

## TEAMS AND OFFICIALS



# AMPS 1881

AMPTHILL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB		REAL BEDFORD FC
ROSS TOMPKINS (C)(GK)		Tyler McGregor (GK)
MIKE DRAYCOTT(VC)		Jordan Brown
MARK BUNKER		Jim Burnside
ETHAN CLARKE		Andy Sinclair
WILL BARRETT		James Ducket
SAM BURKE		Eddie Corbit
PHIL DRAYCOTT		Ty McLeod Bentley
TYLER INGHAM		Luke Knight (Captain)
DANNY WATSON (VC)		Tom Hitchcock
DANNY BUTLER		Harry Murray
CHARLIE CULLEN		Tom Wood
JAMIE CERMINARA		Flynn Baker-Bond
SAM HOLMES		Rob Ducket
RYAN WING		Ben McGrath
JACK AMBROSE		Stanley Ayre
GLENN COOKSLEY		Dan Walker
NATHAN WING		Kevin Owusu
LAWRENCE BURTON		Jack Uttridge
EVAN CAWLEY		Archie Culley
TOM BEASLEY		Claston Gordon
JOSH PEACOCK		Ryan Coyle
ASH MEAD		
MICHAEL FULLERTON		
MANAGER: LEE HAWKES		Manager: Rob Sinclair
HEAD COACH: MARTIN POWELL		Assistant Manager: Mark Ducket
ASST MGR: JASON DARVALL		GK Coach: Ian Brown
ASST: PAUL HANKEY		Physio: Lottie Burton
PHYSIO: DAVID BAXTER		



**REAL BEDFORD FC**  
**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**KICK OFF 3PM**

**SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE**  
**DIVISION ONE**



**MATCH OFFICIALS: JAMES GERRING - GIANI POP - LEE RANDALL**

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to today's game against Real Bedford. We would like to welcome their players, officials and supporters and wish all of you a Happy New Year.

The Amps end their 2022 schedule with a home fixture and it is a return to the Park after several weeks away. Our last league game was a 3-1 win over Winslow and since then we have had away trips and call-offs Our win over Winslow came with goals from Jamie, Glenn and Danny Butler but since then the results have been up and down when we have managed to take the field. We were handed a sequence of cup games which first saw us lose in the Challenge Trophy at New Bradwell with a depleted side and then our county cup hopes ended at another Div 2 side in tough tackling Totternhoe. But after more knocks the lads proved resilient and made Winslow suffer on their own patch with a 7-2 win to take a Div 1 cup semi final place at Holmer Green. They raced into a six goal lead at the break with Phil Draycott and Sam Holmes both getting a brace with Jamie and Mark Bunker adding the others. Yet December has been a frustrating month with three games cancelled, the last at Burton Park because of burst pipes at the ground. So we lie sixth in the table having played just 13 league games with 25 more still to play. It means we have games in hand on teams above us but it will be a hectic remainder of the season.

We end the old year with a visit from our McMullen Park neighbours who have undergone a change of name and a stream of new players and staff in the Summer. Mike Draycott's goal saw us win 1-0 there in April after a 1-1 draw he in December. Yet Bedford are league leaders this term but if we find our top form it will be a close encounter.

The New Year fixtures are not the best Xmas gift we could have had with just 2 home games in the first ten matches. It is an incredible statistic in our status and although we have a batch of games in March it gives us a challenging end to Winter not forgetting the financial aspects.

We go to Letchworth next week before a home game with Raunds and it would be great to see as many as possible supporting the club on their away trips. COYA



## NEW SPONSOR

Thank you to The Engine and Tender Pub, Dunstable Street, Ampthill for their kind sponsorship of the 1<sup>st</sup> team Training Kits this season.

A great pub, run by a great host, thanks to Ken and all the staff at The Engine and Tender.





## Memo from the Management

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Park Stadium, let me first say Merry Christmas to one and all, Thank you to those that have been on the road with us over the last few weeks its great to get support away from home. Back Home now and of course we look forward to the tremendous home support we get here at Ampthill.

Games don't come much bigger than today as we play host to Real Bedford fc, who sit at the top of league, with only the one league defeat. Its been a while since we have played due to fixtures and the weather but our 7-2 victory away to Winslow Utd is something close to the standard I expect from the lads.

Next year we will have some catching up to do with 23 league matches still to play but hopefully that starts here today with a win over Bedford.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best

COYA *Lee Hawkes*



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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UTILITA have been sponsors at the club for the last three years and this year have developed the relationship by extending their sponsorship to cover the whole club, the youth teams are very excited to also have them as Front of Shirt sponsor too. Utilita are truly behind Grassroots football as well as their endeavours all the way to the EPL.

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ANCO have been proud sponsors of the club for over 10 years. Originally with the Youth teams and for the last 4 years they have been the sponsors of our Tangerine Away Kit



## REAL BEDFORD FC

Bedford United were established in 1957, the works team of the printing firm Diemer & Reynolds. In 1971 the club joined Division Three of the United Counties League, which was renamed Division Two the following season. They remained in Division Two until leaving the league in 1979, dropping into the Bedfordshire County League, going on to win Division One in 1979–80.[3] In 1989 they joined Division One of the South Midlands League, becoming a member of the Senior Division following league reorganisation in 1993. In 1995–96 they finished third in the division, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

In 1997 the South Midlands League merged with the Spartan League to form the Spartan South Midlands League, with Bedford United placed in the Premier Division North. After finishing fourteenth in the division in the league's first season, they were placed in the Senior Division the following season. A third-place finish in 1999–2000 saw them promoted to the Premier Division. US Valerio-Unione Sportiva Valerio was formed as a Sunday league club in 1985 and was named after its founder Nicola Valerio.

### Merged club

The two clubs merged in 2002 to form Bedford United & Valerio, taking Bedford United's place in the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They finished second-from-bottom of the Premier Division in 2004–05 and were relegated to Division One.[4] In 2006 they were renamed Bedford Valerio United, before being renamed simply Bedford in 2007.

In 2014–15 they finished third in Division One, earning promotion to the Premier Division. However, they finished bottom of the Premier Division the following season and were relegated back to Division One.

In April 2022 the club was taken over by bitcoin podcaster Peter McCormack, who became chairman, having previously stated that he intended for the club to reach the Premier League. The club's name was changed to Real Bedford prior to the 2022–23 season.

## SSML DIVISION ONE



### League Table

Division Last Updated: 18:20, Wednesday 21st December 2022

	P	Overall					Home					Away					GD	PTS	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	Real Bedford	19	18	0	1	67	14	8	0	1	32	4	10	0	0	35	10	+53	54
2	Rugby Borough	17	13	0	4	72	26	6	0	1	36	10	7	0	3	36	16	+46	39
3	Northampton Sileby Rangers	16	13	0	3	57	25	6	0	2	27	13	7	0	1	30	12	+32	39
4	Amersham Town	18	10	4	4	48	31	6	0	3	30	16	4	4	1	18	15	+17	34
5	Eaton Socon	16	8	5	3	30	15	4	3	2	14	9	4	2	1	16	6	+15	29
6	Amphill Town	13	9	1	3	33	9	5	1	2	17	6	4	0	1	16	3	+24	28
7	Northampton ON Chenecks	13	8	3	2	37	14	3	1	1	19	7	5	2	1	18	7	+23	27
8	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	17	8	2	7	32	27	4	1	5	16	16	4	1	2	16	11	+5	26
9	Moulton	17	8	1	8	42	34	5	1	2	27	13	3	0	6	15	21	+8	25
10	Winslow United	17	8	1	8	34	30	5	1	3	19	12	3	0	5	15	18	+4	25
11	Lutterworth Athletic	15	7	3	5	29	22	3	1	0	8	2	4	2	5	21	20	+7	24
12	Burton Park Wanderers	16	6	3	7	27	35	3	2	4	17	21	3	1	3	10	14	-8	21
13	Rushden & Higham United	17	5	3	9	27	41	1	2	5	8	19	4	1	4	19	22	-14	18
14	Buckingham Athletic	19	4	6	9	24	54	2	2	6	12	36	2	4	3	12	18	-30	18
15	Raunds Town	18	5	1	12	23	58	3	1	6	12	22	2	0	6	11	36	-35	16
16	Thame United Reserves	18	5	0	13	30	68	4	0	5	20	27	1	0	8	10	41	-38	15
17	Wellingborough Whitworth	18	4	1	13	25	54	2	1	6	14	27	2	0	7	11	27	-29	13
18	Holmer Green	16	3	2	11	20	50	1	1	6	10	24	2	1	5	10	26	-30	11
19	Langford	17	3	1	13	19	43	3	1	5	16	20	0	0	8	3	23	-24	10
20	London Tigers	17	3	1	13	21	47	2	0	7	13	26	1	1	6	8	21	-26	10

### Results / Fixtures

August 2022 September 2022 October 2022 November 2022 December 2022

### Fixtures - December 2022

Tuesday 27th December 2022			
SSML1	Amersham Town	London Tigers	15:00
SSML1	Amphill Town	Real Bedford	15:00
SSML1	Burton Park Wanderers	Moulton	15:00
SSML1	Eaton Socon	Raunds Town	15:00
SSML1	Holmer Green	Thame United Reserves	15:00
SSML1	Langford	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	15:00
SSML1	Northampton ON Chenecks	Northampton Sileby Rangers	15:00
SSML1	Rugby Borough	Lutterworth Athletic	15:00
SSML1	Rushden & Higham United	Wellingborough Whitworth	15:00
SSML1	Winslow United	Buckingham Athletic	15:00