vardy, Chris Smalling, Charlie Austin, Troy Deeney, Dwight Gayle There is so much talent in non-league football, but people just don't see it. It is a travesty but nowadays scouts do come to watch these games in the hopes of finding a gem, but still not enough respect is being paid to the Non-League.

Who knows, the next Ronaldo or Messi could be waiting to be excavated from the Non-League.

3) The Money

Let's be honest. All the top clubs have fan followings in the millions and have huge stadia and the average price of a ticket is close to 60 pounds for a premier league game. Add to that the food and drinks and the merchandise you procure, and this proves to be a costly affair. It has become a big business where the big clubs just fleece the fans and as such the average Joe is outpriced.

The Alternative, go to your nearest Non-League Stadium and support the team. The ticket prices are dirt cheap and you can be a part of the action. One can easily get access to the players and have a chat with them towards the end of the game.

The owners are also quite friendly and for once, your opinion matters which is largely unheard of in the modern game

Granted, the quality of the gameplay and the players are far far lower, but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

2) Stadia

Clearly, the stadiums in non-league football certainly don't have the facilities, size or glamour to match those that you'd find in the Premier League, but it has one crucial advantage in that it has its own charm and passion.

One feels special singing their heart out throughout the games in such stadia and to the players who care and are not playing to just earn truckloads of money.

When you're attending a football match; you remember the entire day, not just the game being played on the field, and non-league clubs have more memorable individual details than most professional ones.

1) Fierce Loyalty

In the modern day, where loyalty seems to be a dying quality, it is of great comfort that there are still those people out there who seek to support their local sides rather than simply selecting a random big-name team to support, with no emotional attachment to them, simply because they think they'll win trophies.

In an era where some supporters of the big clubs do not have a strong sense of loyalty towards their team and players. One feels a part of the process of watching a local team and gets a strong sense of pride about their place and this feeling cannot be underestimated in a time where people are attempting to take the heart from football and treat it solely as a business.

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Recent Results

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Competition
FAYC	21/10/21 19:45	Bugbrooke St Michaels		 Leighton Town U18	FA Youth Cup 3rd Round Qualifying
FAYC	14/10/21 19:45	Bugbrooke St Michaels		Abandoned A - A	FA Youth Cup 3rd Round Qualifying
FAYC	30/09/21 19:45	Rothwell Corinthians		 Leighton Town U18	FA Youth Cup 2nd Round Qualifying
COR	23/09/21 19:45	Leverstock Green U18		 Leighton Town U18	Corinthian
FAYC	14/09/21 19:45	Leighton Town U18		 AFC Dunstable U18	FA Youth Cup 1st Round Qualifying
COR	09/09/21 19:45	Leighton Town U18		 Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)	Corinthian
FAYC	02/09/21 19:45	Leighton Town U18		 Corby Town	FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round





MATCH RESULT

THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

4-1

UGBROOKE ST MICHAEL 18 **LEIGHTON TOWN 18**





SOUTHERN COUNTIES FLOODLIT YOUTH LEAGUE

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER



KINGS LANGLEY

19:30

LEIGHTON TOWN

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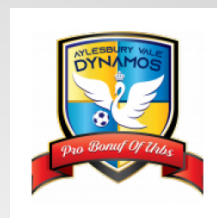


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MATCHDAY SQUAD FROM



Leighton Town

Red & White / Red / Red

Connor Coulson (GK)
Joe Fitzgerald
Tom Silford
Bill Morgan
Ethan Flanagan
Brian Foulger
Ross Adams
James Towell
Dave Parkinson
Ashton Campbell
Tom Bryant
Alfie Osborne
Sonny Newbury-Barr
Luke Dunstan
Josh Hatton

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos

Yellow/Blue/Blue

Dan Mc Ateer (GK)
Paolo Bagatti
Paul Adam
Dan Ball
Dan Wilson
Danny Murphy
Terry Griffiths
Luke Nugent
Jack Hodgins
Jon Munday
Daniel Boateng
Matty Chew
Dave Brown ©
Alfi Touceda
Gael Muyonge
Roy Byron
Jake Baldwin
Davis Haule
Oliver Lemon
Davide Pobbe
Charlie Ogle
Callum Shortt
Montel Brown

**Manager: Paul Bonham,
James Heeps
Enzo Silvestre
Physio:**

John Rutherford & Lorraine Smith

Manager Steve Bateman

Assistant: Davis Haule

Coach: Billy Ready

Physio: Steve Hoare

Match Officials

Referee Stephen Bates

Assistants: Michael Heavey : Lee Randall