

**SSMFL
Premier Division
2021/22 Season**



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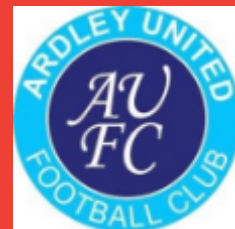
**Saturday 5th February 2022
KO 3pm**



Leighton Town

v

Ardley United



Admission: Adults £7 - Concessions & 13-16's £4 - Under 13's Free



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A Word From Today's Match Sponsors

ÈNERGIE FITNESS LEIGHTON BUZZARD; are very proud to be partnering with Leighton Town Football Club; in what is its first of many seasons to come.

Franchisee: Darren Rossiter (right) & Operations Manager Phil Culley (left) are both equally excited; but for very different reasons.

Phil: "being born and bred in the Town; I am very proud of its history; traditions and the overwhelming feel of COMMUNITY.

I feel privileged; to be in a position where my Club and its People, can give back to the Town; physically; socially; and, financially where possible"

Darren: "first and foremost; my love for football, saw me play to a very competitive level back home in Ireland. I understand what it means to feel part of something 'more'. I appreciate the sacrifices; commitment and personal disciplines needed to achieve and be the best Team you can be.

I was so impressed with the Team behind the scenes; and the standards they hold themselves to.

We are very excited to not only give back to one of the key pillars in our Town; but also, to jump on board this exciting journey; as LTFC continues its own personal Transformation."

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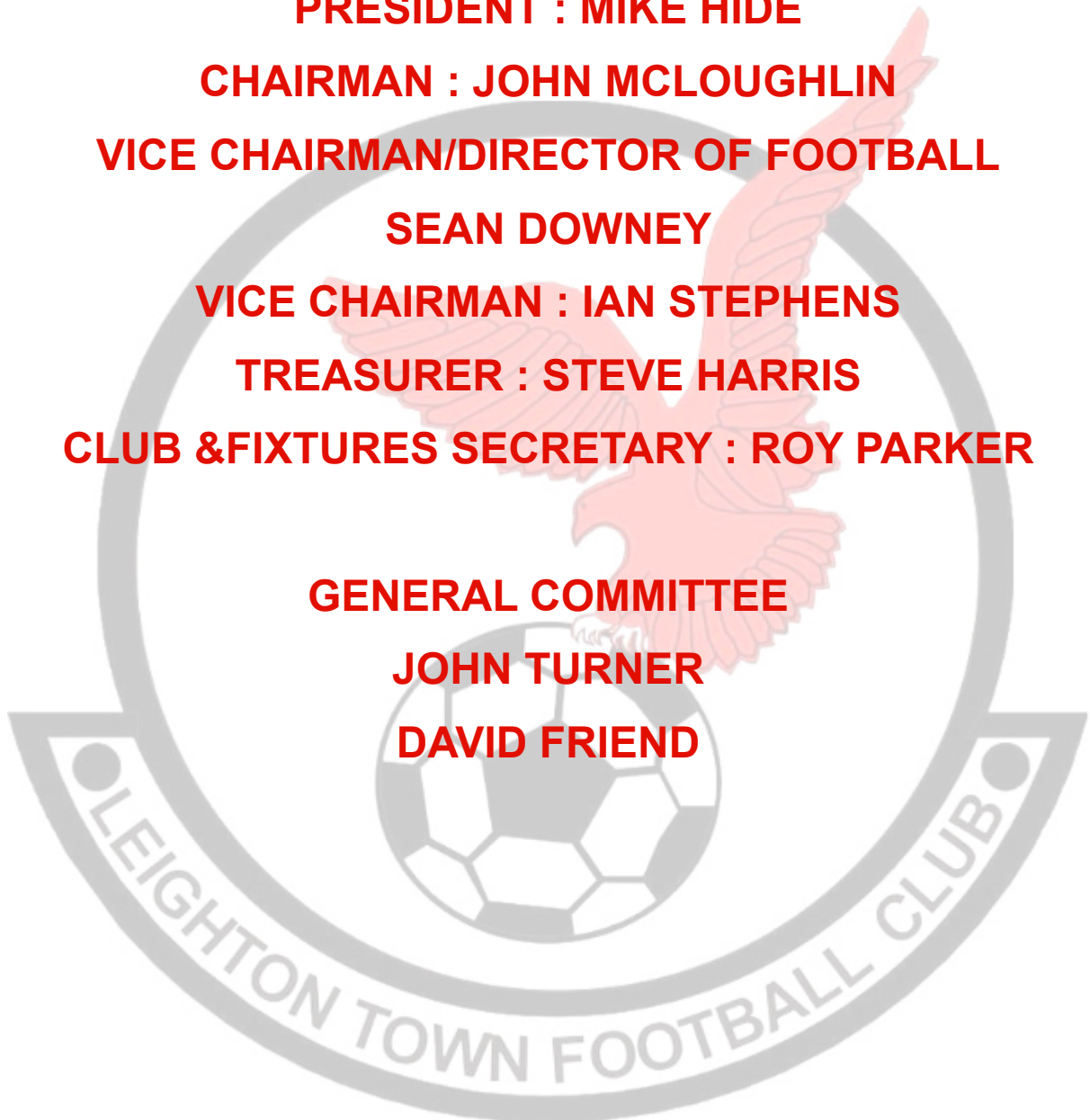
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Welcome to Bell Close

Good Afternoon to you all and Welcome to today's game against Ardley.

We welcome everyone concerned with Ardley for what should be a keenly contested game if the game earlier in the season between the 2 sides is anything to go on. Ardley are currently 9th in the table with 35 points to their credit after 23 games.

We also extend our welcome to our 3 match officials, Referee, Chris Howes his 2 assistants Toby Carlisle and Luke Griggs. We hope they enjoy their afternoon and travel home safely afterwards.

Last week against Baldock after an indifferent first half we produced a good second half performance and goals from Ashton Campbell and Ross Adams ensured that we secured all 3 points after a difficult game. We now face two more difficult games in 4 days, today against Ardley followed by an away game against Aylesbury Vale Dynamos on Tuesday 8th ko 7:45.

Our Beds Senior Cup game against Luton Town on 15th February will probably be an all ticket game, please keep your eye on the social media sites for more details about this.

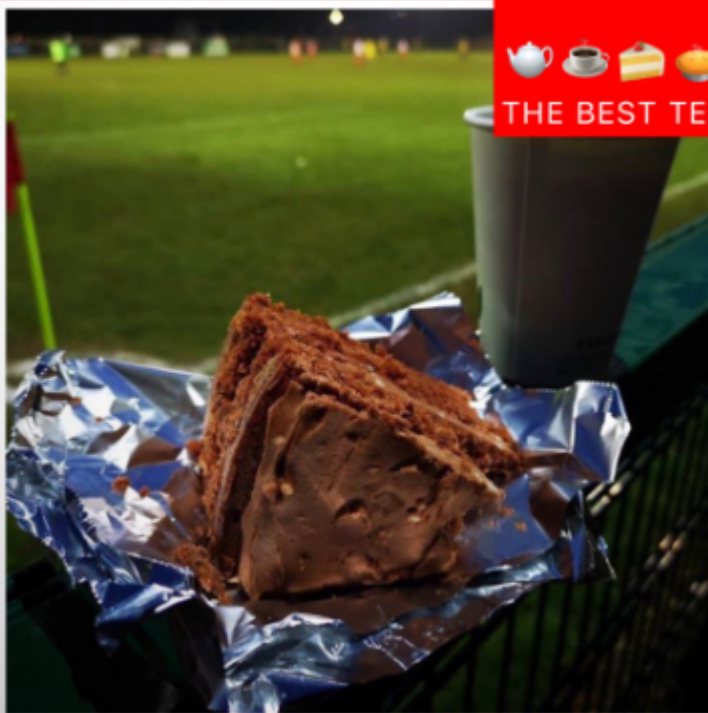
Following the Luton game we have another home game against Leverstock Green on 19th February.

We hope you will enjoy today's game.



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Ardley United Club History

Ardley United were formed in 1945 just after the end of the Second World War. In the early years, the club plied its trade in the Lord Jersey FA and played on a pitch which was situated close to the railway line on the Oxford Road. The 1950's and '60's were successful for the club as they won both league titles and cups; most notably the Oxfordshire Junior Shield on three occasions as well as many other trophies. The acquisition of the current Playing Field site in the mid-60's enabled the club to move into the heart of the village, and a number of volunteers led by life-long supporter Doug Hodges built modest changing rooms.

Ardley continued to compete in the Jersey League throughout the 70's and early 80's without much success but this was to change in the mid-'80's with the arrival of Norman Stacey as chairman – a position that he graces to this day. In 1988 the club were promoted to the Oxfordshire Senior League and won the Division One title at the first attempt, following this up with the Premier Division title the following season. Accepting a place in the Hellenic League for the 1993/4 season, Ardley spent six seasons in the 'old' Division One winning it in both 1996/7 and 97/8 as well as winning the Division 1 Cup for a record four consecutive seasons before it was merged with the Premier Division Cup to become the Challenge Cup that we know today. The manager during these years was ex-Oxford United leading scorer Peter Foley and he was to be the first in a line of managers to keep Ardley at the forefront who include Paul Spittle, Paul Berry, Dan Still and Kevin Brock among their number.

Major change was to come in the early 2000's as, along with the Ardley Playing Field Committee, Ardley United oversaw the construction of dedicated facilities along with a separate village hall which enabled the club to be independent of community activities. The new clubhouse, which had been awarded the Non-League Paper's Hungerford Cup for most-improved facilities, allowed the club to be promoted to the Hellenic Premier Division and so began the club's most successful years to date.



Kevin Brock took the reins for seven seasons which saw Ardley win several cups including the Oxfordshire Senior Cup in 2013/14, a season during which they narrowly lost out on the Premier Division title by just two points. Following Brock's departure, Paul Davis took over as manager for nearly two seasons until the resignation of long-time chairman Norman Stacey in June 2017 for personal reasons. Ian Feaver took over the role of Chairman and appointed Craig Adey as First Team Manager. A decision to be voluntarily relegated to uhlisport Hellenic League Division One West gave everyone some breathing space to adjust to the new regime.

Craig brought with him a talented squad of players and they won the Division title gaining promotion back to the Premier Division at the first time of asking. The 2018/2019 season had its ups and downs but the team finished on a high winning the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup.

Lee Matthews was appointed manager for the 2020-21 season, after being joint manager with Danial (Elvis) Knight after Craig departed during the 2019-20 season. The club went through a restructure in the back office, leading to Eddie Nix being appointed as Director of Football and the creation of the Ardley United Development team, managed by Carl Reed.



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Respect





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.

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE



PREMIER DIVISION



Ardley United



Arlesey Town



Aylesbury Vale
Dynamos



Baldock Town



Broadfields Utd



Crawley Green



Dunstable Town



Flackwell Heath



Hadley



Harefield United



Harpenden Town



Holmer Green



Leighton Town



Leverstock Green



London Colney



MK Irish



New Salamis



Oxhey Jets



Risborough Rangers



Tring Athletic



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.

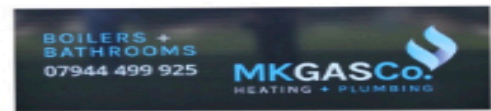
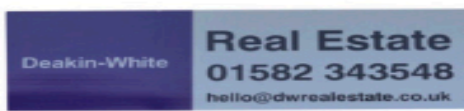
2019/2020 Was a good season for the Club as we again reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase and after a slow start in the League the team started to find some good form as we slowly climbed up the table. The team were also awarded the Team of the Month twice.

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. .



CLUB SPONSORS





Development Team Manager Appointed

The club is delighted to announce the appointment of Jamie Green as our new Development Team Manager at Leighton Town FC. He will be assisted by Neil Mangan and both are looking forward to the challenge of establishing this important pathway for our younger players. Jamie and Neil, who were most recently the Management Team at Step 7 club New Bradwell FC, will bring huge enthusiasm and direct experience of management at the level the Development Team will be competing in next season. They have both played extensively in the South Midlands League at all levels and have an excellent track record in promoting and developing young players.

Jamie said:

“I am absolutely delighted to be given such an integral role in the player pathway within this great club. During the process I have been impressed by the professionalism and culture that runs from top to bottom, which makes this an even more exciting place to work and develop.

This club has some of the best talent around and I am looking forward to working closely with them, and all of the other staff, on and off the pitch, to help them achieve success right through in to our first team set up.”

Jamie and Neil will take up their role with immediate effect and begin planning for next season with First Team Manager Paul Bonham, Head of Youth Development Dan Turney, U18 Manager James Heeps and Director of Football, Sean Downey. More news will follow over the coming weeks.



After our last home match on the 22nd January Ethan Flanagan was voted Man of the Match by the match sponsors Osborne Morris & Morgan Solicitors.

Well done Ethan.





Leighton Town FC launch on-line Club Shop



The Executive Committee are delighted to announce that in partnership with our current kit providers 'Kinnect International', we have launched an on-line shop. Supporters will be able to purchase an array of LTFC merchandise directly from the suppliers. Although it is a limited offer at present due to overseas chain supply problems, it is our aim to build a larger range of products, in particular replica playing and warm-up shirts. All the items on display in the club shop are available on a 5 day delivery time frame and the last date for pre Christmas orders is the 15th December. The club will receive commission on all the items sold and this will be reinvested in the continuing improvements the club is making to the ground and facilities. Just visit the website and click on the link and get shopping!

Important notice: any queries re the shop should be directed to Kinnect International. Contact details of their customer services are available at the bottom of the web page.

<https://www.kinnect-int.com/leightontownfc/>

*If we behave positively
during practice and matches,
our children will too.*

*By setting a good example, we'll help
build a supportive environment in which
everyone can enjoy themselves.*

Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)



Spectators and Parents/Carers

**Play your part and support
The FA's Code of Respect:**

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- 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

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



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Positive.**



Match Report

Milton Keynes Irish 0 – 0 Leighton Town 25/1/22

Following on from the weekend's 0-2 defeat to Hadley, Leighton Town made the short journey to Bletchley. Paul Bonham's Town played out a goalless draw in a game marred by controversy in the 80th minute that resulted in the home side's goalkeeping coach being dismissed.

Leighton started well against their 12th place opposition but couldn't make the most of a number of first half chances.

The visitors put the Manor Fields outfit under pressure from the beginning, enjoying a lot of possession before notable chances fell to Ethan Flanagan and Archie McClelland.

Flanagan's volley from an excellent cross whizzed past the post on 18 minutes, whilst McClelland dragged a shot following a drive into the box tamely wide on 34'.

Before the first period had reached completion, Leighton would have another effort. This time it was Kieran Turner who couldn't convert – despite receiving the ball well on the edge of the box and beating his man, yet again Leighton fell wide of the mark.

With the sides level at the break, Bonham looked to the bench for an influence in the second half. Changes came either side of MK's first real effort of note. On 59 minutes, Luka Williams made way for Luke Pyman and on 70' Ross Adams replaced Kieran Turner.

Following their earlier effort, MK pushed on again on the 71st minute. A close-range volley called goalkeeper Connor Coulston into action smartly to keep it scoreless.

Just two minutes later, Leighton were up the other end. However, Ashton Campbell's inspiring wing play wasn't matched by the scuffed effort that flew over from close range.

Now, on 80 minutes the game fell into obscurity. The last 10 minutes of the game were marked by an ugly scene as the goalkeeping coach of MK Irish marched over to the side of the pitch and struck a travelling Town fan for reasons that are yet to be fully understood.

The game ended honours even. Leighton sit 4th in the Spartan South Midlands Football League, while MK Irish remain 12th. Town's next game is away at Baldock Town this Saturday. MK face a trip to Crawley Green next.

Max Bradfield



Saturday 22nd January 2022				
SSML	Ardley United	3 0	Oxhey Jets	56
SSML	Baldock Town	2 2	Harefield United	94
SSML	Crawley Green	1 3	Dunstable Town	75
SSML	Flackwell Heath	1 0	Arlesey Town	403
SSML	Harpenden Town	0 2	Broadfields United	103
SSML	Holmer Green	0 2	New Salamis	68
SSML	Leighton Town	0 2	Hadley	382
SSML	Leverstock Green	0 2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	60
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	4 0	London Colney	56
Tuesday 25th January 2022				
SSML	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	0 0	Ardley United	0
SSML	Flackwell Heath	4 1	Broadfields United	0
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	0 0	Leighton Town	0
Wednesday 26th January 2022				
SSML	Baldock Town	5 0	Tring Athletic	112
Saturday 29th January 2022				
SSML	Baldock Town	1 3	Leighton Town	147
SSML	Broadfields United	0 1	Leverstock Green	83
SSML	Crawley Green	0 1	Milton Keynes Irish	42
SSML	Dunstable Town	1 0	Harefield United	158
SSML	Flackwell Heath	1 2	Risborough Rangers	265
SSML	Hadley	1 1	Ardley United	115
SSML	Harpenden Town	2 0	London Colney	157
SSML	Holmer Green	1 3	Tring Athletic	122
SSML	New Salamis	6 1	Arlesey Town	65

Results - February 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022				
SSML	Broadfields United	3 1	Crawley Green	0
SSML	Harpenden Town	0 0	Harefield United	0
SSML	Milton Keynes Irish	1 2	Arlesey Town	0
Wednesday 2nd February 2022				
SSML	Baldock Town	3 0	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	0



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	22	18	3	1	63	13	10	0	0	31	7	8	3	1	32	6	+50	57
2	New Salamis	23	18	1	4	68	27	8	0	3	38	18	10	1	1	30	9	+41	55
3	Hadley	23	16	3	4	50	22	7	2	3	26	15	9	1	1	24	7	+28	51
4	Leighton Town	26	14	7	5	60	28	7	3	3	26	13	7	4	2	34	15	+32	49
5	Leverstock Green	26	14	2	10	52	37	4	1	7	24	24	10	1	3	28	13	+15	44
6	Harpenden Town	26	13	5	8	43	36	7	3	4	24	17	6	2	4	19	19	+7	44
7	Flackwell Heath	24	12	3	9	43	27	7	1	6	24	16	5	2	3	19	11	+16	39
8	Arlesey Town	26	11	6	9	50	52	3	3	5	19	23	8	3	4	31	29	-2	39
9	Ardley United	23	10	5	8	38	26	8	2	4	27	15	2	3	4	11	11	+12	35
10	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	24	10	4	10	43	45	4	2	4	20	20	6	2	6	23	25	-2	34
11	Oxhey Jets	24	10	4	10	48	65	4	4	3	26	27	6	0	7	22	38	-17	34
12	Milton Keynes Irish	26	9	5	12	38	41	4	5	4	18	16	5	0	8	20	25	-3	32
13	Dunstable Town	25	8	6	11	31	45	4	4	5	14	18	4	2	6	17	27	-14	30
14	Broadfields United	24	9	1	14	38	49	4	0	9	17	23	5	1	5	21	26	-11	28
15	Harefield United	24	7	6	11	45	42	4	2	5	22	19	3	4	6	23	23	+3	27
16	London Colney	25	7	3	15	26	63	3	3	6	10	28	4	0	9	16	35	-37	24
17	Baldock Town	24	6	4	14	35	44	3	1	9	23	28	3	3	5	12	16	-9	22
18	Tring Athletic	24	5	4	15	27	48	3	1	8	12	18	2	3	7	15	30	-21	19
19	Holmer Green	24	5	2	17	28	79	2	1	10	17	45	3	1	7	11	34	-51	17
20	Crawley Green	25	3	4	18	33	70	0	1	11	13	38	3	3	7	20	32	-37	13



ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Attendances					
Team		Lowest	Highest	Average	+/-
1	Leighton Town	165	473	339	+10.06%
2	Dunstable Town	87	435	171	+55.45%
3	Flackwell Heath	0	403	169	+83.70%
4	Risborough Rangers	102	237	153	+53.00%
5	Harpenden Town	0	237	135	-0.74%
6	Hadley	94	160	113	-12.40%
7	Tring Athletic	70	214	113	+13.00%
8	Arlesey Town	63	225	111	+37.04%
9	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	0	161	107	+8.08%
10	Ardley United	42	136	88	+46.67%
11	Baldock Town	0	162	88	-4.35%
12	Harefield United	50	265	83	-8.79%
13	Holmer Green	27	253	76	+40.74%
14	Oxhey Jets	38	126	72	-7.69%
15	Broadfields United	0	133	70	-21.35%
16	Milton Keynes Irish	0	105	70	+27.27%
17	Leverstock Green	31	105	62	-19.48%
18	Crawley Green	30	100	51	N/A
19	New Salamis	19	90	51	+2.00%
20	London Colney	20	52	34	-27.66%



The draw for our Christmas Raffle took place after our last home match on the 22nd January.

Thank you to everyone that bought tickets.

Congratulations to the winners

1st Luke Primiano

2nd Alexis Hamilton

3rd Brian Foulger



THE WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
DRAWN ON SATURDAY WERE.

3rd Brian Foulger £50

2nd Alexis Hamilton £100

1st Luke Primiano £200



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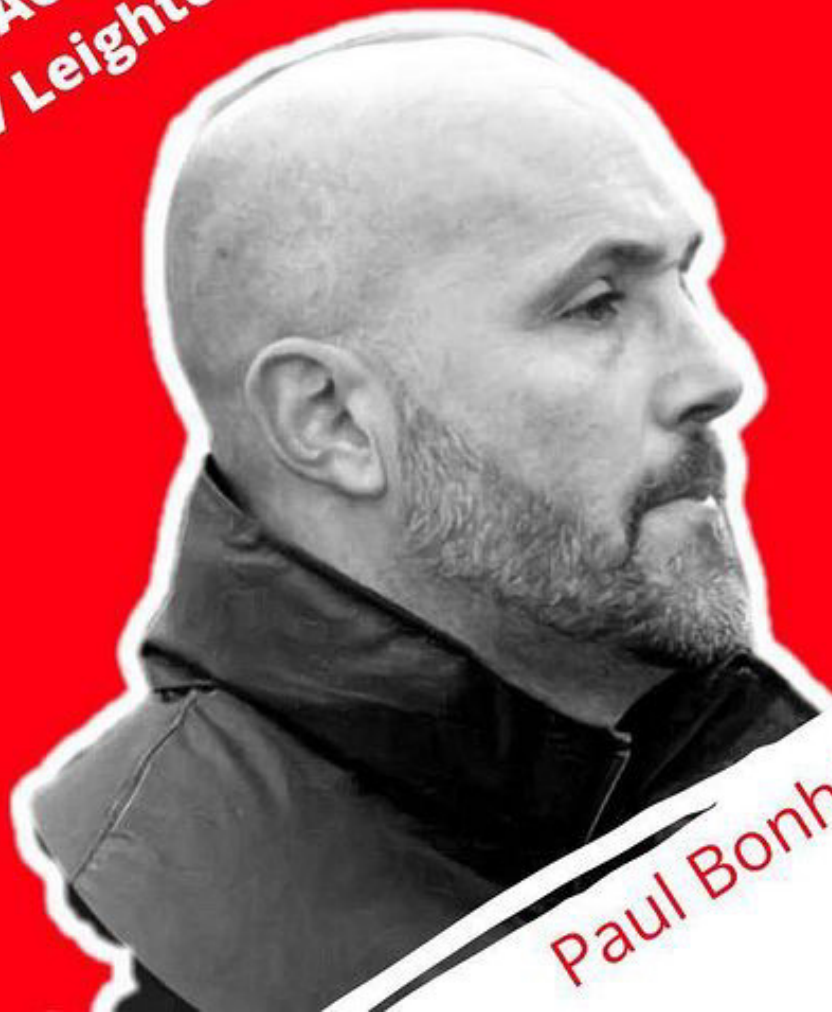
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MATCH REACTION

Baldock Town v Leighton Town

EXCLUSIVE



Paul Bonham



EXCLUSIVE - Manager Paul Bonham
MATCH REACTION
Baldock Town 1-3 Leighton Town
Spartan South Midlands Prem



"It was great to get back to winning ways after some indifferent performances and results, we knew Baldock would be another tricky fixture and to give them credit they started the game well and caused us some problems.

We took a good 30 mins to get into the game but once Kieran Turner had equalized, we never looked back. I thought we were excellent in the second half and fully deserved the win with goals from Ashton Campbell and Ross Adams. You could see the energy of the team changed and we were dominant right through the second half and fully deserved the win. We now have a week to prepare for 2 in-form teams in Ardley and Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, We know quite a bit about both sides are expecting very tough fixtures . Let's hope now the momentum has swung back in our favour and we can make a serious push for second place. Both New Salamis and Hadley are In the driving seat but we need to make sure we are right behind them if they slip up."





TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY



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AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS

19:45

LEIGHTON TOWN

HAYWOOD WAY HP19 9WZ

TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY



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LEIGHTON TOWN

19:45

LUTON TOWN

BEDS SENIOR CUP



SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY



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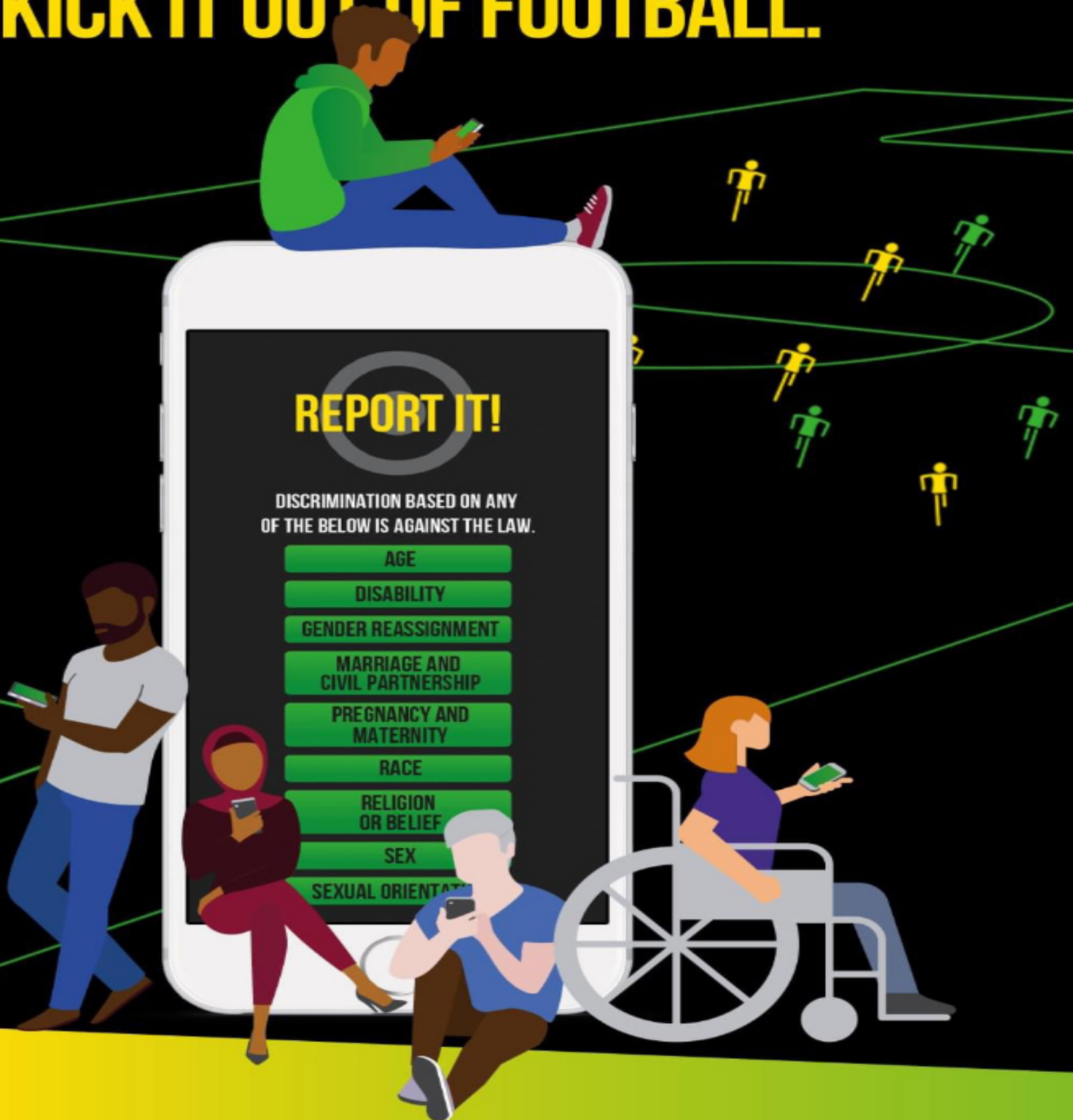
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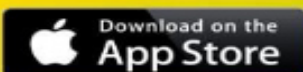
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BY KAREN BROWNE

**The Views Expressed Are Solely My Own, Are Written Tongue In
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Midweek brought about 24 goals from the 8 games (an average of 3.00 per game).

Midweek Stats: 8 games played of which 4 were home wins, 2 away wins and 2 draws.

Without A League Draw to date: Aston Clinton, Codicote, Risborough Rangers Development and The 61FC (Luton).

Midweek Highest Attendances: 176 Milton Keynes Irish v Leighton Town, 112 Baldock Town v Tring Athletic and 107 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos v Ardley United.

Season's Highest Attendances to date (Premier Division Clubs): 473 Leighton Town v Broadfields United, 449 Leighton Town v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos and 435 Dunstable Town v Leighton Town.

Season's Highest Attendances to date (Division One Clubs): 404 Stotfold v Ampthill Town, 392 Stotfold v Bedford and 371 Ampthill Town v Bedford.

Season's Highest Attendances to date (Division Two Clubs): 212 Bovingdon v Totternhoe, 175 Bovingdon v Berkhamsted Raiders and 134 Totternhoe v Leighton Town (Gladwish Challenge Trophy).

Tuesday 25th January / Wednesday 26th January

THE GLADWISH CHALLENGE TROPHY First Round

In the last remaining First Round tie in the Gladwish Challenge Trophy Division One strugglers Irchester United enjoyed a rare win this campaign with a 3-0 home win against Division Two side Buckingham United to set up another home tie against Division Two opposition in the next round when New Bradwell St Peter travel to Alfred Street in February. Full result and goalscorers are listed below.

3-0 Irchester United v Buckingham United (Boddington [2], Clayson)
Attendance: 30

THE GLADWISH CHALLENGE TROPHY Second Round

Premier Division bottom club Crawley Green turned the form book on its head in the Gladwish Challenge Trophy with a 3-2 Second Round success at Oxhey Jets to book a date at Hadley in the next round. Full result and goalscorers are listed below.

2-3 Oxhey Jets v Crawley Green (Tabor [2]) / (Rattigan, Tshikala, Kissiedu) Attendance: 46

PREMIER DIVISION

Tuesday's Premier Division fixtures brought about one home win and two goalless draws, Flackwell Heath being the night's only winners with a 4-1 success over Broadfields United while Aylesbury Vale Dynamos v Ardley United and Milton Keynes Irish v Leighton Town both failed to trouble the goal statisticians. It was a different story twenty four hours later as in a key bottom of the table clash Baldock Town climbed out of the bottom two at the expense of their visitors Tring Athletic, the hosts raced into a three goal first half lead and added two more after the break. Full results and goalscorers are listed below.

0-0 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos v Ardley United Attendance: 107

4-1 Flackwell Heath v Broadfields United (Oliver [2], Thomas, Mapley) / (Ellis [pen]) Attendance: 104

0-0 Milton Keynes Irish v Leighton Town Attendance: 176

5-0 Baldock Town v Tring Athletic (Hay, Furness, Logan, Coppin, Aldridge)
Attendance: 112

HERTS SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP Quarter Final

Harpenden Town's run in the Herts Senior Challenge Cup ended at the quarter-final stage when they were beaten 0-4 at Step 3 Southern League side Royston Town. Full result and goalscorers are listed below.

4-0 Royston Town v Harpenden Town (Newman [3], Adams) Attendance: 180

DIVISION ONE

London Tigers seventh win of the campaign saw them move out of the bottom three, the Tigers winning 2-0 at Thame United Reserves. Full results and goalscorers (where known) are listed below.

0-2 Thame United Reserves v London Tigers (Unknown) Attendance: 46

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



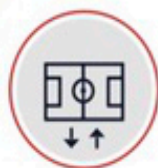
Player can't be substituted until period expires and not if all subs have been made



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!

THE **NON-LEAGUE** PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

By Jon Couch

SO, after much deliberation, doubt and concern, England C is back – and in a whole new guise.

It's been two-and-a-half years since Paul Fairclough led out Non-League's Young Lions with many fearing that crippling FA finances from the pandemic may spell the end of the institution which has had young semi-professionals dreaming of representing their country since 1979.

You needn't go far to realise just what donning those Three Lions means to a Non-League footballer. Players now playing in the top-flight of English pride have done so with immense pride and speak fondly about how the experience helped develop them as a player – and as a man.

Only a few weeks ago, NLP columnist Tony Incenzo spoke to QPR's former Watford striker Andre Gray about his six England C caps won between 2012 and 2014 while playing for Luton Town.

"I loved my time with England C," he said. "We travelled to countries that we probably never would have visited otherwise and saw some unreal places.

"The support from the coaching staff was really hands on and they were very good at the diet and psychology side of things. People might be surprised by how professional the England C set-up is run.

"It was such an honour to be capped at international level as a Non-League player. I found it a great opportunity to test myself against top young footballers from places like Russia and Turkey.

"Most of the players around me in Paul Fairclough's squad moved into the Football League and the Premier League. I am sure that my England C appearances helped me progress as a footballer. The whole experience prepared me towards playing at a much higher level of club football.

"I would definitely recommend England C to any young Non-League players who are aspiring to move forward in their careers."

Thankfully, calls for a reunification of the England C post-Covid have been heard and last week it was announced that the Three Lions would return to play their first game since June 2019 when they take on Wales C at Caernarfon Town on Wednesday, March 30.

As he has since 2003, Paul Fairclough will once again take the reins – but this time has an altogether different job on his hands with his squad selections no longer limited to players under the age of 23.

That means, the veteran former Barnet and Stevenage chief literally has the pick of Non-League football to choose a squad from and with the likes of Wrexham, Stockport and Chesterfield all spending big and taking the National League to a whole new level, that's a pretty mouthwatering task.

I mean, can you imagine a strike force, for example, containing the likes of Kabongo Tshimanga and Michael Cheek and boosting with the experience and firepower of an Ollie Palmer, Paddy Madden or Paul Mullin?

Interestingly, this new England C set-up will no longer be funded by the Football Association but instead jointly by the National League and the Trident Leagues at Steps 3 and 4.

The FA have remained pretty tight-lipped on the reason for this but, thinking about it, with the TV connections that the National League have, could it be that the England C team begin to get the exposure that they deserve?

This, in turn, can resurrect careers and propel new ones with players of all levels vying for their chance to go under the spotlight.

At The NLP, we are naturally delighted to see the England C team back in action and can't wait to see how the new venture unfolds.

It may have taken a while but the Three Lions are roaring again.

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<u>PREM</u>	<u>05/02/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Ardley United</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>08/02/22</u> <u>19:45</u>	<u>Aylesbury Vale Dynamos</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>The Greenfleets Stadium</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>BSC</u>	<u>15/02/22</u> <u>19:45</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Luton Town</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>BEDS SENIOR CUP</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>19/02/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leverstock Green</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>26/02/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Harpenden Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>Rothamsted Park</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>05/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Tring Athletic</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>12/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>London Colney</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>LONDON COLNEY FC</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>19/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Risborough Rangers</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>Windsors</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>26/03/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Oxhey Jets</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>02/04/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Flackwell Heath</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>16/04/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Milton Keynes Irish</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>TBC</u>	<u>Broadfields United</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>TITHE FARM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>
<u>PREM</u>	<u>30/04/22</u> <u>15:00</u>	<u>Hadley</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town</u>	<u>Brickfield Lane</u>	<u>Premier Division</u>



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Another 2 U16' players making full debuts for the U18's on Thursday night -

Pat Hefferon and Elliot Kefford -
both playing their part in an outstanding team performance.

Fabio Silvestri and Anthony Carr also coming on and wrapping up the result with a fine team goal 5 minutes from time.



Recent Results

COR	03/02/22	<u>Berkhamsted FC U18</u>	<u>2 - 3</u>	<u>Leverstock Green U18</u>
COR	03/02/22	<u>Kings Langley FC U18</u>	<u>5 - 0</u>	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>
COR	03/02/22	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>2 - 0</u>	<u>Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18</u>
COR	27/01/22	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>	<u>4 - 1</u>	<u>Leverstock Green U18</u>
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COR	27/01/22	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>1 - 2</u>	<u>Harpenden Town U18</u>
COR	18/01/22	<u>Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18</u>	<u>4 - 0</u>	<u>Dunstable Town U18</u>
COR	17/01/22	<u>Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)</u>	<u>0 - 0</u>	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>
COR	13/01/22	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>	<u>0 - 2</u>	<u>Harpenden Town U18</u>
COR	06/01/22	<u>Dunstable Town U18</u>	<u>3 - 4</u>	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>





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2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18	10	3	0	2	12	5	3	1	1	9	8	6	1	3	21	13	8	19		
3	Luton Town U18 Shadow (Cedars)	9	1	2	0	3	0	4	0	2	15	13	5	2	2	18	13	5	17		
4	Harpenden Town U18	10	1	1	1	7	5	4	1	2	14	9	5	2	3	21	14	7	17		
5	Leighton Town U18	9	3	0	2	11	7	2	1	1	14	3	5	1	3	25	10	15	16		
6	Leverstock Green U18	14	2	0	5	14	27	3	0	4	11	17	5	0	9	25	44	-19	15		
7	Berkhamsted FC U18	10	2	1	4	14	17	2	0	1	13	3	4	1	5	27	20	7	13		
8	AFC Dunstable U18	14	2	0	6	10	17	1	1	4	5	18	3	1	10	15	35	-20	10		
9	Dunstable Town U18	10	0	0	5	8	25	1	0	4	5	20	1	0	9	13	45	-32	3		

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LEIGHTON TOWN U18





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<u>COR</u>	<u>24/02/22</u> <u>19:30</u>	<u>Berkhamsted FC U18</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>Broadwater</u>
<u>COR</u>	<u>03/03/22</u> <u>19:30</u>	<u>Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC U18</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>The Greenfleets Stadium</u>
<u>COR</u>	<u>10/03/22</u> <u>19:45</u>	<u>Dunstable Town U18</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>Creasey Park</u>
<u>COR</u>	<u>17/03/22</u> <u>19:45</u>	<u>Leighton Town U18</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>AFC Dunstable U18</u>	<u>Bell Close</u>
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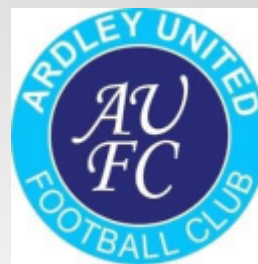
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