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#### **WELCOME**

Good afternoon to you all and welcome to Bell Close for what promises to be a keenly contested game against New Salamis. We welcome everyone associated with the visitors and hope they enjoy their visit. I believe that this is the visitors first visit to Bell Close Leighton. We extend our welcome to our 3 match officials. Tom Burns and his two assistants Tom Roberts and Eddy Clifford, we hope they enjoy their afternoon.

Today's game is a vitally important game for both Clubs. New Salamis and Harpenden both won their midweek games and things are getting tight at the top end of the table and the second half of the season looks like it could be very interesting, although Risborough look to be favourites at this time.

New Salamis were promoted at the end of last season and they have continued their good form into the current campaign and they are now in a good position to challenge for the Premier Division title. In the reverse fixture at Harringey we won 3-2 when a very late goal from Alfie Osborne secured all three points. This was a good result after a poor first half performance saw us trailing 2-0 at half time.

Next Saturday 11th December we have our last home game before the Christmas break when we play Crawley Green and then on Tuesday 14 December we will play Ampthill away in the League Challenge Trophy.

We have now completed just over half our League games and it looks as if the points we have dropped could cost us dearly at the end of the season, but keep your fingers crossed, as the other Clubs still have to win their games in hand so who knows.

We just have to keep winning especially against the teams who could overtake us.

Thank you all for your terrific support so far this season please keep it up.





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#### **New Salamis Football Club History**

New Salamis FC were formed in 1971 by fans of Cypriot club Nea Salamis Famagusta, with the Cypriot based club acting as a parent club to their fans in the UK. Playing in the KOPA (Cypriot Football League) a British League set-up for Cypriots in London, the club won countless honours and left the league in season 2017/18 as the leagues most successful team, winning 12 League Titles.

The club also won a record 7 London County Cups.

In the 2015/16 season the club won the FA Sunday Cup, following a 1-1 draw with Barnes at Selhurst Park and winning on penalties. In 2016/17 the club lost to Hardwick Social Club on penalties again following a 1-1 draw, at Brammall Lane. Many of the players still play for the team today.

In 2018/19 we moved into the Herts County Senior League, playing our matches at Enfield Town FC. In our first season we won the presitgous Aubrey Cup Final, and also acheived promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League, after finishing runners up.

Season 2019/20 saw us participate in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One at Step 6, our ambition to achieve promotion to Step 5.

In March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, we sat top of the certain of a top four finish and promotion. We also were the top scorers in all top 10 Divisions as the season was null and voided.

Last season saw the team reach the first round of the FA Cup, in our first season, and when the season was curtailed in November, we had managed to amas enough points to be promoted to the Premier Division on points per game over two season, this season sees a new chapter.



#### **CLUB HONOURS**

#### HERTS SENIOR COUNTY PREMIER DIVISION

Runners Up 2018/19

#### HERTS SENIOR COUNTY AUBREY CUP

Winners 2018/19

#### FA SUNDAY NATIONAL CUP

CHAMPIONS 2015-16 Runners-up 2016-17

#### KOPA LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

WINNERS ( x 12 ) 2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2012/13, 2011/12, 2010/11, 2008/9, 2000/2001, 1999//2000, 1993/94, 1984/85 Runners-up 2009/10, 2001/02, 1998/99, 1995/96, 1991/92, 1988/89

#### KOPA LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

WINNERS 2017/18, 2016/17, 2013/14, 1995/96, 1994/95, 1987/88 Runners-up 2009/10, 2005/06, 2002/03, 1996/97, 1991/92, 1988/89

#### KOPA LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION CUP

WINNERS 2017/18, 2016/17, 2013/14, 2005/06, 1995/96, 1994/95, 1987/88
Runners-up 2009/10, 2002/03, 1996/97, 1991/92, 1988/89

#### LONDON FA SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP

WINNERS ( x 7 ) 2017/18, 2016/17, 2014/15, 2013/14, 2010/11, 2009/10, 2007/8, 1981/32 Runners-up 2005/06



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#### **LEAGUE HISTORY**

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.

# **PREMIER**



# DIVISION



ARDLEY UNITED



ARLESEY TOWN



AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS



BALDOCK TOWN



BROADFIELDS UNITED



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**HADLEY** 



HAREFIELD UNITED



HARPENDEN TOWN



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MILTON KEYNES IRISH



**OXHEY JETS** 



NEA SALAMIS



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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 Championship sat in the Leighton Town Boardroom. The club then rejoined 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 rejoined 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.

1995/6 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 1996/7 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 05-06 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 07-08 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 it's 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 08/09 Season the First Team finished 8th in the Southern League, Midland Division, achieving their highest points total to date at that level. The 09/10 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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#### **Spartan South Midlands**



#### Saturday 4th December – Kick Off 3.00pm

#### PREMIER DIVISION

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

# Saturday 11th December – Kick Off 3.00pm

#### PREMIER DIVISION

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



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- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
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- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

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#### **MATCH REPORT 23/11/21**

#### Leighton Town 4 – 2 London Colney By Max Bradfield

Leighton Town were back in league action on Tuesday night and back to winning ways in an impressive 4-2 victory against London Colney. The weekend's FA Vase heartbreak was long forgotten as Paul Bonham's side bounced back in commendable fashion. Two goals either side of the break were enough to see off the bottom half opposition despite two goals of their own in the second half.

In the first five minutes, the home side were more than happy to build out from the back. Town moved forward and the first real chance came on eight minutes. Midfielder and Captain Alfie Osborne found himself with a bit of room on the edge of the box and pinged his left footed effort just wide of the top left corner. 15 minutes in, the great build up from the back was noticeable again as Leighton moved from defence to attack – finding Ashton Campbell on the left. He put in a low cross for new man Leon Lobjoit who just side footed wide of the right post.

A goal seemed inevitable, and fans didn't have to wait too long as Town broke the deadlock two minutes later. More progressive possession yielded a free kick just inside the London Colney half. Tom Silford floated it in from the left and Bill Morgan rose to head it back across. His header was high but caused havoc in the box. The keeper failed to deal with it and it broke to Campbell whose driven effort slid into the bottom left corner through both sprawled defender and keeper alike.

25 minutes in, the visitors looked to make an impression on the Leighton box. First, a free kick from the right was cleared easily before Kirkwood was forced into action three minutes later – pouncing on a loose ball from a deflected shot.

Later, the away side carved out another first half attempt. A shot on the edge deflected wide left but had the goalkeeper moving. Less than 3 minutes later on 40', the *Blueboys* were there again with two quickfire chances. The first shot was parried on the bounce by Kirkwood before his poor clearance was intercepted in the midfield. The second effort was fired down low to his right and he saved well with his feet before Leighton moved out of the half with Osborne.

Bonham's side moved through the gears to get from back to front - and the dynamic attack had the defence at sixes and sevens. A late flick in the box led to a Leighton Town penalty and up stepped Lobjoit. The former Northampton striker slotted his penalty emphatically into the bottom right corner, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way in what was



effectively the last real action of the first half.

The second period started with great intent. Although that got lost in translation with an Osborne yellow card on 49'. Striker Lobjoit was back at Leighton for his second spell and another man doing the same was young midfielder Luke Pyman. Back after a successful spell away with Potton United, he was introduced in the second half for Brian Foulger on 57 minutes.

Continued early pressure saw the visitors pull a goal back on 64 minutes. A big block from Bill Morgan led to a corner. The ball from the right went through the men at the front post and bounced kindly for the number six who side footed into the right side of the goal.

65 minutes saw another Leighton substitute. New player Sam Olawale was introduced for Ross Adams. However, it was the earlier substitute Pyman who would have the next influence in the game. Cruyff turning back on his right just outside the box, he got his head up and curled an accurate shot into the bottom right corner despite a desperate hand from the goalkeeper.

That keeper would be back in action on 73 minutes, as Olawale was another one keen to get a good start. The winger cut in from the right side and curled one on his left – only to be denied by a brilliant full stretched keeper tipping round the left post.

Just after this, Olawale would get in the Leighton good books. After being slid in by Luke Dunstan, he ran down the right before floating a tempting cross to the back post. Lobjoit was there to nod home to make it 4-1 – bagging his brace.

It looked to be a resounding score line, but to their credit, London Colney didn't give up. 78 minutes saw a half chance float over the Leighton goal, before on 85' the *Blueboys* got another consolation goal. A cross from the left was met with a strong header that looped high back over Kirkwood into the left corner. Two minutes later they could've set up a tight finish but were denied a contentious penalty and were instead (perhaps wrongfully) booked for simulation.

The full-time whistle signalled another good result in the Spartan South Midlands League, as Leighton Town slowly adapt to a new style of play. It also ended a great game where new talent had been filtered nicely into the side.

As it stands, Town are back on top of the table, but other sides still have games in hand. This result was a good set up for more action on Saturday when Leighton make the short trip to Totternhoe in the South Midlands League Trophy.









#### **RECENT RESULTS**

Туре	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Competition
PREM	01/12/21 19:45	Baldock Town	1 - 2 (HT 1-0)	Harpenden Town	Premier Division
PREM	30/11/21 19:45	Tring Athletic	0 - 1 (HT 0-1)	Arlesey Town	Premier Division
<u>PREM</u>	30/11/21 19:30	Oxhey Jets	2 - 4 (HT 2-1)	New Salamis	Premier Division
BBSC	30/11/21 19:45	Binfield	2 - 1 (HT 0-1)	Milton Keynes Irish	BERKS & BUCKS SENIOR CUP
BBSC	30/11/21 19:45	Flackwell Heath	(Pens 3-4, HT o- o)	Sandhurst Town	BERKS & BUCKS SENIOR CUP
PREM	27/11/21 15:00	Flackwell Heath	1 - 2 (HT 0-2)	New Salamis	Premier Division
PREM	27/11/21 15:00	<u>Hadley</u>	4 - 0 (HT 4-0)	Arlesey Town	Premier Division
PREM	<u>27/11/21 15:00</u>	<u>Harpenden Town</u>	3 - 3 (HT 1-1)	<u>Dunstable Town</u>	Premier Division
PREM	27/11/21 15:00	Holmer Green	2 - 4 (HT 2-1)	Broadfields United	Premier Division
<u>PREM</u>	<u>27/11/21 15:00</u>	Leverstock Green	3 - 3 (HT 1-2)	Harefield United	Premier Division
PREM	27/11/21 15:00	Oxhey Jets	4 - 5 (HT 1-3)	<u>Aylesbury Vale</u> <u>Dynamos</u>	Premier Division
PREM	<u>27/11/21 15:00</u>	Tring Athletic	3 - 0 (HT 1-0)	Milton Keynes Irish	Premier Division
<u>GCT</u>	27/11/21 14:00	Totternhoe	1 - 4 (HT 1-1)	Leighton Town	Gladwish Challenge Trophy 2021 - 2022
<u>OSC</u>	<u>27/11/21 13:30</u>	Ardley United	4 - 0 (HT 3-0)	Summertown Stars	OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP



# MATCH REPORT 27/11/21 By Max Bradfield

# Town progress in the Gladwish Challenge Trophy Totternhoe 1 – 4 Leighton Town

Leighton Town beat Totternhoe FC on Saturday 1-4 to progress to the second round of the SSMFL Gladwish Challenge Trophy. In an earlier than usual 2pm kick off, Town overcame a well drilled opposition in front of an estimated 250-plus crowd.

Fresh off the back of an assertive midweek victory against London Colney, Leighton began proceedings at the Recreation Ground on the front foot. Tom Bryant and Ashton Campbell had the home goal in their sights, but their early offerings inside the first ten minutes were nothing more than speculative. On 27 minutes, Campbell had another shot. This time on target – it forced a smart save from the Totternhoe goalkeeper.

Despite the early run of play, the home side held out and even got the first goal of the game on 33 minutes. A great through ball found a Totternhoe forward who broke away and put the ball in the top corner to stun the visitors. Leighton needed to regroup and regroup they did, as it didn't take long to get back on level terms. After defiant continued pressure from going behind, it was Tom Silford who had the ball in the net on 41 minutes – giving Leighton something to build on going into the break.

At half time, Town introduced Archie McClelland for Ross Adams. After a relatively quiet gritty spell in the second half's first exchanges – Town's second change of the game would be the next event of note. On 56 minutes, Brian Foulger came off for Joe Fitzgerald. The changes were welcomed for Town and only a mere three minutes later saw more action and Leighton's second goal – a tidy finish from Tom Bryant.

Just after his goal, that man Bryant would be involved again. Leighton countered from a good Totternhoe spell – and the goal scorer cut the ball back to Archie McClelland. The substitute attempted an audacious chip, but it was just too high. Following this chance, the game was back into a familiar hard-fought spell.



On 80 minutes, Freddie Heeps was brought into the action for Tom Silford and just after this change – there was a Leighton chance. 82 minutes saw Alfie Osborne hit a beckoning ball on the volley just over from the edge of the box. Close, but now Bonham's men could smell blood and the opportunity to add to their two goals was there. The third goal came on the 85th minute through Josh Hatton. Receiving the ball on the penalty spot, he skilfully took it past his marker before coolly slotting home into the bottom left corner. The tails were up here and before another five minutes had passed, Ashton Campbell added to his side's late flurry of goals. A great cross from Finley Peart on the right was headed back across the face by McClelland. Campbell arrived and finished from close range for Leighton's fourth and final goal of the game.

After this win, Leighton Town now face Ampthill in the next round. That game is scheduled for the 14th of December. The next league challenge comes in the form of 3rd placed New Salamis this Saturday back at Bell Close.











#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

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1	Leighton Town	20	12	5	3	52	22	6	2	1	21	8	6	3	2	31	14	+30	41
2	Risborough Rangers	15	12	3	0	46	9	7	0	0	24	5	5	3	0	22	4	+37	39
3	New Salamis	16	12	1	3	48	18	5	0	2	24	9	7	1	1	24	9	+30	37
4	Harpenden Town	18	11	3	4	36	26	5	2	1	19	10	6	1	3	17	16	+10	36
5	Leverstock Green	18	10	2	6	42	26	4	1	4	22	18	6	1	2	20	8	+16	32
6	Hadley	16	10	2	4	30	20	5	1	3	16	14	5	1	1	14	6	+10	32
7	Arlesey Town	17	8	2	7	33	35	3	1	5	16	20	5	1	2	17	15	-2	26
8	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	18	7	2	9	30	39	3	0	4	11	18	4	2	5	19	21	-9	23
9	Harefield United	16	6	4	6	38	25	4	2	3	21	12	2	2	3	17	13	+13	22
10	Flackwell Heath	15	7	1	7	24	17	4	0	5	15	11	3	1	2	9	6	+7	22
11	Milton Keynes Irish	17	6	4	7	24	26	3	4	2	12	12	3	0	5	12	14	-2	22
12	Ardley United	14	6	2	6	24	15	4	2	2	15	6	2	0	4	9	9	+9	20
13	Broadfields United	13	6	1	6	20	25	2	0	4	6	11	4	1	2	14	14	-5	19
14	Oxhey Jets	17	5	4	8	33	50	1	4	3	19	23	4	0	5	14	27	-17	19
15	Dunstable Town	19	5	3	11	20	40	2	2	5	7	15	3	1	6	13	25	-20	18
16	London Colney	18	5	2	11	17	45	3	2	5	8	22	2	0	6	9	23	-28	17
17	Holmer Green	17	4	2	11	22	52	2	1	6	14	31	2	1	5	8	21	-30	14
18	Tring Athletic	17	3	4	10	19	32	3	1	6	10	14	0	3	4	9	18	-13	13
19	Baldock Town	14	3	1	10	15	29	0	0	6	6	17	3	1	4	9	12	-14	10
20	Crawley Green	17	2	4	11	21	43	0	1	7	7	25	2	3	4	14	18	-22	10



#### Town Youth players make their First Team full debuts

It was a proud moment for Youth Team captain Josh Hatton and fellow U18 player Finley Peart as they made impressive full debuts in Leighton Town's 4-1 win over Totternhoe FC on Saturday. Both have had minutes from the bench, but Paul Bonham took the opportunity to blood the youngsters in this South Midlands Challenge Trophy game and they didn't disappoint. Josh capped a fine performance with a beautifully taken goal late in the game and Fin expertly crossed for Archie McClelland to set up Ashton Campbell for 'The Reds' fourth goal. Freddie Heeps also made his debut from the bench and showed some excellent touches including a defence splitting pass that sent Archie McClelland through on goal late in the second half. Interestingly, Jack Kent, a further Town U18 youth player, turned out against his youth teammates for opponents Totternhoe on Saturday, where he has been given an excellent introduction to senior football through Leighton's special relationship with the club.

Director of Football Sean Downey said that the boys were "shining examples of the club's commitment to youth development" and went on to praise all the youth coaches and managers who have played an integral part in their development. He said: "in a crowded and at times confusing football landscape for parents and young players in the 16-18 age group, it is important to highlight the huge advantages of staying on in Sixth Form education without committing to football education programmes that can often restrict the opportunities young players have to gain valuable senior football experience when they are ready. It was great to see Luke Pyman, a first team graduate from our U18 set-up, as well as 4 current U18 youth players representing the First Team and acquitting themselves so well on Saturday."

"At Leighton Town we provide our 16+ players with competitive midweek football in the Southern Counties Floodlit League and on a Sunday in the Eastern Junior Alliance. Next season we will be establishing our new Leighton Town 'Development Team' who will play at Step 7. This will provide a further pathway for our young players to keep learning and developing within the club structure once they outgrow or graduate from the U18 programme.

Full details of this new opportunity will be released in January.



He was also keen to point out that Leighton Town provide opportunities for younger youth players to gain experience with the U18 team at training and when they are ready, accelerate their development through providing them with match time at U18 level. "So far this season five U16 players have made their debuts for the U18 team and have become regular members of the squad and matchday teams which has been excellent for their development. We work very much on the principle that 'if you are good enough, you are old enough'. In Paul Bonham we have a First Team Manager who is genuinely interested in giving young players opportunities to play when they are ready."

He concluded by saying that "These are exciting times at the club and any young player or parent who is interested in discussing the opportunities that Leighton Town has to offer should contact Head of Youth Development Dan Turney on: dan.turney@hotmail.co.uk, U18 Manager James Heeps on: jh1logistics@icloud.com or Sean on: sdowney0207@outlook.com "

Sean also has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Post-16 Education and is happy to advise on this too, to support talented young players who wish to maximise their academic talents as well as their football ones, make informed choices about their next steps.









#### **CLUB SPONSORS**



















































#### How you can help

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 up keep of the club and to keep it running for our supporters and the local community.

We are here to provide a nice happy place and to provide local football for everyone to enjoy. If you watch it, play it, or volunteer to help the club in any way, Leighton Town FC is for everyone.

Please spread the word about Leighton Town FC, tell your friends and family about us, to show them they have a local football club where they can enjoy a great friendly atmosphere, watch good football and to cheer on their local team.

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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#### **2021/22 SEASON FIXTURES**

Туре	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Competition		
PREM	<u>23/11/21</u> <u>19:45</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	London Colney	Bell Close	Premier Division		
<u>GCT</u>	<u>27/11/21</u> <u>14:00</u>	Totternhoe	<u>vs</u>	Leighton Town	TOTTERNHOE FOOTBALL AND SOCIAL CLUB	Gladwish Challenge Trophy 2021 - 2022		
PREM	04/12/21 15:00	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Salamis</u>	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	11/12/21 15:00	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Crawley</u> <u>Green</u>	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	18/12/21 15:00	Broadfields United	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	TITHE FARM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Premier Division		
PREM	28/12/21 15:00	Milton Keynes <u>Irish</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	The Irish Centre	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>03/01/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Aylesbury</u> <u>Vale Dynamos</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	The Greenfleets Stadium	Premier Division		
PREM	08/01/22 15:00	Risborough Rangers	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	Windsors	Premier Division		
PREM	22/01/22 15:00	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Hadley</u>	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>29/01/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	Baldock Town	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	New Lamb Meadow	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>05/02/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Ardley United	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>19/02/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Leverstock Green	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	26/02/22 15:00	<u>Harpenden</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	Rothamstead Park	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>05/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Tring Athletic	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	12/03/22 15:00	London Colney	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	LONDON COLNEY FC	Premier Division		
PREM	19/03/22 15:00	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Arlesey Town	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	<u>26/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Oxhey Jets	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	02/04/22 15:00	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	<u>vs</u>	Flackwell Heath	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	16/04/22 15:00	Leighton Town	<u>vs</u>	Milton Keynes Irish	Bell Close	Premier Division		
PREM	3 <u>0/04/22</u> 15:00	<u>Hadley</u>	<u>vs</u>	<u>Leighton</u> <u>Town</u>	Brickfield Lane	Premier Division		



# 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



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

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#### **LEIGHTON TOWN U18**





#### **Full Results Table**

Type	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Competition
COR	02/12/21 19:30	AFC Dunstable U18	0 - 2	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
COR	<u>25/11/21 19:45</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	4 - 2	<u>Leverstock Green</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
COR	<u>15/11/21 19:45</u>	<u>Luton Town U18</u> <u>Shadow (Cedars)</u>	0 - 0	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
COR	04/11/21 19:45	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	1 - 2	<u>Dunstable Town</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
COR	28/10/21 19:30	Kings Langley FC U18	3 - 2	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
<u>FAYC</u>	<u>21/10/21 19:45</u>	Bugbrooke St Michaels	4 - 1	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	FA Youth Cup 3rd Round Qualifying
<u>FAYC</u>	<u>14/10/21 19:45</u>	Bugbrooke St Michaels	Abandoned A - A	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	FA Youth Cup 3rd Round Qualifying
<u>FAYC</u>	3 <u>0/09/21 19:4</u> 5	<u>Rothwell</u> <u>Corinthians</u>	1 - 5	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	FA Youth Cup 2nd Round Qualifying
COR	23/09/21 19:45	Leverstock Green <u>U18</u>	0 - 10	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	Corinthian
<u>FAYC</u>	14/09/21 19:45	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	2 - 1	AFC Dunstable U18	FA Youth Cup 1st Round Qualifying
COR	09/09/21 19:45	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	3 - 1	Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)	Corinthian
FAYC	02/09/21 19:45	<u>Leighton Town</u> <u>U18</u>	5 - o	Corby Town	FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round

### Corinthian

#### League Table

Full Table detail

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Kings Langley FC U18	7	7	О	О	22	21
2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18	7	5	1	1	8	16
3	Leighton Town U18	7	4	1	2	14	13
4	<u>Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)</u>	7	4	1	2	3	13
5	Leverstock Green U18	11	4	0	7	-16	12
6	Harpenden Town U18	8	3	2	3	4	11
7	Berkhamsted FC U18	8	3	1	4	4	10
8	AFC Dunstable U18	7	1	О	6	-12	3
9	Dunstable Town U18	8	1	0	7	-27	3



# Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League Corinthian Division



Bell Close, Lake Street, LU7 1RX Adults £3, All Others £1



#### **Corinthian Team Stats**

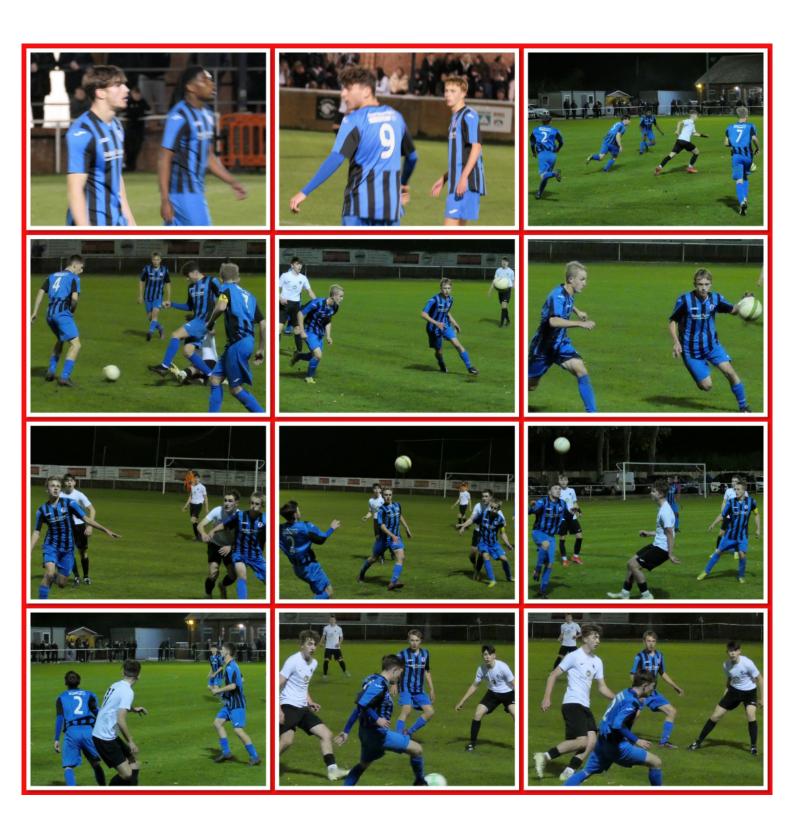
Pos	Team	Overall Goals	Goals	Penalties	Assists	Opposition Goal	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Second Yellow Card	Sin Bin	Own Goal Conceded	Opposition Penalty
1	AFC Dunstable U18 (SCFL)	7	7				8	1				
2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18	19	19				5					
3	Berkhamsted FC U18	22	20	2			6	1	1			
4	Dunstable Town U18	7	7				9					
5	Kings Langley FC U18	41	41				0.00					
6	Leighton Town U18	30	30				7					
7	Leverstock Green U18	20	20		7		1					
8	Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)	14	14				6		1	5		

#### Corinthian

			Но	Home Away Overall															
Pos	Team	P	w	D	L	F	A	w	D	L	F	A	w	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kings Langley FC U18	7	3	0	О	12	2	4	0	О	18	6	7	o	o	30	8	22	21
2	<u>Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18</u>	7	2	0	1	7	2	3	1	o	9	6	5	1	1	16	8	8	16
3	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	7	2	0	1	8	5	2	1	1	14	3	4	1	2	22	8	14	13
4	<u>Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)</u>	7	1	1	o	3	0	3	0	2	12	12	4	1	2	15	12	3	13
5	<u>Leverstock Green U18</u>	11	2	0	5	14	27	2	0	2	6	9	4	0	7	20	36	-16	12
6	<u>Harpenden Town U18</u>	8	1	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	10	8	3	2	3	17	13	4	11
7	Berkhamsted FC U18	8	1	1	3	8	14	2	0	1	13	3	3	1	4	21	17	4	10
8	AFC Dunstable U18	7	1	0	4	5	12	О	0	2	1	6	1	0	6	6	18	-12	3
9	Dunstable Town U18	8	О	0	4	5	21	1	0	3	5	16	1	0	7	10	37	-27	3



#### **LEIGHTON TOWN U18**





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Sonny Newbury-Barr

Luke Dunstan

Josh Hatton

# New Salamis White/Grey/Grey

Derek Asamoah

Johan Becka

**Austin Byfield** 

Andreas Chambi

Harrison Georgiou

Ryan Hervel

Arti Krasnigi

Charne Lemba

George Lutaaya

Alaa Oujdi

Joseph Staunton

Luke Foster

Charlie Georgiou

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**Assistants: Tom Roberts: Eddy Clifford**