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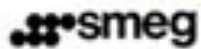
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good evening and I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has come along this evening to the Northcourt for the game. I would also like to welcome our visitors tonight Moreton Rangers and like yourselves I am looking forward a hard fought and well contested game.

Following what was arguably the most successful season in our clubs history, which saw Three of our senior teams lift league winner's trophies, I am super optimistic about coming season on many fronts both on and off the field. With a new management team assembled under our manager John Mills and a fresh and talented squad, I feel confident that on the field we are in a good place to build on our strong finish last season, which saw us miss out on a play off spot during the last round of games.

On the pitch we have been working hard to repair the damage done by last years long hot summer, which hopefully will be evident today. Whilst away from the pitch, we have made exciting progress this year, with the installation of a new bar in the Lounge. the ever increasing popularity of the Abingdon Town Boxing Club here at the Northcourt and earlier in the summer we hosting our 3rd successful prog rock festival, raising thousands of pounds 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 tonight's game to share a few thoughts on enjoyment.

I cannot remember a time in my life when I was out with my partner and enjoyed being shouted at or sworn at, abused or targeted because our opinion was different.

I am equally sure that everyone who is here today would probably agree that this would not be OK?

So why then I ask myself does this seem to be acceptable during games of football?

Therefore can I ask that all you really great people here today think twice - think RESPECT.

So that this season, everyone here at the Northcourt creates positive memories.

In completing my thoughts today, I just want to say, I am particularly proud of our management team, staff, officials and volunteers here at Abingdon United FC, who work and continue to work tirelessly for this community Football Club,

So on behalf of us all, I would like to thank you for spending your time with us tonight and hope that you enjoy the game.

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

**Alan Midwinter
Chairman AUFC**



General Talks with Stefan Caira

Good evening and welcome to The Northcourt for our match against Moreton Rangers.

I would like to extend our welcoming to the players, coaching staff and officials of Moreton.

I would like to extend on my first batch of notes since becoming General Manager of this great club over the summer moving up from Matchday operations manager.

Last time I focused on Togetherness, Strength and Impact these are the fundamental instruments which make things tick here at Abingdon United and nothing makes me more proud of the work being done by all at the club when these things are noticed.

On the pitch

Firstly I would like to welcome Alfie Presley to the club who has joined us from Corsham FC. Also I would like to welcome back a bit of a "one of our own" in Dylan Conlan who has returned to The Northcourt after a short stint at Easington Sports. I would also like to welcome back Dan Chalmers following his short stint in Germany with work. I had the pleasure in watching the three mentioned in our 3-0 win at Cheltenham Saracens.

Off the pitch

As previously mentioned in my last notes a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes in each department.

In terms of Grounds & Facilities we have been able to invest heavily in our playing surface for our five sides and with the generosity of our sponsors with donations we have been able to deliver a first class playing surface which the club can be proud of. We would not have been able to achieve this without the generosity of sponsors and guidance by Kieron Jennings who will be looking after the pitch this season. You will also notice alongside this our new look "sponsor wrapped" dugouts. We would like to thank our new sponsors "Manor Flooring" who have taken up sponsorship on the dug outs and adjoining stand being renamed the Manor Flooring Stand. we may have one more big sponsorship deal to announce in due course.

Partnerships

This year we have worked so hard in bringing in and encouraging more sponsorship partners this season we have welcomed the following partners to the club:

Principal partners: GPH Systems, CAIRA Property Solutions & GPH Solutions.

Dug out & Stand Partner: Manor Flooring

Matchday clothing: Dyno Plumbing

Plus many more new pitch side sponsors new and old, we look forward to welcoming them to games this season.

Volunteers

We are always on the look out for volunteers, whether that be turnstile staff, programme sellers, parking stewards, hospitality staff, committee members etc.. If you feel you would like to get involved please get in touch.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the club who has worked so hard over the summer in preparation for the new season. I'd also like to thank our supporters and in particular the ones who have taken the time to volunteer and contact us in relation on how we can take the club forward. I'm sure tonight's game against Moreton will be a tough and challenging encounter so get behind the team and together deliver the three points.

Please remember my email is always open and welcome positive and any negative experiences you have during the game aufcmatchday@outlook.com

Enjoy the game

Stefan Caira - General Manager



CLUB OFFICIALS

| Position | Name |
|--|---|
| Chairman | Alan Midwinter |
| Vice Chairman | Mark Cunningham |
| General Manager | Stefan Caira |
| Finance Officer | Sarah Crawley |
| Treasurer | Robin Yuill |
| Commercial Manager | Chris Lewis |
| Communications Officer | Mark Reynolds |
| Head of Media | Harry Burton |
| Club Welfare Officer | Chris Cole |
| Football Secretary (Mens) | Alistair MacDonald |
| Football Secretary (Ladies) | Abbie Smith |
| Head of Football Development | Adam French |
| First Team Player/Manager | John Mills |
| First Team Player/Assistant Manager | Aaron Woodley |
| First Team Goalkeeper Coach | Graham Sloper |
| Physio | Callum Warne |
| Development Management Team | Jack White & Ollie Tilling |
| Abingdon United Vets Team Manager | Adam French |
| Abingdon United Ladies Management Team | Danial Knight & Declan O'Hanlon |
| Abingdon United Ladies Development Team | Jon Ward & Paul Biddle |
| Abingdon United Under 18's Management Team | Mark Reynolds & James Booker |
| Abingdon United Under 13's Team Manager | Adam French |
| Abingdon United Under 11's Team Manager | Steve French |
| Abingdon United Under 9's Team Manager | Lewis Andrews |
| Kit Manager | John Blackmore |
| Grounds Team | John Blackmore & Jennings Pitch Maintenance |
| Grounds Caretaker | Alex Armstrong |
| Bar & Functions Manageress | Kate Fegan |



TABLE

| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1 | Malmesbury Victoria | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 22 |
| 2 | Clanfield 85 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 16 |
| 3 | FC Bristol | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 16 |
| 4 | Southam United | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 15 |
| 5 | Shortwood United | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 14 |
| 6 | F C Stratford | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 13 |
| 7 | Devizes Town | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 12 |
| 8 | Sporting Club Inkberrow | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 11 |
| 9 | Stonehouse Town | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | -2 | 11 |
| 10 | Hartpury University | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| 11 | Tytherington Rocks | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| 12 | Long Crendon | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | -1 | 10 |
| 13 | Abingdon United | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | -1 | 9 |
| 14 | Calne Town | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -3 | 7 |
| 15 | Newent Town | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -7 | 7 |
| 16 | Kidlington Res | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | -9 | 4 |
| 17 | Cheltenham Saracens | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | -14 | 4 |
| 18 | Moreton Rangers | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | -19 | 3 |
| 19 | Chipping Sodbury Town | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | -21 | 1 |



STATS

| Abingdon United Player Stats 2023-24 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Name | 2023/24 Appearances | 2023/24 Goals | 2023/24 Assists | 2023/24 Clean Sheets (GK) |
| Harry Ackland | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ben Barrett | 7 | 0 | 2 | |
| Fin Bates | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Eddie Cavanagh | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dan Chalmers | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dylan Conlan | 2 | 0 | 1 | |
| Ollie Creed | 7 | 0 | 0 | |
| Lewis Dix | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| Macauley Dodson | 7 | 0 | 0 | |
| Casey Highmoor | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| Kyreece Martei | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| John Mills | 7 | 3 | 1 | |
| Zach Morey | 5 | 0 | 1 | |
| Alfie Presley | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Mani Roper | 7 | 3 | 3 | |
| Harry Sampford | 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| Ash Taylor | 7 | 1 | 0 | |
| Ellis Walker | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| James Williams | 5 | 2 | 1 | |
| Aaron Woodley | 2 | 0 | 0 | |



SQUADS

Abingdon United



1. Eddie Cavanagh (VC)
 2. Lewis Dix
 3. Ollie Creed
 4. Harry Sampford (C)
 5. Ash Taylor
 6. Macauley Dodson
 7. Aaron Woodley
 8. Ben Barrett
 9. Harry Ackland
 10. Casey Highmoor
 11. Mani Roper
 12. Nadeem Shah
 14. James Williams
 15. Dan Chalmers
 16. Ellis Walker
 17. Fin Bates
 18. Zach Morey
 19. John Mills
 20. Kyreece Martei
 21. Dylan Conlan
 23. Alfie Presley
- Manager- John Mills

Colours
Shirts- Yellow
Shorts- Blue
Socks- Blue
Keeper- Black

Referee
Thomas
Johnson

Assistant
Referee
Stephen
Saunders

Assistant
Referee
John
Chappell

Moreton Rangers



1. Dale Freeman (GK)
 2. Hedley Smart
 3. Dale Norris
 4. Ellis Shickle
 5. Leon Norman
 6. Felix Robertson
 7. Freddie Rix
 8. Jack Williams
 9. Tyler Bradley
 10. Liam Goss
 11. Adam Shipman
 12. Harley Claydon
 13. Jack Newman
 14. Sam Worboys
 15. Kieron Harte
- Manager- Rory Shadbolt
- Shirt- Red/Blue**
Shorts- Blue
Socks- Blue

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ABINGDON UNITED CLUB HISTORY

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, as there were no club facilities. They joined the North Berks League and within two seasons had won its Charity Shield. The following year 1953/54 they won the league and cup finalists. The club had its sights on higher things and five years later entered the Hellenic League. Since then it has remained in this league and during this time had success in the lower divisions. In 1965/66 they won the Division One Challenge Cup and the following season were the cup finalists.

No further honours came the club's way until winning promotion in 1976/77 to the Premier Division. After a struggle at this level, relegation back to Division One came after four seasons. With a more ambitious approach, the club bounced back into the Premier League where it has remained ever since. It also won the Division One Cup in the same promotion year. Senior status was achieved in 1985 allowing it to be eligible for the F.A. Vase, County Senior Cup and in 1989 entered the F.A. Cup for the first time. A Members Room, Function Room, Covered Stand and Floodlighting have been completed in recent years to improve the off pitch facilities. 1996/97 has seen the club complete its 50th season and it's most successful. United won the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy and also winning the League's Floodlit Cup.

The highest ever league position was attained when finishing as Runners Up in the Hellenic Premier Division. The following season again saw success come to Northcourt Road with retaining the County Senior Trophy, Hellenic League Reserve Championship and Allied Counties Youth League winners. 2001 saw the construction of new changing rooms, together with turnstiles, to the Northcourt Road Ground and 2005 saw the construction of a new 150-seater stand and a covered stand. The club clinched promotion to the Southern League in season 2005/06. The club returned to the Hellenic League in 2013/14. United gained runners-up in Division 1 in season 2016/17 to clinch promotion back to the Hellenic Premier League. The 2017/18 saw the young Development team clinch runners up in the Hellenic Div 2 and also winning the League Challenge cup. The 2017/18 season also saw the introduction of United's first women's team who obtained League promotion in its first season together with the County Cup and League Cup. Season 2018/19 saw the women team progress into the Southern Region League, while the First Team were dropped down to the Hellenic Division 1.



MORETON RANGERS CLUB HISTORY

The club was established in 1997 playing on the London Road ground that belonged to Moreton Town who had folded 3 years earlier. The club started off as a youth side and in 2004 they entered an adult side in Division Two of the Cheltenham Football League. The 2009-10 season saw the club win Division One of the Cheltenham League and earn promotion to Division Two of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. The 2013–14 season saw the club finish as runners-up in Division Two, so gain promotion to Division One.

The 2015–16 season saw the club join Division Two West of the Hellenic Football League. The club remained in this division until the end of the 2018–19 season, when they won it to gain promotion to Division One West. Moreton Rangers entered the FA Vase for the first time in 2021–22.

The club have played in the London Road ground since 1997.

The ground was previously used by Moreton Town F.C. who had folded in 1994. The ground was also used by Newport AFC for their first season, as a means of avoiding the Football Association of Wales attempts to get the new club to enter the Welsh football league system. In July 2019 Newport County returned to London Road for a friendly match against Moreton Rangers to mark the 30th anniversary of the groundshare



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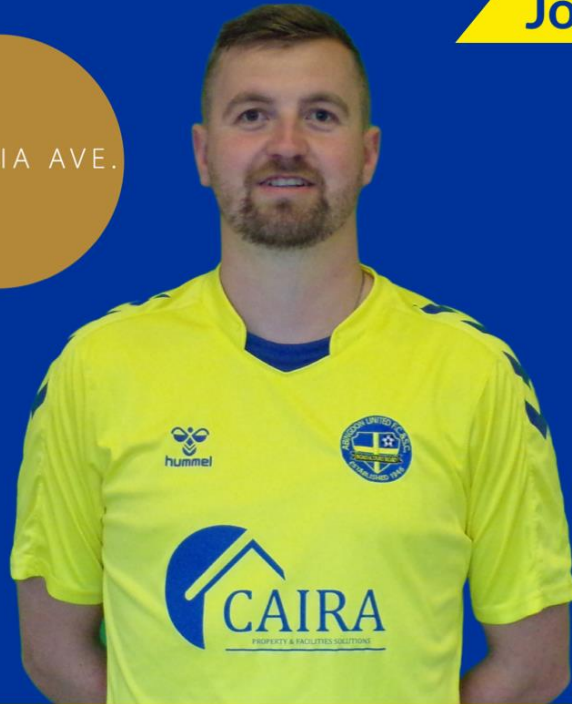




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