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Abingdon United First Team Squad 2020-21



Mark Massingham – Manager

Although still not even 30 years old, Mark is a very experienced manager who enters his 6th season with the club and second as first team manager. He has overseen the promotion of his successful development team to become our current first team Manager. A coach for over 11 years who has worked within both Oxford United and Wycombe Wanderers Academies. A driven individual who sets high standards for both himself and his team and will look to continue the clubs progression under his leadership.



Tony Collins - Assistant Manager

Tony brings over 20 years of experience of playing Hellenic football and is a previous manager within local football, a proper football man who is dedicated and tactically very smart. A popular figure within the club and is a very good man manager with a calming presence which the players react well to. A key part in the transformation of our successful development team becoming our current first team.



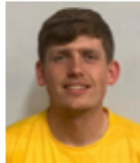
Kelvin Alexis - First Team Coach

Kelvin holds the A licence coaching badge and has huge amounts of experience both as a player and coach. He is well known figure within the local area after spending decades within academy set up at Oxford United. He is used to developing players and helping them progress up the football ladder. His knowledge is a great assist to the players and the club.



Kyle Moss - Midfielder

Captain - An experienced player who brings a calmness to the team. A box to box Midfielder with lots of energy. A player who adds a physical presence to the team and loves to get forward to create or finish off attacks.



Charlie Bateman - Striker

A proven goalscorer at all levels, top goal scorer last two years with the Dev team and scoring for the first as well. A player who has a great footballing brain and can score and create out of nowhere.



Jack Griffiths – Goalkeeper

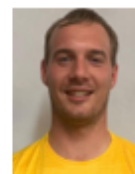
Very experienced for such a young keeper and at 21 is the oldest of our 3 goalies. Being tall, he deals with high balls into the box well but also a very good shot stopper, good with his feet for the modern game and his communication is excellent. Keen to improve and be the best he can be every week. Jack is a big plus for the team and we are pleased he remains with the club.



Conor Ingram - Striker

A player who has scored goals everywhere he has been including Southern League. A physical player who is a natural finisher, great attitude and will do the dirty jobs of a striker and has the ability to score all types of goals.

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Samuel Wharton - Striker

A proven goal scorer at this level and above, Sam has developed into a great team player who will run all day for his team mates. A strong presence who has the ability to score all types of goals. A great striker of the ball and a great attitude. Experienced player.



Ben Crooks - Midfielder

Ben shows maturity beyond his age with his style of play. A great ball winner who has a very good passing range and can control a game. A player who goes about his business with no fuss and has a real impact on matches



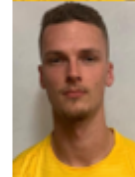
Nathan Kimber - Striker

A physical player who has a great frame and fast pace, powerful in his play. He likes to cause problems for the opposition, great goals to game ratio, which he will look to continue and has the ability to improve his record this season.



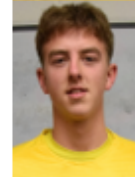
Jack White - Defender

A commanding presence at the back and a player who has a great attitude and demands the same from his team mates. A physical player who can play the ball out well and adds experience to the team, loves to score a goal.



Will Leach - Midfielder

A technicality gifted player who can control a game, great football understanding and a good team player. Passing range is very excellent and is very comfortable on the ball under pressure. Has the skill set to do what is needed.



Tom Griffiths - Defender / Midfielder

Tom is a very composed player with a very impressive passing range. He can play comfortably in defence or midfield and has a great energy within his play. One of the best attitudes you will find in football and a classy player.



Henry Horton - Striker

A player who has scored a lot of goals in the last 3 seasons. Henry is a great finisher of the ball, links up play well and has great movement. A willing runner for the team who can hold the ball up very well.

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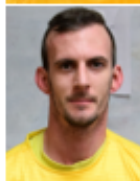
Jack Wright - Defender

A very experienced defender for his age and a technically gifted player who loves to defend. He has a very good passing range and is comfortable anywhere across the back four. A popular lad due to his fantastic attitude.



Jack Gaul - Midfielder

A player with natural pace and loves to attack, has very good ball control and understanding of his role, a workmanlike player who will never give up and has the quality to create and start attacks.



Ben Curtis - Midfielder

A experienced player who is very tricky on the ball and likes to create chances, a good turn of pace and very good close ball control make him very hard to mark and a player with a great set piece delivery.



Luke McCormack - Defender

Big powerful player who can play in both defensive and attacking positions due to his size and power. A strong runner with the ball and possess a great strike of the ball but equally loves defending especially one on ones



Cameron Hawtin - Defender

A reliable and dependable player who will always give you 100%. A technically good player on the ball who loves to tackle and enjoys the challenge of defending. A likeable and popular lad who has a great attitude.



Ryan Hicks - Defender

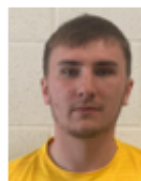
A natural ball playing defender, a rock in a one on one situation. Ryan possess good height and speed, is comfortable in defending all sorts of situations. A eye for goal to0, with great technique.



Billy Moore - Defender

A very technical player who can play in a number of positions. Great striker of the ball and very calm and composed in both boxes. Passing ability is second to none and very rarely gives the ball away.

Abingdon United First Team Squad 2020-21



Cian McCormack - Defender

A popular player within local football due to his natural ability to lead, a very composed player on the ball and is experienced beyond his years. He has a winning mentality and demands the best from all around him.



Jacob Joseph - Midfielder

A hardworking, combative player who always looks to be positive, great all round ability and has proven he can score all sorts of goals and his energy is infectious



Nathan Simms - Defender

New signing this season and has already shown he is an energetic player who likes to attack as much as defend. Played at Southern League level and has good experience for a young player. Good tackler who will only improve over the course of the season.



Nathan Baker - Midfielder

A technically gifted player who loves to get forward and influence play. He has the ability to control the game with his range of passing and is a natural goalscorer, loves to get on the ball under pressure.



Zach Field - Defender

A pacy player who is a strong carrier of the ball. Zach is very good in one on one defending and attacking situations, and likes to join in going forward. Versatile and able to play in a number of positions well.



Calum Pearce - Defender

A technically gifted player who can operate anywhere across the back line to good effect. A very good football understanding and has a great strike of the ball giving his a wide passing range, a great character to have in the changing rooms.



Callum Warner - physio

Callum joined us half way through last season and has impressed with his energy and dedication to the job. A popular member of the team and has an enthusiastic nature which rubs off on the players.

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.

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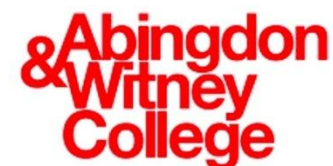
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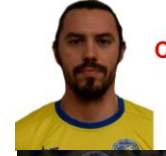
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Milton United



Craig Griffiths

Goal Keeper

Previous Clubs – Milton United, Milton United and Milton United. Been around the game for years, solid experienced keeper. If he hasn't already told you, then he has been Hellenic Player of the year two years running.



Jamie Prescott

Goal Keeper

Goal Keeper Coach - Has worked very closely alongside the management team and within other fields at the club in which is his 2nd year involved with MUFC. A great eye for detail and desire to get the best out of the players.



Josh Crook

Defence

A strong CB who has versatility to play through the centre of midfield. Great aerially and loves a big tackle! His first full season with Milton after making his debut at the end of the 19/20 season in our last home win of the season.



Ross Tanner

Defence

An all round, solid left back with an incredibly high work rate and passion for the game. A strong tackler and aerially very good. His commitment to getting back to 100% fitness over the last year has been phenomenal.

Defence



James Barnett

Defence

A young, right footed centre back and his first season at MUFC. A player who has a great passing ability and is constantly improving, certainly one for the future at the club.

Defence



Dylan Woodall

Defence

A young and composed left back who can play a variation of positions when needed. Having previously been a product of the Oxford United academy, his ability to read the game and composure on the ball is a strong suit.



Ollie Thomas

Defence

An established defender who is technically very strong and has experience at a higher level of football. Natural born leader with a mature head on his shoulders, Ollie bring a lot of stability to the defence. Definitely the LONGEST in the shower!



Callum Young

Defence

Another youngster playing beyond his year, incredibly comfortable on the ball and has the versatility to play across the back. Aerially very strong and gives 100% every game.



Louis Bloomfield

Midfield

~~Vice Captain~~ - A ball playing centre midfielder with an eye for goal when a chance arises. A very technical player and incredibly comfortable on the ball with a great passing range. ~~Certainly~~ one to watch this year!



James Tanner

Midfield

Box to box centre midfielder with an unbelievable stamina. Wears his heart on his sleeve and gives his all every game. Very talented young player, one to watch for the coming season.



Harry Thomas

Midfield

Hot young prospect has the ability, power, pace and work rate to drive through midfield. A regular goal scorer for the club having scored some important goals last season including his 91st minute ~~goal~~ bicycle kick against ~~Digby~~ Town



Ollie Nadin

Midfield

A quick and nimble wide player with a real eye for goal. Unbelievable work rate and has the ability to play through the middle or on either side. One of the ~~top scorers~~ to end up ~~Div 1~~ East Hellenic top goal scorer... no pressure!



Taylor Janes

Midfield

Previous Clubs – ~~Digby~~ Town. Winger, ~~centre~~ forward, left back, holding mid. You name the position and he can play it. However, he won't last longer than 60 minutes.



Tom Stanley

Forward

A natural born finisher with experience playing Southern League. Brilliant work rate and confident on the ball, just don't let him on his left side!



Jack Powell

Forward

Last year's ~~top goalscorer~~ who is constant threat in games from minute one until the final whistle. Technical ability is incredible and is a potent finisher. One to watch this year!



James Organ

Forward

Skipper - ~~Organ~~ is a southern league experienced player who wears his heart on his sleeve every training session and game. A real aerial threat and a true asset to have around the club.



Louis Joyce

Forward

A sharpshooter given an inch, his hold up and link play along with his finishing are his strong suits to name a few! Having previous Southern League experience, he gives ~~centre~~ backs a really tough time.



Sam Elkins

Manager

The Gaffer! Ambitious young manager in his second year as 1st Team Manager. Having played at a high level of football, his standards are incredibly high which is showing in the constant improvements within the squad.



Tom Tatford

Head Coach

Currently doing his UEFA B license. Always been involved with football at a good standard including experience at ~~Digby~~ Tn and Wallingford Tn A real eye for detail, a tactical mindset shows his worth to the club with improvement to the squad.

Milton United • Club History

The club was a founder member of the North Berks Football League when it was first formed in 1909 and played under the name Milton Hill. Playing in the North Berks League for two seasons before returning again for the 1920-21 season, under the name Milton and finally 'Milton United' in the following season. In 1926 Milton gained their first trophy for beating Aston Tirrold by 8 to 2 in a play-off for the Division 2 (Abingdon) League title. Milton United continued after the war but folded in the early 1950s. The club reformed in 1958 and regained entry to the North Berks League.

Milton became champions of the North Berks league for the first time in the 1962-63 Season. The club would then enjoy more league title success during the sixties with three further successes in the 1963-64, 1965-66 and 1969-70 seasons. While the club remained in the top flight throughout most of the seventies, the club suffered relegation to the second tier of The North Berks league at the end of the 1978-79 season. Two seasons later the club bounced back to the top flight when they finished as Champions of Division Two, at the end of the 1980-81 season. After being promoted back to the top division in the league the club, then went on to win the league a further three times, during the eighties, in the 1985-86, 1987-88 and 1988-89 seasons. The club also ended as runners-up in the Berks and Bucks intermediate cup in 1984.

In 1989 they applied to join the Hellenic Football League. The application was successful and finished as runners up in their first season in both the First Division and the Division One Cup, also winning the Berks and Bucks Intermedi- ate cup. As a consequence of their runners-up position they were promoted to the Premier Divisions and became Champions of the Hellenic League at their first attempt. They also retained the Berks and Bucks Intermedi- ate Trophy.

The Season after winning the Premier Division, Milton made its debut in the FA Vase, reaching the first round before being knocked out by Thame United. Staying in the Premier Division until the end of the 1993-94 season, when demotion to Division One because of the club not having floodlights. 1998 brought the move to the current home of Milton Heights, with floodlights being installed and the clubhouse was erected. The first season at the new ground secured promotion back to the Premier Division, however after finishing bottom of the table in the next two seasons the club was relegated to Division One East. Promotion was achieved once more three seasons in the 2003-04 season.

That season also saw the club reach the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy, but losing in the final on penalties. The club stayed in the Premier Division until the end of the 2008-09 season when they were relegated back to Division One East, where they have remained for six years. Season 2013-14 saw the team finish the season as Division One East champions by a margin of five points and promotion back to the Premier Division. Although Milton had achieved promotion in the Hellenic League before, this was the first time the club had ever been promoted as the division champions.

The 2014-15 Season saw Milton re-establish their Step 5 Status, compete in the FA Cup and achieve the Ground Grade F required for Step 5. Milton's FA Cup run surpassed their previous best and, in the process, defeating Combined Counties Chertsey Town and Southern League Marlow FC. The League campaign resulted in a respect- able 14th place. The ground improvements introduced another 50 covered seats under the main stand (taking the total seating to 100) and the introduction of 150 person covered standing area.

The Club is currently going through a period of significant change, visitors to the Heights will be very aware of the new housing developments emerging alongside the grounds. Through the Covid 19 extended close season a number of projects have been completed, we now have a new LED Floodlight System, new Pitch surrounds and dugouts. We have also invested a lot of effort in improving the playing surface of the main pitch. These improvements plus the additionally measures in place in respect of Covid 19 demonstrate the hard work currently going on at Milton. We also expect to launch our plans for a replacement for the clubhouse, a new Community and sporting facility is the aspiration. Additionally, we have acquired land for another pitch and we are hoping that this will be a 3G surface.

Milton start the 2020/21 season returning to the Hellenic League Division 1 East and with a new Management Team lead by Sam Elkins and Head Coach Tom Tatford. They will be assisted by Tim Davies, Jamie Prescott and Tom Downs. A team full of new faces and differing levels of experience is being formed into a new look Milton and we are all looking forward to some good local derbies in what looks to be a competitive League.



THE TOWN OF MILTON

Origins of the name

From the 10th to the 13th century the village's name was *Middeltune*. From the 13th to the 15th century it evolved as *Middelton* and *Midelton*, and from the 15th century to the 17th century it was *Mylton*.

Manor

In 956 King Eadwig granted 15 hides of land at Milton to his son Alfwin, who in turn gave the estate to the Benedictine Abingdon Abbey. In the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s the abbey surrendered its lands to the Crown. Milton was among a number of estates that Henry VIII granted to Baron Wriothesley in 1546. Wriothesley sold Milton that same year to Thomas Calton, a goldsmith of London, whose descendants retained it for the next two centuries. In 1709 Paul Calton married Catherine, daughter of Admiral John Benbow. In 1764 Catherine, Martha and Mary Calton sold the estate to Isaac Barrett, in whose family the property remains.

Milton House is a yellow and red brick manor house built for the Calton family in the 17th century. The actual date is unknown: in 1696 it was described as "newly built" but Sir Nikolaus Pevsner believed that it could not be much later than the 1660s. The original building is of five bays and three storeys and may have been designed by Inigo Jones. In 1796 short two-storey wings designed by Stephen Wright¹ were added to the house for Bryant Barrett. The house, gardens and park are open to the public between 2 pm and 5 pm on certain dates between Easter Sunday and 31 August each year.

There was also a dower house, where Admiral Benbow lived in the 1690s. Peter the Great is said to have stayed at Milton House around this time, probably in order to consult Benbow on shipbuilding.

Churches

The Church of England parish church is dedicated Saint Blaise as he is the patron saint of the wool industry, which was a major part of Milton's mediaeval economy. The church seems to have been built in the 14th century but only the porch, the lower part of the bell tower and part of the nave including the west window survive from this time.

The tower has a ring of eight bells, all cast by Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 2001. Previously there was a ring of six, four of which were cast in 1682.

At least three of the 1682 bells were cast by Richard Keene, who had foundries at Woodstock, Oxfordshire and Royston, Hertfordshire. Another of the bells had been cast in 1787 and the tenor was cast by Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1906.

Economic and social history

Two watermills in the parish are recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 and again in a record from 1401. There is still a Milton Mill on Ginge Brook. In about 1770 Thomas Bowles of Abingdon enclosed land on Milton Hill about 1.5 miles (2.4 km) south of the village as a park and had Milton Hill House built there. It is now a DeVere hotel. Milton Church of England primary school was founded in 1796. In 1841 the Great Western Main Line was built through the parish about 0.5 miles (800 m) south of the village. In 1955 a British Railways excursion train was derailed at Milton, killing 11 people and injuring 163.

During the Second World War the British Army had a large depot on land between Milton village and the railway line. The site is now Milton Park business park.

In the 1970s a new dual carriageway was built through the parish as part of the realignment and enlargement of the A34 road. Milton Interchange was built just south of the railway line as a junction between the A34 and the A4130.

Oxford United – On This Day

Saturday 22nd September 1945

Headington's 17-1 win over Didcot is United's highest ever score, beating the 16-1 win recorded over Banbury Harriers in January 1939. Sadly, it didn't count for anything as Didcot withdrew from the Oxfordshire Senior League shortly afterwards and their results were expunged. The Didcot side included a number of former prisoners of war. Scorers for United included Parker(6), Green(4), Wilson(2), Gordon(2) and Machin. Denis Gordon went on to play for Oxford City, West Bromwich Albion, Brighton & Hove Albion and Guildford City.

Saturday 22nd September 1962

Tony Jones became the first Oxford player to score four goals in a Football League game, as United beat Newport County 5-1 at the Manor. United's other goal was scored by Bud Houghton before a crowd of 9,026. Jones arrived as an amateur from Birmingham city in 1959, making his debut on October 10th against Poole Town. He made 358 appearances for Oxford, scoring 100 goals, including five in the 9-0 win over Wisbech in December 1960. His last game was on December 18th 1967, his only substitution appearance, in an FA Cup tie at Chelmsford. He left to play for Newport County, returning to Oxfordshire to play for Witney.

Wednesday 22nd September 1999

Oxford travelled to Goodison Park in the League Cup second round second leg, having drawn 1-1 with Everton at the Manor in the first leg thanks to a Matt Murphy goal. Joey Beauchamp scored the only goal of the game in the 12th minute, beating Steve Simonsen on his home debut. The attendance was just 10,006 to see Oxford progress to the next round.

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Free and easy

Wanting to leave his club, FC Liege in 1990, Jean-Marc Bosman, the Belgium footballer, was forced to take his employers to the Belgium courts and then to the European Court of Justice. As a result of this case the 'Bosman Ruling' was confirmed in 1995, it barred transfer fees for players out of contract and removed limits on the number of foreign players allowed at clubs, the latter ruling because of a contravention of Articles 48 & 85 of the Treaty of Rome.

The consequences of the Bosman ruling were that professional football could no longer be regarded as extra-territorial or above Community laws. So, on 19 February 1996, UEFA, the European football governing body, was forced to abolish all restrictions on the number of players from European Union member states who could play for European clubs and do away with all conditions (especially financial conditions) linked to transfer of players at the end of their playing contract between clubs in European Union member states.

The end of the 1996 season, following the shop-window for international players provided by the European Championship (Euro 96) in England, saw a large number of top players moving club. Either they were out of contract and were able to offer their services free of transfer – and therefore negotiate far higher wages from a new club – or clubs were more inclined to sell players and claim a transfer fee before the contract ran out. Probably the most notorious 'Bosman' in English football was that of Sol Campbell, who moved from Tottenham Hotspur to Arsenal for free in 2001.

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Famous People connected to Abingdon

Andrew Strauss - Old Radleian

Education and early life

Born in South Africa, Strauss moved to England at the age of six. First playing cricket in Australia for Caulfield Grammar School, an independent school in the South East coastal city of Melbourne, Strauss came back to England and was educated at two independent schools in Southern England: first at Caldicott School, a boys' prep school near the village of Farnham Royal in Buckinghamshire followed by Radley College, a boys' senior school near the village of Radley in Oxfordshire and, between 1995 and 1998, at Hatfield College at the University of Durham in the City of Durham in North East England, where he read Economics, writing a dissertation on supermodular games and receiving a 2:1 degree

Life and career

During his early career, Strauss spent several years in the cities of Sydney and Adelaide in Australia, and briefly played first-grade cricket alongside Australian bowler Brett Lee-While in Australia he met his future wife, actress Ruth McDonald, whom he married in October 2003 and they now live in Marlow, with their sons, Sam (born 4 December 2005) and Luca (14 July 2008).

Strauss has a variety of nicknames ranging from Straussy, Levi and Johann, to the more obscure Lord Brocket, Mareman, The General, Jazzer and Muppet

Already Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), Strauss was promoted to Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2011 Birthday Honours. His alma mater, Durham University, conferred an Honorary Doctorate of DCL upon him in 2011.

Domestic career

Having played for the Durham University cricket team and the Middlesex second XI since 1996, Strauss made his Middlesex first XI debut in 1998, scoring 83 in his maiden first-class innings. Despite this, he made a quiet start: he averaged 24 and 30.5 in his first two first-class seasons, and he did not make his maiden first-class century until an innings of 111 not out two years after his debut. Thereafter, Strauss's stock rose quickly: his returns in 2001, 2002 and 2003 were 1211 runs at an average of 45, 1202 at 48 and 1529 at 51. He was appointed captain of Middlesex in 2002, following the retirement of Angus Fraser, and retained the post until the end of the 2004 season.¹ In late August 2011, Strauss hit his highest first class score of 241 not out against Leicestershire, beating his previous best of 177.



Chris Hooper out jumps Ian Smith of Milton United in a Match in 2010



Danny Riley gets between two Milton Players in a previous encounter at Milton Heights



Jimmy Smith, Nathan Smith, Kai Ridley and Matty Shelton mark a Milton player from a few years ago



Wayne Morton out jumps a Milton forward while Jimmy Smith watches behind 'Bomber' Brown



Abingdon United Vs Shortwood United

