

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2021



VS



Abingdon United FC 15.00 Worcester Raiders



UHLSPORT HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Team from		Position
Cameron	Midwinter	Goalkeeper
Lee	Johnson	Goalkeeper
Gareth	Thomas	Defender (C)
Connor	McGrath	Defender
Bradley	Chalmers	Defender
Daryl	Louise	Defender
Paul	Taplin	Defender
Cameron	Abery	Midfield
Bailey	Bone	Midfield
Mite	Mitev	Midfield
Euan	Vosper	Midfield
Joe	Webb	Midfield
David	Inyang	Midfield
Rhys	King	Midfield
James	East	Midfield
David	Murphy	Forward/Mid
Connor	Ferguson	Forward
Isiah	Stallone	Forward
Nat	Robinson	Forward
Danny	Langford	Forward



TODAYS SQUADS



Management Team		
Manager	Dave	Mudge
Assistant	Jon	Beames
Coach	Jerome	Sobers
Physio	Banjo	Malcolm

Management Team		
Manager	Mark	Owen
Manager	Karl	Gormley
Coach	Ryan	Rowe
Physio		

Today's Match Officials		
Referee	Nat	Wormleighton
Asst Referee	Ian	Alsworth
Asst Referee	Mark	Walker

Team From		Position
Ryan	Young	Goalkeeper
Ewan	Mountjoy	Goalkeeper
Samuel	Carey	Defender
Jordan	Stoddart	Defender
Logan	Stoddart	Defender
Harrison	Yates	Defender
Aksum	White	Defender
Luke	Gaffney	TBA
Richard	Smith	TBA
Sheridan	Martinez	TBA
Vanylson	Da Silva	TBA
Ryan	Williams	TBA
Craig	Buffon	TBA
Matthew	Clements	TBA
Joe	Billingham	Midfield
Jaber	Ahmed	Midfield
Harry	Stratford	Midfield
Ollie	Thompson	Midfield
Jordan	Cox	Forward
Okera	Simmonds	Forward
Conner	Deards	Forward
Isaac	Cooper	Forward
Kai	Mahon	Forward



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HISTORY OF ABINGDON UTD FC



AUFC - 1946/47



AUFC - 2021/22

The club was formed in 1946 when a group of ex-service men decided that the town could support two football clubs. The first meeting to form the club was held in the local Anchor Public House on the bank of the River Thames. The new club joined Division 1 of the North Berks League for the 1946/47 season and whilst being relegated, they went onto win the leagues Charity Shield at their 1st attempt.

In 1953/54 season, the club became North Berks champions and cup finalists. However, the club had set its sights on higher things and five years later entered Division 1 of the Hellenic League.

Winning the Hellenic league Division 1 challenge cup during the 1965/66 season and were again present in the final the following season.

Following promotion to the Premier Division in the 1976/77, the club struggled and were relegated to Division One after four seasons. With a more ambitious approach, the club bounced straight back into the Premier League where it remained for 24 straight seasons, winning the Division One Cup in the same promotion year.

Senior status followed in 1985 allowing the club eligibility for entry into the F.A. Vase, County Senior Cup and in 1989 the F.A. Cup

The 50th Anniversary and the most successful season of the club to date was during the 1996/97 season, which saw AUFC win the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy, Hellenic Floodlit Cup, and finishing Runners Up in the Hellenic Premier Division. Away from the pitch the club improved its catering facilities, added a function room, a covered stand and ground floodlighting to support its now capacity of 2,000 people

The following season saw success come to the Northcourt again, with United retaining the B&B Senior Trophy, winning Hellenic Reserve Championship and Allied Counties Youth League.

The 2006/07 season saw the club gain promotion to the Southern League, whilst again improving its facilities by adding new changing rooms, turnstiles, and a 150-seater stand.

The next 7 seasons saw Abingdon United FC compete in the Southern League, but with increasing financial pressures, the club volunteered to return to the Hellenic League Premier Division for the 2013/14 season.

The club currently play in UHlsport Hellenic League Division One.

HONOURS

1946/47	North Berks Charity Shield Winners
1952/53	North Berks Division Two Winners
1953/54	North Berks League Champions
1965/66	Hellenic Division One Cup Winners
1981/82	Hellenic Division One Champions
1983/84	B & B Senior Cup Finalists
1993/94	B & B Senior Trophy Finalists
1996/97	Hellenic Premier Runners Up
1996/97	Hellenic Hungerford Cup Winners
1996/97	Hellenic Floodlit Cup Winners
1996/97	B & B Senior Trophy Winners
1997/98	B & B Senior Trophy Winners
1997/98	Allied Counties Youth Champions
1997/98	Hellenic Reserve Champions
2008/09	Oxford Youth League and Cup Winners
2011/12	Jim Newman Memorial Cup Winners
2011/12	Allied Counties Youth League Winners
2013/14	North Berks Division Two Champions
2020/21	Hellenic League Supplementary Cup - Winners

CLUB HONOURS AND RECORDS



RECORDS

League Position

11th Southern League Division One S & W (2006/07)

Best FA Cup

2nd Qualifying Round (2000/01, 2009/10, 2014/15)

Best FA Trophy

2nd Qualifying Round (2006/07, 2007/08)

Best FA Vase

3rd Round (1988/89)

Attendance

1,500 vs Oxford United (friendly 1994).



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to all at Northcourt Road, where we greet all our visitors today. We are now in second half of the season and I can't tell you how good it feels to be able to look forward to a completed league season for the 1st time in 3 years.

I'm optimistic on many fronts, with a new management teams and squads filled with players who I am confident will play an integral role in moving this club forward during the rest of the season and beyond.

Away from the pitch, we've been delighted to make a number of exciting changes this year. We have partnered with OFD education and Abingdon & Witney college to bring in an academy learning programme and earlier in the summer we hosted our very 1st prog rock festival, raising over £4,500 for brain cancer charities. The club is always looking for innovative ways to use our fantastic facility and have a range of live music events lined up at the Northcourt throughout the year.

I also want to take this occasion before today's game to share a few personal thoughts on diversity both on and off the Pitch.

I have recently heard harrowing stories of individuals who for merely being different or having a different name are subjected to homophobic or racist insults, physically bullied, mentally abused, denied opportunity and sometimes shunned by others around them.

Then I would like you to think for one minute – 'What if this were you?' Put yourself in their shoes. Imagine what it would be like to experience this, just because you are different, whether this be due to gender, name, race, ethnicity, sexual orientations, religious beliefs, age, status, physical abilities or ideology'.

There is no place in society for someone to feel, experience and be treated like this. We should respect the uniqueness of the individual, just as we respect the individual brilliance and uniqueness of the football legends who have graced our sport.

We should never reject diversity but embrace and celebrate the individual differences of all around us, on our way to building a better team, a better society and a better world.

To complete my thoughts for now, I just want to say that during the difficult times over recent years, I am particularly proud of all at Abingdon United FC who have worked tirelessly for this community Football Club,

So on behalf of us all, I would like to thank you for spending your afternoon with us.

So, be sure to play your part from the stands... and COME ON YOU YELLOWS!

**Alan Midwinter
Chairman AUFC**





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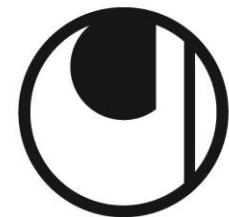
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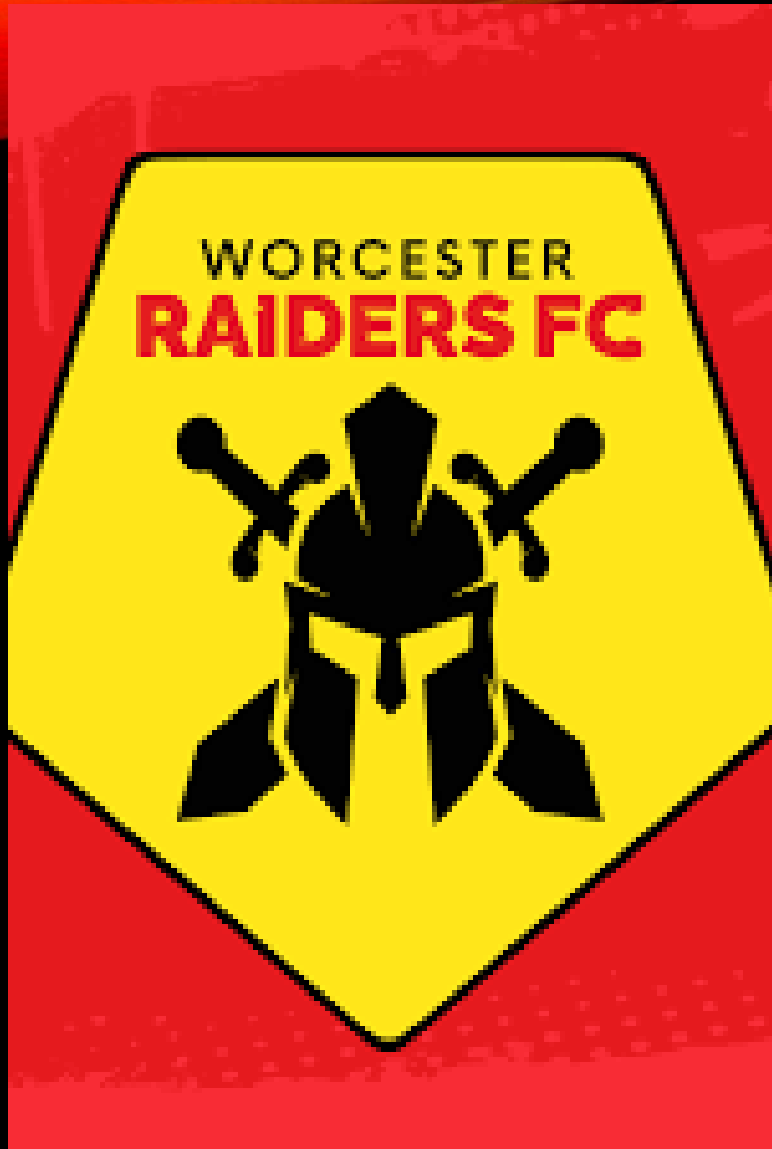
Date	KO	Home/ Away	Opposition
11/12	15:00	H	Worcester Raiders
18/12	15.00	H	Moreton Rangers
03/01	15:00	A	Hereford Pegasus
08/01	15:00	H	Milton United
15/01	15:00	H	Cheltenham Saracens
22/01	15.00	A	Studley
29/01	15.00	H	Malmsbury Vics
05/02	15.00	A	Worcester Raiders



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OUR VISITORS TODAY



Worcester Raiders

Worcester Raiders were formed in 2001 as a youth club, joining the Worcester & District Football League in 2009 upon the formation of a senior side. In 2013, Worcester Raiders joined the West Midlands (Regional) League Division Two, gaining promotion in their first season in the league system. In 2019, Worcester Raiders won Division One, gaining promotion to the Premier Division. Worcester Raiders entered the FA Vase for the first time in 2020–21. At the end of the 2020–21 season the club were transferred to Division One of the Hellenic League.

Ground

On 29 July 2020, English Premiership rugby union club Worcester Warriors confirmed Worcester Raiders would move into Sixways Stadium, with Worcester Warriors' co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham becoming joint majority owners of Worcester Raiders in the process. Prior to the move, Worcester Raiders played at Claines Lane.

Records

Best FA Vase performance: Second qualifying round, 2021-22 (1-2 loss to Atherstone Town)

THE TOWN OF WORCESTER

Worcester is a cathedral city and the ceremonial county town of Worcestershire, in England, 30 miles (48 km) south-west of Birmingham, 101 miles (163 km) north-west of London, The estimated population in 2019 was 102,791. The River Severn flanks the western side of the city centre, which is overlooked by Worcester Cathedral. The Battle of Worcester in 1651 was the final one in the English Civil War, where Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army defeated King Charles II's Royalists. Worcester is the home of Royal Worcester Porcelain, composer Edward Elgar, Lea & Perrins, makers of traditional Worcestershire sauce, and *Berrow's Worcester Journal*, claimed as the world's oldest newspaper.

Early history

The trade route past Worcester, later part of the Roman Ryknild Street, dates from Neolithic times. It commanded a ford crossing over the River Severn, which was tidal below Worcester, and fortified by the Britons about 400 BCE.

Charcoal from the Forest of Dean enabled Romans to operate pottery kilns and ironworks.

In the 3rd century CE, Roman Worcester occupied a larger area than the subsequent medieval city, but silting caused the abandonment of Sidbury. Industrial production ceased and the settlement contracted to a defended position along the lines of the old British fort at the river terrace's southern end.

Anglo-Saxon town

The form of the place name varied over time. At its settlement in the 7th century by the Angles of Mercia it was *Weogorna*. After centuries of warfare against the Vikings and Danelaw it had become a centre for the Anglo-Saxon army or *here* known as *Weogorna ceastre* (Worcester Camp)

The city became a focus of violent tax resistance against the Danish Harthacanute in 1041. The townspeople tried to defend themselves by occupying the Severn island of Bevere, two miles up river. After Harthacnut's men had sacked the city and set it alight, agreement was reached and the populace returned to rebuild.

Medieval

The 1st Norman Sheriff of Worcestershire, Urse d'Abetot oversaw construction of a new castle at Worcester, although nothing now remains of the castle. Worcester Castle was in place by 1069, its outer bailey built on land that had previously been the cemetery for the monks of the Worcester cathedral chapter. The motte of the castle overlooked the river, just south of the cathedral.

Early medieval

Worcester's growth and position as a market town for goods and produce rested on its river crossing and bridge and its position on the road network. The nearest Severn bridges in the 14th century were at Gloucester and Bridgnorth.

The 12th-century town (then better defended) was attacked in 1139, 1150 and 1151 during the civil war between King Stephen & Empress Matilda, daughter of Henry I. The 1139 attack again resulted in a fire that destroyed part of the city, with citizens being held for ransom. Another fire in 1189 destroyed much of the city for the fourth time that century.

Late medieval

Worcester elected a Member of Parliament (MP) at the Guildhall, by the loudest shout rather than raising of hands. Members of Parliament had to own freehold property worth 40 shillings a year

By late medieval times the population had reached 1,025 families, excluding the cathedral quarter, so that it probably stood under 10,000.

Civil war

Worcester equivocated, but eventually sided with Parliament before the outbreak of civil war in 1642 but swiftly occupied by the Royalists. Parliament briefly retook the city for Parliament after the Battle of Powick Bridge, and ransacked the cathedral.

Essex was soon forced to withdraw, and the city spent the rest of the war under Royalist occupation. Worcester was a garrison town and had to sustain and billet a large number of Royalist troops. During the Royalist occupation, the suburbs were destroyed to make defence easier. High taxation was imposed, and many male residents pressed into the army.

As Royalist power collapsed in May 1646, Worcester was placed under siege. Worcester had some 5,000 civilians and a Royalist garrison of about 1,500 men facing a New Model Army force of 2,500–5,000. The city surrendered on 23 July.

In 1651 a Scottish army, 16,000 strong, marched south along the west coast in support of Charles II's attempt to regain the Crown. As the army approached, Worcester Council voted to surrender, fearing further violence and destruction. The Parliamentary garrison withdrew to Evesham in the face of the overwhelming numbers against them. The Scots were billeted in and around the city, joined by very limited local forces.

The Battle of Worcester took place on 3 September 1651. Charles II was easily defeated by Cromwell's forces of 30,000 men.. Worcester was then heavily looted by the Parliamentary army. The city council estimated £80,000 of damage was done.

Worcester After the Restoration

After the Restoration in 1660, Worcester cleverly used its location as the site of the final battles of the First Civil War (1646) and Third Civil War (1651) to mount an appeal for compensation from Charles II. Though not based on historical fact, it invented the epithet *Fidelis Civitas* (The Faithful City), since included in the city's coat of arms.

Worcester's historic bridge was replaced in 1781. As the city population expanded, the green areas between the main streets filled with housing and back streets, so that the extent of the city and suburbs remained much the same as in the early 1600s. Meanwhile, the Royal Worcester Porcelain Company factory was founded by Dr John Wall in 1751.

Industrial revolution and Victorian era

Worcester in the late 18th and early 19th centuries was a major centre for glove-making, employing nearly half the glovers in England at its peak (over 30,000 people). In 1815 the Worcester and Birmingham Canal opened.

The British Medical Association (BMA) was founded in the Board Room of the old Worcester Royal Infirmary building in Castle Street in 1832.

20th century to present.

During the Second World War, the city was chosen to be the seat of an evacuated government in case of mass German invasion. The War Cabinet, along with Winston Churchill and some 16,000 state workers, would have moved to Hindlip Hall

In the 1950s and 1960s large areas of the medieval centre of Worcester were demolished and rebuilt. This was condemned by many such as Nikolaus Pevsner who described it as a "totally incomprehensible... act of self-mutilation". There is however still a significant area of medieval Worcester remaining, examples of which can be seen along City Walls Road, Friar Street and New Street.

Worcester Porcelain operated in Worcester until 2009, when the factory closed due to the recession. The site still houses the Museum of Royal Worcester, which is open daily to visitors.

One of Worcester's famous products, Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce, is made and bottled at a Midland Road factory, its home since 16 October 1897. Messrs Lea and Perrins originally partnered a chemist's shop on the site of the Debenhams's store in Crowngate Shopping Centre.

Worcester has what is claimed to be the oldest newspaper in the world still in publication: *Berrow's Worcester Journal*. It traces its descent from a news-sheet started in 1690

Worcester Heating Systems was started in the city in 1962 by Cecil Duckworth. The company was bought by Bosch and renamed Worcester Bosch in 1996.

The most famous landmark in Worcester is the Anglican Worcester Cathedral. Officially the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, It houses the tomb of King John.



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1	Cheltenham Saracens	18	12	4	2	21	40
2	Worcester Raiders	17	13	0	4	27	39
3	FC Stratford	19	11	4	4	23	37
4	Studley	16	12	0	4	36	36
5	Clanfield 85	19	11	3	5	31	36
6	Milton United	17	11	3	3	26	36
7	Hereford Pegasus	14	8	5	1	20	29
8	Littleton	17	9	0	8	6	27
9	Stonehouse Town	19	8	2	9	3	26
10	Pershore Town	18	7	3	8	4	24
11	Shortwood United	19	6	5	8	-8	23
12	Malmesbury Vics	17	5	4	8	-7	19
13	Newent Town	19	4	4	11	-19	16
14	Moreton Rangers	20	4	3	13	-32	15
15	Abingdon United	17	3	1	13	-29	10
16	Bourton Rovers	19	3	1	15	-66	10
17	Cirencester Town Dev	17	2	2	13	-36	8

MEET OUR CAPTAIN

Gareth Thomas (20/12/85)

Gareth has returned after playing for us in the southern league, A battling centre half, with a never-say-die attitude, Gareth is great in the air and very comfortable with the ball at his feet. He has a wealth of experience including winning the FA Vase at Wembley.

Previous Clubs

Hungerford Town,
Winchester City,
Abingdon Utd,
Thatcham Town,
Didcot Town,
Tadley Calleva.



10 Interesting and Unknown Facts about Football

If you don't believe it – see extra facts below for no. 3 for instance

1. Football was first played in London's Newgate Prison. Here the prisoners whose hands had been mercilessly chopped off, invented a game where the ball could only be kicked with their feet.
2. Football was made of paper Mache originally, before people realized that rain damaged the ball. Then, they changed its material.
3. 149-0 was the highest score in a football game played between AS Adema of Madagascar and Stade Olympique de L'emyrne. It was all scored as penalties or own goals.
4. A teenage boy called Ronaldinho scored the entire 23 goals in a football game! His remarkable accomplishments with the football earned him one million viewers in the YouTube video of his feat.
5. 20 red cards were issued in the game between General Cabellero and Sportivo Ameliana! We wonder how many players were left to play.
6. The Indian football team did not play in the World Cup in 1950; as [FIFA](#) did not allow barefoot play.
7. Guiseppe Meazza's shorts fell off as he was taking a penalty shot for Italy in the World Cup semi-finals of 1983.
8. Ion Radu from Romania was sold for a measly 500 kgs of pork to another team.
9. The war between El Salvador and Honduras happened because the former had beaten the latter in a football game and had thus advanced to the World Cup.
10. A 1998 freak lightning bolt killed an entire football team on the field of play in the Republic of Congo, leaving their opposition completely untouched. Football fans hurled accusations of witchcraft; 30 others who attended the game were treated for burns.

Number 3 – Extra Facts

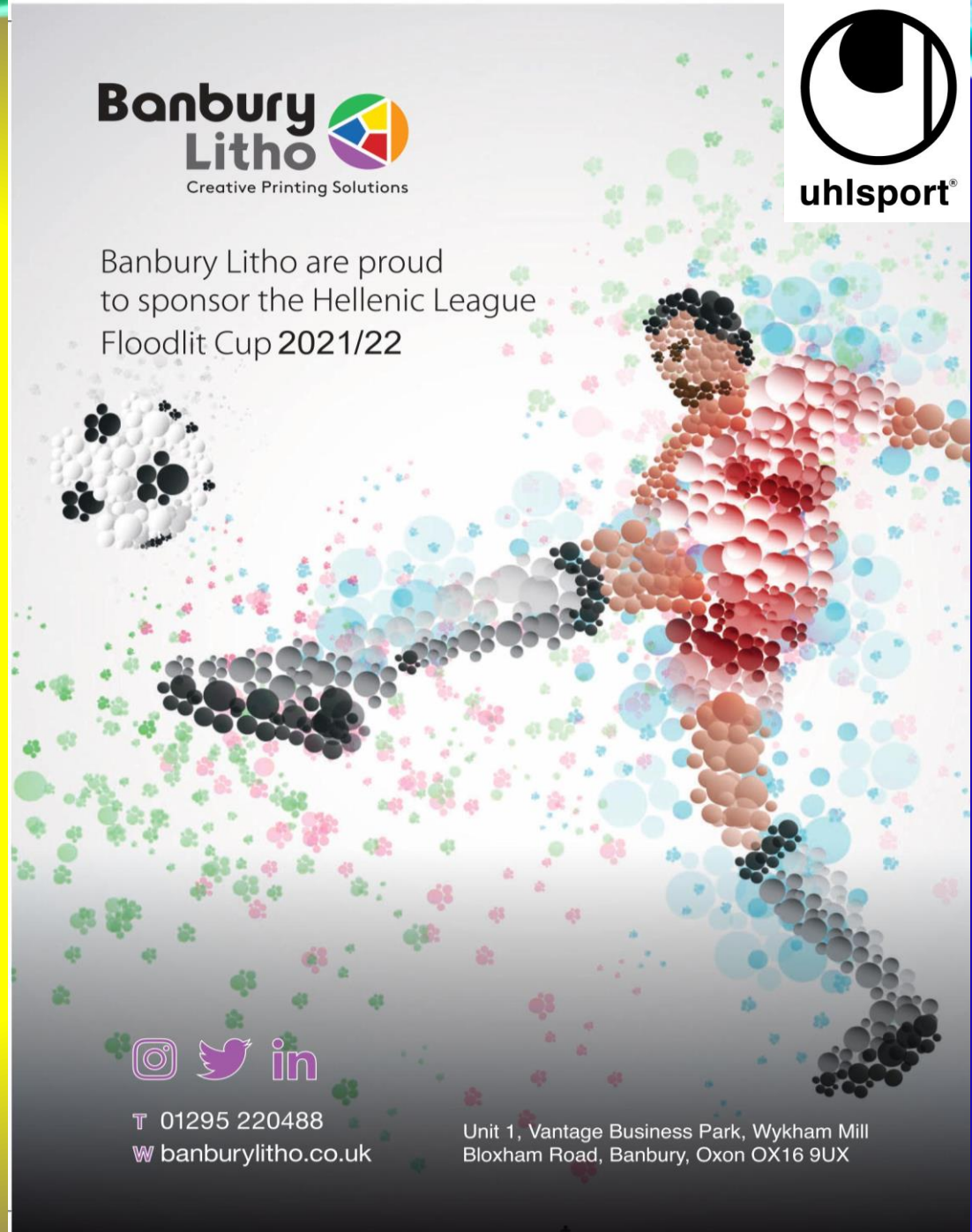
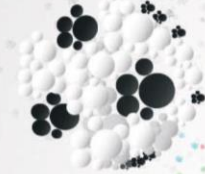
SO ~~Emyrne~~ had won the THB Champions League in 2001. However, in 2002 AS Adema had already wrapped up the title, after SO ~~Emyrne~~ drew their penultimate match, conceding a late penalty, which was undeniably a debatable call by the referee. The club were so unhappy with the decision they decided to protest in the final game vs champions AS Adema.

From KO, the SO ~~Emyrne~~ players passed the ball into their own net and so it continued. Unsurprisingly, by the time the referee blew the final whistle, the game had smashed the record for most goals in a match by a country mile, ending 149-0 to the home side. The SO ~~Emyrne~~ coach and four players lost their jobs, and each received a three-year ban.

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